

## CLINICAL IMAGE

# Dysphagia aortica- a rare cause of dysphagia

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**Figure 1:** Barium swallow showing the compression in the oesophagus at the level of the origin of the ascending aorta.

A 76 years lady with hypertension and known ascending aortic aneurysm presented with progressive dysphagia. The aneurysm was diagnosed 2 years prior, by transthoracic echocardiography, but she had refused any further imaging or intervention. The dysphagia progressed from solids to liquids especially over the last few weeks and was associated with significant weight loss. A contrast enhanced computed tomography scan of the chest was recommended, but the patient deferred this. She agreed, however, to a barium swallow which revealed the cause of her dysphagia: external compression from the aortic aneurysm (Fig. 1).

Following this, the patient refused all forms of treatment, and the patient was discharged home.

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## GUARANTOR

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