

Question 13 – October 28

A 65 year old male with dysphagia secondary to oropharyngeal tumor needs a PEG placed for nutritional support. The patient is concerned about tumor seeding as a result of PEG placement. What is the reported incidence of tumor seeding after PEG placement?

- A. 1%
- B. 5%
- C. 10%
- D. 15%
- E. no risk of tumor seeding

Answer: A

The risk of tumor seeding in patients with oropharyngeal tumors who undergo PEG placement is considered to be less than 1%.

Reference:

1. Cruz I, Mamel JJ, Brady PG, et al. Incidence of abdominal wall metastasis complicating PEG tube placement in untreated head and neck cancer. *Gastrointest Endosc* 2005;62:708-11.