# Update on gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD): non-pharmacological treatment

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# 1. Does non-pharmacological treatment produces results in gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)?

- a. Elevating the head of the bed at night reduces esophageal acid exposure.
- b. Reducing alcohol consumption improves GERD.
- c. Resolution of obesity is followed by resolution of GERD.
- d. Physical activity is not a protective factor for GERD.

## 2. What are the indications for surgical treatment of GERD?

- a. Esophageal dysmotility.
- b. Hiatal hernia > 2 cm and fixed.
- c. Erosive esophagitis.
- d. Presence of associated risk factors, such as smoking and obesity.

#### 3. When to indicate clinical versus surgical treatment?

- a. Surgical treatment in patients with erosive disease.
- b. Surgical treatment in high-pressure zones of the lower esophageal sphincter.
- c. Surgical treatment in cases of Barrett's esophagus.
- d. Surgical treatment in patients refractory to acid suppression.

# 4. Among patients with surgical indication, which is the technique presenting the best result: total (Nissen) or partial (Toupet) fundoplication?

- a. Nissen produces less dysphagia.
- b. Toupet produces better results.
- c. Nissen produces more dysphagia.
- d. Toupet produces worse results.

### 5. Regarding diet and GERD, it is true that:

- a. Sweets and white bread consumption is a protective factor.
- b. Protein consumption is a protective factor.
- c. High fat diet increases the reflux.
- d. Fruit and fiber consumption is a protective factor.

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- 1. The test performed with esomeprazole 20 mg results in a sensitivity of 79% (Alternative B).
- 2. In pyrosis lansoprazole 30 mg is similar to omeprazole 20 mg (Alternative C).
- 3. Rabeprazole 10 mg in two intakes increases the severity of the symptoms (Alternative A).
- 4. Nocturnal association of ranitidine to PPI aids to the control of gastric acidity (Alternative B).
- 5. In patients who are HP positive, the use of omeprazole 20 mg for seven years produces glandular atrophy (Alternative A).

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