

Subject:	Endoluminal fundoplication with EsophyX® in cases of gastro-oesophageal reflux
Summary:	<p>Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease is a common disorder that involves reflux of the contents of the stomach into the oesophagus and is associated with symptoms and/or complications. Primary treatment consists of lifestyle rules and, in most cases, maintenance therapy with antacids, i.e., proton pump inhibitors. When medicinal treatment is inadequate and for a number of other indications, patients are eligible for surgery, mostly involving laparoscopic fundoplication.</p> <p>A less invasive alternative to surgery that has been developed is endoluminal fundoplication with EsophyX® (EndoGastric Solutions, Redmond, USA). After endoscopic introduction, the device can be used to make multiple sutures 200-310° around the oesophagus.</p> <p>There is insufficient evidence of a good methodological quality to be able to conclude that endoluminal fundoplication with Esophyx® is an effective treatment for gastro-oesophageal reflux. This means that endoluminal fundoplication with EsophyX® cannot be regarded as care that complies with established medical science and medical practice and it is not regarded as a provision that is insured based under the Health Insurance Act.</p>
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