

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Treating GI Bleed

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	BILL JANECEK WAS BLEEDING TO DEATH. CHRONIC PANCREATITIS CAUSED A BALLOONING OF BLOOD IN AN ABNORMAL VESSEL ON HIS PANCREAS. USUALLY PATIENTS LIKE BILL GO TO SURGERY, BUT HE WAS TOO SICK. EVEN IF HE LIVED THROUGH THE OPERATION, LIFE COULD BE VERY DIFFERENT.
Bill Janecek, Patient	"I'D HAVE TO HAVE A FEEDING TUBE FOR A WHILE AND MAYBE AT ONE TIME I CAN EAT SOMETHING SOFT ALONG WITH MY GALLON JUG OF LIQUIDS FOR THE DAY.

	THAT ISN'T REALLY LIVING. I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.”
	SO BILL AGREED TO BE TREATED WITH ULTRASOUND-GUIDED ENDOSCOPY. THE TECHNOLOGY ALLOWS MAYO CLINIC DR. MICHAEL LEVY TO REACH AREAS OF THE DIGESTIVE TRACT YOU CAN'T SEE WITH A TRADITIONAL SCOPE. IN BILL'S CASE THE STOMACH WALL WOULD HAVE BEEN A BARRIER.
Michael Levy, M.D.	“WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND IS THAT IT ALLOWS US TO LOOK NOT ONLY AT THE WALL, BUT THROUGH THE WALL TO SEE THE VESSEL THAT'S BLEEDING.”
	DR. LEVY WAS ABLE TO STOP THE BLEEDING. AND NOW, BILL IS LIVING LIFE HIS WAY.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT

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