

## Biostatistics Statement

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*Retrospective Study*

Stent type used does not impact complication rate or placement time but can decrease treatment cost for benign and malignant esophageal lesions

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Continuous data were described as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation and compared using two sided Student t tests. Categorical data were presented as numbers or percentages and analyzed using appropriate Chi-square testing. Results were analyzed in relation to stent type placed (SEMS or SEPS). A P value of less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant. Data analysis was performed using the GraphPad Prism statistical analysis program (Kenneth J. Vega, version 6, La Jolla, CA).

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