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In response to the comments made by reviewer 01558248:

1. The feeding jejunostomy is used to gain enteral access in the event that the patient is unable to meet nutritional goals via oral intake prior to clinical readiness for discharge. The second paragraph of the Methods section specifies the rationale behind tube placement more clearly.
2. The anastomosis is evaluated with upper gastrointestinal contrast study prior to starting oral intake. The Methods section describes when we obtain either thin barium or Gastrografin upper GI studies in the post-operative phase for each resection.
3. Mortality in Table 1 is overall mortality from all causes within 30 days; mortality is now specified to be overall mortality.
4. Table 4 has been edited to remove 'NS' from the last column.