

Letter to the Editor

Thyroid lobectomy for removal of a fish bone

Dear Sir,

In the June 1990 issue of the *JLO*, Al Muhanna *et al.* claim to describe the first case of thyroid lodgement of an extra-luminal esophageal foreign body. Although, admittedly, it is a rarity, it is not the first case reported so far.

Jemerin and Aronoff (1949) described three cases of foreign bodies (two chicken bones and one fishbone) embedded in the thyroid gland after perforating the cervical esophagus. More recently Remsen *et al.* (1983) described a case of three years duration of central incisor tooth impaction in the right thyroid gland region causing a diffuse inflammatory mass and necessitating excision. Yours faithfully,

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