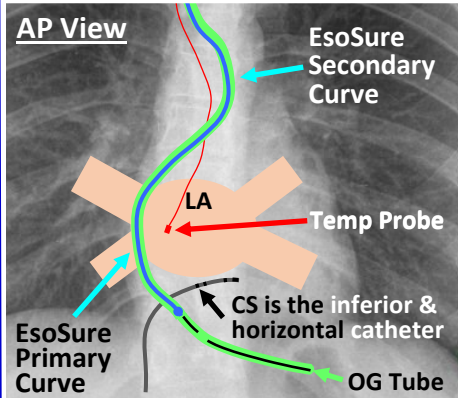
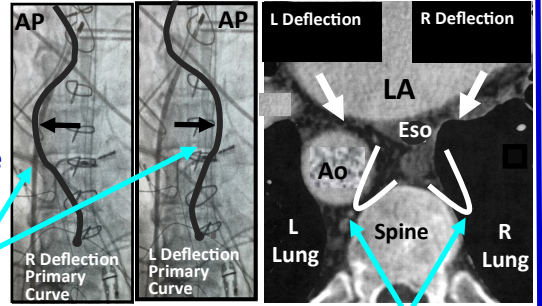


R Deflection Primary Curve



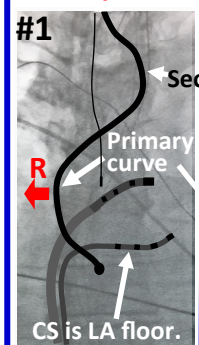
1) Anatomy

- Viewed with Fluoro in AP, the R & L spinal borders usually lay behind the R & L Pulmonary Vein Ostia.
- The Coronary Sinus (CS) identifies the floor of the Left Atrium (LA).
- Normal EsoSure movement is from the R to the L spinal border in AP.
- View insertion & repositioning in AP.
- Envision the EsoSure's position on Fluoro in 3D. Deflection is usually posterior-lateral between the lung & spine on the R or the aorta, lung & spine on the L.
- After deflection, the EsoSure, esophagus, and therapeutic device are best viewed perpendicular: RAO for R Deflection & LAO for L Deflection.

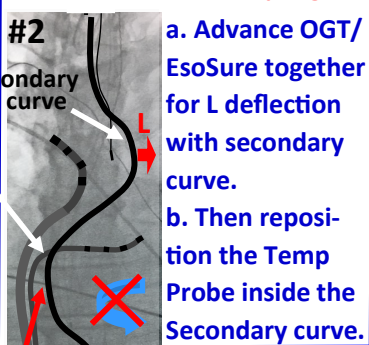


2) 4 EsoSure positions. Primary curve to Right or Left, Secondary curve only to the Left, or the Tip to R or L.

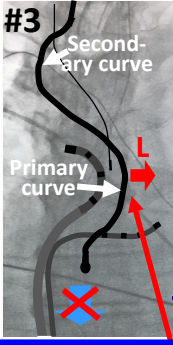
#1 R Deflection Primary curve:



#2 L Deflection with Secondary curve for L sided Esophagus



#3 L Deflection with larger Primary curve for Midline or R sided esophagus



- With the EsoSure tip near the CS, above the diaphragm,
- Rotate handle 2-3 x, so curve apex rotates posteriorly
- Then slowly retract stylet ~6" out of OGT while watching with Fluoro. Rotation usually occurs above the heart. If it spins or doesn't rotate, rotate in the opposite direction.
- After rotation to the correct side, release the torque &
- Advance the EsoSure curve to the desired position.
- Then reposition the TP inside the stylet's curve.

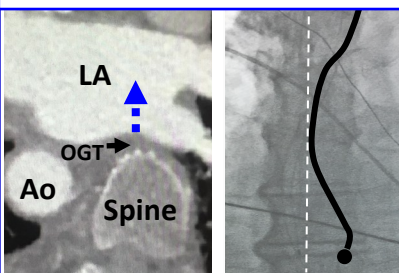
#4 If the curve doesn't advance for deflection, use the tip.

X When the Primary curve is to the right, below the CS, do not rotate or advance the EsoSure.

X When the Primary curve is to the left, do not advance the EsoSure tip below the diaphragm, rotate the stylet for R Deflection with the primary curve.

3) Use the ventilator to change the anatomy if deflection is unsuccessful or poor.

A narrow LA to spine distance may block deflection. Fluoro shows the primary curve stops at mid-spine.

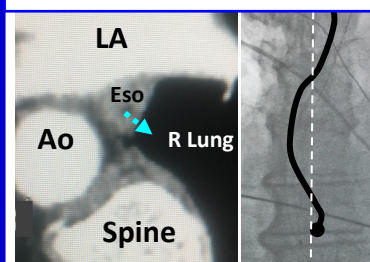


If deflection stops at mid-spine, use a Valsalva or PEEP. (If no CT, anticipate this is the situation.)

- Rotate Primary curve to the desired side, above the heart;
- Have anesthesia give & hold a deep inspiration to expand chest & lift the heart off spine;
- Slowly advance primary curve behind the LA. ~75% success.

*If this fails, place Primary curve to desired side above heart, add one clockwise rotation, Valsalva, and advance the EsoSure slowly.

The lung may reduce deflection. Fluoro shows the EsoSure curve crosses mid-spine, but doesn't reach the spinal border in AP.



If deflection is not optimal, use Apnea.

- Disconnect ET Tube for ~15 sec. to deflate lungs;
- Give 1/2 posterior rotation of the handle, then gently slide the stylet ~6" in and out of the OG Tube ~4x;

c. Position the primary curve behind the LA.

4) Contraindications: same as TEE or OGT.

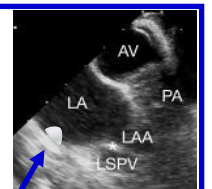
Absolute: Hx of esophageal strictures, surgery, varices, hematomas, UGI bleeding, severe GERD.

Relative: Hiatal hernia, GERD, old small frail female- <5' tall + <50kg + >80 yo.

Hx stomach surgery: Only use primary curve to R & L. Keep EsoSure above diaphragm.

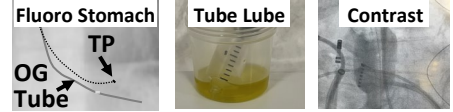
5) Safety Tips

- DO NOT ablate over the deflected esophagus.
- If resistance is felt while advancing the EsoSure, don't force it. Assess the cause and decide how to proceed.
- After deflection, visualize the trailing edge of the esophagus using Fluoro with contrast or an ICE image on the 3D map.
- After deflection, view posterior wall with ICE for a bump possibly from displaced esophageal trailing edge. Avoid ablating over this area.



- P** Ask patient about esophageal & stomach Hx while attaching electrodes.
- r** Check CT/MRI, if done, for a narrow LA-spine space, lungs, Ao and Eso size.
- e** Lubricate OGT & TP shaft with lots of Surgilube and insert into stomach before heparin. Insert OGT to ~60 cm/3rd black mark. Use a Peds 4-5 mm ET or nasal trumpet (oral) as an introducer for 9 Fr TPs. Remove OGT if EsoSure not used.
- p** Fluoro OGT & TP in AP for baseline esophagus, angle to stomach & work flow.
- Prep Tube Lube: 1) Draw 12cc of IV fluid into 20cc syringe; 2) When EsoSure is requested Pour Tube Lube into cup & aspirate into syringe.

- Inject contrast after transseptal:
- Verify OGT is in stomach c Fluoro.
 - Retract OGT gap ~1" above CS.
 - Inject 20 cc contrast slowly.
 - Adjust OGT up or down as needed.
 - Re-advance OGT into stomach.
 - Flush barium contrast into stomach.
 - CPT Code for Esophagram 74220.



- E** 18 Fr 48" Salem Sump OG Tube (OGT). Don't use silicone models.
- q** Medicine/Specimen cup to pour Tube Lube & draw into syringe.
- u** 20-30 cc syringe to inject Tu IV fluid, Tube Lube and air into OGT.
- i** EsoSure with Primary & Secondary curve and Tip for deflection.
- p** Tube Lube is included for lubricating OGT lumen (Or olive oil).

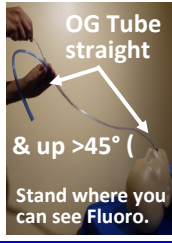
- Esophageal Temp Probe (TP). Use a smooth shaft 9-12 Fr model. Avoid Acoustascope probes with a balloon over the thermistor/tip.
- Peds 4-5 mm ET tube or nasal trumpet airway placed orally as an introducer for 9 Fr TPs.

Procedure

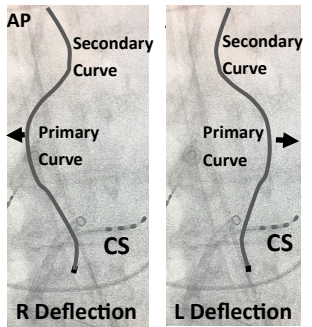
1 Bolus Propofol or a sedative & relax the airway & avoid a gag or cough reflex & moving. Tap on ET tube if unsure. Use paralytics if EP OKs.

2 Open & align airway. Hold tip of EsoSure & OGT in one hand. Have other staff lift chin with thumb behind the front teeth & fingers under the jaw.

3 Lubricate & Cool OGT lumen by injecting 12cc of IV fluid, Tube Lube, and air through OGT connector over 5-10 sec. **Keep connector in OGT & insert EsoSure through it.**



4 Immediately after injecting fluid & air, quickly advance the EsoSure 2-3" at a time, with OGT straight & up >45°. If tip of the stylet stops above CS, advance OGT & EsoSure together. Stop when stylet tip is ~1" below CS catheter, or near diaphragm.



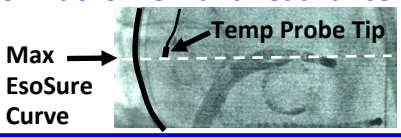
5 Rotate primary curve to desired side. With primary curve behind the heart, rotate handle 2x, then slowly retract ~6" out of OGT. Rotation usually occurs above heart. Rotate third time if needed. If it spins or doesn't rotate, release torque, advance tip to CS, rotate 2x opposite way and retract.



- If stylet stops advancing in the throat, there is most likely a loop in the OGT. To resolve, fix OGT, retract stylet ~2", then fix stylet and retract OGT over stylet ~2" 3X, then re-advance the stylet. If it won't advance, reassess with Fluoro.
- Use the tip of the stylet for deflection if you are unable to optimally position the primary or secondary curve.

6 If the primary curve does not cross mid-spine use a Valsalva: After rotating primary curve to the desired side behind the trachea, Valsalva & slowly advance the curve behind the LA. **If primary curve crosses mid-spine but not spine's border:** Go apneic for 10 sec, then slide EsoSure in & out of OGT ~6" 3-4x.

7 Position Temp Probe inside EsoSure curve. If TP is lateral to OGT, retract ~6" out of Fluoro view and readvance.



8 Assess the esophageal trailing edge with Fluoro & contrast, or with US while sliding EsoSure in & out ~2" to wiggle esophagus. Lastly, use US to check LA posterior wall for possible indentation.

EsoSure Removal:

- Starting with the stylet tip at the diaphragm, fix the end of the OGT and hold the stylet at the end of the OGT. Smoothly pull the EsoSure out ~6" and push it back in 2X to slide the esophagus to the R & L behind the LA, then remove the stylet. It is hypothesized that side to side esophageal movement by the tip and curve may break an esophageal-fat pad thermal adhesion & reduce the potential for AEF formation.
- Lastly, suction the stomach, **and if contrast was used suction the esophagus** during OG Tube removal.

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