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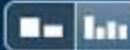
**Risk factors affecting the Barrett's metaplasia-dysplasia-neoplasia sequence**

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### **Abstract**

Esophageal adenocarcinoma has the fastest growing incidence rate of any cancer in the US, and currently carries a very poor prognosis with 5 year relative survival rates of less than 15%. Current curative treatment options are limited to esophagectomy, a procedure that suffers from high complication rates and high mortality rates. Metaplasia of the esophageal epithelium, a condition known as Barrett's Esophagus, is widely accepted as the precursor lesion for adenocarcinoma of the esophagus. Recently,

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