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Title: Endoscopic closure of a gastrocolic fistula using the over-the-scope-clip system

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“Herein we present the endoscopic closure of a gastro-colic fistula in a severely malnourished

patient with complex post-surgical upper GI anatomy using the over-the-scope-clip (OTSC- system). The OTSC-system is an endoscopic clipping device made of Nitinol, which allows for treatment of peptic ulcer bleeding and the closure of perforations, anastomotic leaks and fistulas. In addition, we show the usefulness of placing a direct jejunostomy using the double balloon enteroscopy (DBE) technique during the same procedure”.

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