

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

***Esophageal Cancer***

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| <b>Intro with music</b>                          | GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.   |
|  | YOU MAY NOT HEAR ABOUT IT AS MUCH AS PROSTATE, COLON OR BREAST CANCER, BUT ESOPHAGEAL CANCER IS JUST AS SERIOUS. WHILE WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHY THE CANCER FORMS, SOME CONTRIBUTING FACTORS INCLUDE OBESITY, SMOKING, HEAVY ALCOHOL USE AND CHRONIC ACID REFLUX. |
| <b>Mark Allen, M.D.</b><br><b>Track 4 (1:31)</b> | "IF YOU'RE BUYING A BOTTLE OF TUMS ONCE A WEEK AND YOU'RE GOING THROUGH THAT BOTTLE OR IF YOU TAKING ZANTAC... IF YOU'RE TAKING THOSE ONCE A DAY YOU OUGHT TO BE SEEN BY  |

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|                                      | YOUR DOCTOR TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE.”  |
|                                      | MAYO CLINIC DR. MARK ALLEN SAYS WHEN SYMPTOMS DO APPEAR, THEY INCLUDE DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING, UNINTENTIONAL WEIGHT LOSS AND BLEEDING.                                       |
| <b>Dr. Allen,<br/>Track 4 (2:26)</b> | “FIFTEEN YEARS AGO WE WOULD DO AN OPERATION TO TRY TO TAKE IT OUT AND THE CURE RATE WAS ABOUT 8 TO 20 PERCENT. NOW-A-DAYS WE GIVE PATIENTS MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVE THERAPY. “ |
|                                      | NOW, CURE RATES ARE UP TO BETWEEN 30 AND 50 PERCENT.   |
|                                      | FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.  |