Types of Achalasia

Chicago classification by high-resolution manometry · lower esophageal sphincter fails to relax in all three

I — Type I (classic)

aperistalsis without pressurization of the esophagus

II — Type II

panesophageal pressurization · the one with the best response to treatment

III — Type III (spastic)

premature, spastic contractions · the one with the worst prognosis

Type II
Best response to treatment

Type III
Worst response and prognosis

Typical image
Dilated esophagus with a bird-beak sign

Common symptoms: dysphagia to solids and liquids, regurgitation and weight loss