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Denture ingestion revealed by a chronic cervical fistula

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Foreign bodies of the esophagus are part of the traumatic emergencies in ENT. They are most often encountered in children, whereas in adults they occur in a particular context. They can pose diagnostic and therapeutic problems.

This was a 48-year-old patient from a neighboring country referred by a colleague for a history of neglected laryngeal contusion with infectious cervical fistula evolving for 2

years. Further questioning revealed a notion of accidental ingestion of dentures. The first endoscopy was of capital interest in the diagnosis and especially in the management of this old and enclosed foreign body. The extraction under general anesthesia was done by a combined endoscopic and external approach. The postoperative course was marked by superinfection and swallowing disorders.

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