

GIT 2 ESOPHAGUS (CORROSIVE)

GROSS

- Sq. epithelium of pharynx and esophagus are resistant to acids.
- Esophagus: superficial mucosa erosion
- Normal Length OESOPHAGUS : 25 cm.

SALIENT FEATURES:

- Pharyngeal pain, hoarse & husky voice, chalky white teeth, Corrosion of mucous membranes of mouth, throat, esophagus, Intense thirst & drinking will cause vomiting (brown/black, mucoid, strongly acid)

Medico-legal Aspects

- These fluids are usually thrown on the face with the object of destroying vision or causing facial disfigurement, and this results in **grievous hurt (Sec. 320 IPC)**.
- It is punishable under **Sec. 326-A IPC** (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acids) for 10 years to life imprisonment and fine paid to the victim, and
- Under **Sec 326-B IPC** (voluntarily throwing or attempting to throw acid) with imprisonment for 5-7 years and fine.

