A 78-year-old man was referred to our department due to dysphagia, nocturnal choking and halitosis. Examination revealed malnutrition and cachexia. Upper GI endoscopy was decided due to suspected GI malignancy. It was remarkable that gastroscopy probe couldn’t be advanced to the proximal esophagus during procedure. Barium swallow demonstrated Zenker’s diverticulum (Figure 1,2). The patient referred to surgical diverticulectomy.

Zenker’s diverticulum a pulsion diverticulum of the hypopharynx, is rare lesion that occurs in elderly populations. The most common important complication is aspiration. The diagnosis is best established by barium esophagogram. Care must taken with rigid esophagoscopy to avoid perforating the diverticulum [1]. Significant improvement occurs in over 90% of patient treated surgically [2].

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