

## Supplemental Tables

**Supplemental Table 1.** Clinical features

<b>Variable</b>	<b>No NG Group (n=140)</b>	<b>NG Group (n=140)</b>	<b>p value</b>
<b>Past Medical History</b>			
Diabetes Mellitus	35 (25%)	30 (21.4%)	0.479
Hypertension	58 (41%)	55 (39%)	0.715
Chronic Kidney Disease	17 (12%)	11 (8%)	0.232
Cirrhosis	42 (30%)	42 (30%)	1

Atrial Fibrillation	2 (1%)	2 (1%)	1
Neoplasia	13 (9%)	9 (6%)	0.374
Peptic Ulcer Disease	13 (9%)	25 (18%)	0.036*
Myocardial Infarction	4 (3%)	4 (3%)	1
Coronary Artery Disease	13 (9%)	14 (10%)	0.84
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease	24 (17%)	10 (7%)	0.01*
Congestive Heart Failure	10 (7%)	11 (8%)	0.821
Stroke	5 (4%)	6 (4%)	0.758

Gastric Bypass	1 (1%)	4 (3%)	0.371
Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease	5 (4%)	4 (3%)	1
<b>Social Habits</b>			
Tobacco	60 (43%)	56 (40%)	0.628
Alcohol	68 (49%)	71 (51%)	0.72
<b>Medications</b>			
Aspirin	24 (17%)	22 (16%)	0.747
NSAIDs	24 (17%)	34 (24%)	0.14
Clopidogrel	7 (5%)	3 (2%)	0.198
Coumadin	6 (4%)	2 (1%)	0.282

Heparin	7 (5%)	5 (4%)	0.555
H2 blockers	11 (8%)	11 (8%)	1
Proton Pump Inhibitor	89 (64%)	85 (61%)	0.622
Beta blockers	30 (21%)	31 (22%)	0.885
Steroids	3 (2%)	4 (3%)	1
<b>Nasogastric aspirate</b>			
Clear	na	79 (56%)	
Coffee grounds	na	20 (14%)	
Bloody	na	30 (21%)	
Unable to do	na	11 (8%)	

<b>Complications from NG</b>			
None	na	93 (66%)	
Pain	na	29 (21%)	
Bleeding	na	7 (5%)	
Unable to place	na	11 (8%)	

**Supplemental Table 2.** Endoscopic therapy

	<b>No NG</b>	<b>NG</b>
Banding (all varices)	20 (14%)	20 (14%)
Epinephrine + heater probe	11 (8%)	12 (9%)
Epinephrine + endoclip	7 (5%)	9 (6%)
Endoclip	4 (3%)	4 (3%)
*Other	2 (1%)	3 (2%)
None	96 (69%)	92 (66%)

\*Heater probe, argon plasma coagulation, or epinephrine