

Martinez

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Dear Dr. Martinez:

Please pardon this long delay in answering your letter. I thought that it had been answered but I just ran across the copy which I had filed away and I am certain now that I had not answered it. First, let me thank you very much, for sending the questionnaire and for your expressions of satisfaction for the course which we give at the County Hospital.

Now with reference to the fiberscope my frank opinion is that at the present time it is not a very practical instrument. It certainly not been in my hands. The biggest problem for me is to get the instrument in focus. Secondly, it cannot be directed to a certain area in the stomach. You must fish around and hope that you have seen a considerable portion of the stomach. When it is in focus it shows a very good picture and once or twice I have had the feeling of being closer to the pylorus than in most instances than with the conventional instrument. The Eder instrument company is now developing a fiberscope which has some features which are better than the one manufactured by Acmi. They are expensive and unless you have plenty of money to play around with I would not recommend buying one at this time. I will be working with the Eder company in the further development of a fiberscope here in Chicago and already it has features that the other instruments do not have.

So, keep in touch, and I will be very glad to advise you further later on. It is a pleasure to hear from you and I would like to hear from you more often. Let me know how you are getting along with Gastroscopy. When you have done fifty or a hundred and you would like to join the American Gastroscopic Society I would be very happy to recommend you.

Sincerest regards and best wishes.

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