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GIT and Liver Module

A 38 year old male, senior administrative officer in a private firm, presents to the out patient clinic with difficulty in swallowing (dysphagia) for solid food. The problem started with the feeling of a lump in the throat progressing to dysphagia with solid foods. He has been loosing his weight significantly for the past few months which according to him is related to decrease in his appetite. On examination the conjunctiva is pale with spoon shaped nails. He is a chain smoker and drinks occasionally. He has a past history of heart burn and black colour stools. The significant findings in his lab investigations are as follows;

Hb 8.0 mg/dL

Mean cell hemoglobin 18.4 pg/cell

Mean corpuscular volume 70 fl

The endoscopy of the upper gastrointestinal tract (procedure used to examine the interior of the hollow cavity) shows the following;

