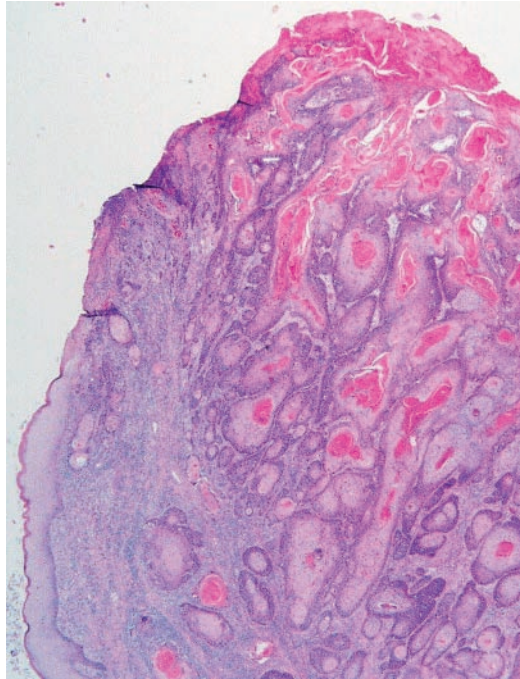


# Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy Site Metastasis in a Patient with Esophageal Cancer



**Figure 1** An abdominal wall tumor with a diameter of 3 cm (Figure 1) had formed at the site of a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG). The PEG had been inserted 10 months earlier using the pull-through technique in a 63-year-old patient with locally advanced squamous-cell carcinoma of the upper esophagus. The primary tumor had been treated with palliative chemoradiotherapy, which resulted in complete remission.



**Figure 2** The PEG-associated tumor was histologically identical to the original malignancy (Figure 2, hematoxylin/eosin stain) and was treated by resection of the affected abdominal wall and subtotal gastrectomy. This case illustrates the fact that malignant cells from a stenotic esophageal cancer can be sheared off when a PEG plate is being pulled through and that they remain capable of forming metastases even after chemoradiotherapy.

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