

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**  
**Photodynamic Therapy for Barrett's**

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	HEARTBURN. IT'S NO BIG DEAL, RIGHT? BUT FREQUENT HEARTBURN CAN LEAD TO A CONDITION CALLED BARRETT'S ESOPHAGUS. BARRETT'S GREATLY INCREASES YOUR RISK OF ESOPHAGEAL CANCER. BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TREATMENT OPTIONS, INCLUDING PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY.
<b>Kenneth Wang, M.D.</b> <b>Track 3</b>	"IT'S THE COMBINATION OF DRUG AND LIGHT PRODUCING A TOXIC EFFECT ON BAD CELLS IN THE BODY."
	FIRST, SAYS MAYO CLINIC DR.

	<p>KENNETH WANG, PATIENTS ARE GIVEN LIGHT-SENSITIVE DRUGS. THEN, LASER LIGHT IS SHINED ON THE ESOPHAGUS. THE BARRETT CELLS – THE BAD CELLS – ARE DESTROYED AND HEALTHY NEW CELLS GROW IN THEIR PLACE. THE CONCEPT IS NOTHING NEW.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Wang</b> <b>Track 3</b></p>	<p>“EGYPTIANS TALKED ABOUT USING A FORM OF PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY FOR CURING PSORIASIS, PUTTING TAR ON THE SKIN AND SHOWING IT TO SUNLIGHT.”</p>
	<p>PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY IS NOT RIGHT FOR EVERYONE. BUT FOR THE RIGHT PATIENT, IT CAN BE A LESS INVASIVE OPTION.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>

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