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FOR SANDRA CALLIS... THERE’S NOTHING QUITE LIKE THE TASTE OF A CHEESEBURGER.
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BUT UNTIL JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO... THIS SIMPLE MEAL WASN’T POSSIBLE.
58:58 – Sandra Callis – It would just get stuck. The last nine months we’re horrible because I was throwing up when I ate.
FOR MORE THAN A DECADE... SANDRA THOUGHT SHE HAD ACID REFLUX.
58:17 – Sandra Callis – And I took medicine for that for a long time.
BUT OVER TIME... SANDRA’S CONDITION GOT WORSE and worse AND WHAT SHE COULD EAT...
GOT LESS AND LESS... THAT IS UNTIL SHE HEARD SOMETHING ON THE RADIO THAT CAUGHT HER ATTENTION.
00:05 – Sandra Callis – I called my doctor... And when he checked me he said, I got to send you to the specialist.
IT TURNED OUT THAT SANDRA didn’t have acid reflux after all. She HAD A DISEASE CALLED
ACHALASIA... WHERE THE MUSCLE BETWEEN THE ESOPHAGUS AND STOMACH IS TOO TIGHT
AND WON’T LET FOOD GO THROUGH.
6:08 – Sandra Callis – I was choking...
SANDRA WAS SENT TO DOCTORS CARLOS ANCIANO AND JIM SPEICHER OF EAST CAROLINA
UNIVERSITY AND VIDANT HEALTH.... WHERE THEY PREFORMED A RELATIVELY NEW ACHALASIA
PROCEDURE CALLED A PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC MYOTOMY (pre-oral – endoscopic – my-tot-o-
me) OR POEM FOR SHORT.
UNLIKE OTHER PROCEDURES THAT CAN GO THROUGH THE ABDOMINAL WALL... THE POEM
PROCEDURE IS LESS INVASIVE.
IT USES AN ENDOSCOPE AND GOES IN THROUGH THE PATIENT’S MOUTH AND MAKES AN
INCISION ON THE INSIDE OF THE ESOPHAGUS.
THE SURGEON IS THEN ABLE TO CUT THE AFFECTED MUSCLE TO LOOSEN IT UP... SO THAT FOOD
CAN ONCE AGAIN MOVE THROUGH.
23:05 - Dr. Jim Speicher – It allows for less pain for the patient, shorter recovery times.
WITHIN TWO WEEKS... SANDRA WAS ABLE TO EAT SOLID FOODS AGAIN... AND YOU’LL
PROBABLY GUESS WHAT HER FIRST MEAL WAS.
5:18 – Sandra Callis – I had a cheeseburger. 5:22 – Sandra Callis – it sure was good. I was fine.
THANKS TO THEir expertise with the POEM PROCEDRE... SPEICHER AND ANCIANO ARE SEEING PATIENTS FROM ALL North Carolina AND EVEN OUT OF STATE... COME TO ECU and VIDANT TO GET TREATED.
11:00 – Sandra Callis – That was nice to be an hour away.
-- NATS --
AND NOW FOR SANDRA... EATING HAS BECOME a PLEASURe AGAIN.
6:52 – Sandra Callis – now I get to pick dinner. I don’t have to worry about where are we going, what am I going to eat?
49:33 – Dr. Carolos Anciano - something as simple as that it turns out quite fulfilling in our practice.