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**Alarm symptom in dyspepsia: is there really a reason to be alarmed?**

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**Abstract**

Our study was a retrospective study of 796 patients between March 2011 to Feb 2014 (4 years review), older than 45 years presenting to KR Hospital Surgery OPD with complaints of dyspepsia associated with any one of the alarm symptom. We found the sensitivity and predictive values of alarm symptoms of dyspepsia to UGI Cancers insufficient to be used as efficient screening for selection of cases for UGI-scopy. But due to a dearth of better predictors and until better predictors are made available, alarm symptoms can definitely be used as a guide to detect cancer early in younger patients with the aid of UGIscopy.