

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

IP973/3 Laparoscopic insertion of a magnetic titanium ring for gastro-oesophageal reflux disease

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1	Consultee 1		<p>There are no recommendations for research. The surgical community and patients, I am sure will want to see support for clinical trials to establish its role in GERD, hiatus hernias and Barrett's.</p> <p>There is not mentioned about the fact patients can eat after insertion as opposed to 6 weeks restricted diet.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>The main recommendation is standard arrangements so NICE would not normally recommend further research.</p> <p>Extra text has been added to section 3.8, <i>“The committee was informed that early postoperative management is important, including managing diet and encouraging normal eating after surgery.”</i></p>
2	Consultee 2 Johnson & Johnson	2.2	Please remove "or bariatric surgery" as this is not standard of care	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>'or bariatric surgery' has been removed from section 2.2</p>
3	Consultee 2 Johnson & Johnson	2.3	After reflux-related symptoms please add "such as heartburn or regurgitation" to clarify the specific symptoms that the procedure is intended for	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Suggested wording has been added to section 2.3, <i>“The aim of laparoscopic insertion of a magnetic ring for GORD is to relieve reflux-related symptoms (such as heartburn or regurgitation) without impeding the ability to swallow, belch or vomit.”</i></p>

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4	Consultee 2 Johnson & Johnson	2.4	Please remove "loosely wrapped" as this is not clear	Thank you for your comment. Section 2.4 has been changed to “...Using a laparoscopic approach, a specially designed sizing tool is placed around the distal oesophagus to assess the size of implant needed...”
5	Consultee 2 Johnson & Johnson	2.5	Rather than stating "keep the distal oesophagus closed" please change to "prevent the distal oesophagus from opening" As above for the end of the paragraph, after swallowing, magnetic attraction brings the beads together again and prevents the distal oesophagus from opening	Thank you for your comment. Section 2.5 has been changed to “The implant consists of a ring of interlinked beads, each with a weak magnetic force that holds the beads together and reduces reflux... ”

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