SUMMARY:

Barrett's oesophagus is a complication of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease. It is defined as a incomplete intestinal metaplasia. The relevance of this matter is, that Barrett's oesophagus is pre-malignant status. Aim of the study was to analyze retrospective data of upper GI endoscopies in a single centre within 10 years period. A total of 520 (4.6%) cases of Barrett's oesophagus were found out of 18.276 upper gastrointestinal endoscopies, performed in 11.276 patients at a single tertiary centre in a period from 1994 to 2004. Out of total number of patients there were 348 males (67 %) and 172 females (33 %), the ratio males : females was 2:1.