

I am writing this to find out the following:

- 1.)Any information on surgery to prevent reflux esophagitis.
- 2.)The name(s) of a doctor(s) who specialize in such surgery.
- 3.)Information on reflux esophagitis which leads to cancer.

My boyfriend, age 34 and otherwise in good health, was diagnosed with reflux esophagitis and a hiatal hernia about 2 years ago. At that time he saw a gastroenterologist and has tried acid controllers (Mylanta, Tagamet), as well as a restricted diet and raising the head of his bed.

These treatments were not effective and because the damage was worsening, he opted for a surgical repair 3 months ago. He was told there were two repair techniques that could fix the problem; a Nissen wrap and a "Hill Repair". He opted for the "Hill Repair". He recovered very well from the surgery itself but the pain he had originally is worse and in addition he now has trouble swallowing (including saliva).

The doctor now wants to do an endoscopy and has also informed him that a biopsy might be necessary if he has a pre-cancerous condition which he called "Barrett's Syndrome". If he can't avoid having reflux will he necessarily get cancer?

Basically, if anyone has any information on what he should do now, I'd appreciate it.

Thanks,

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