



Selected KOL experiences



“RefluxStop™ addresses a significant treatment gap for the Acid Reflux patients tired of failing alternative treatment options.”

Prof. Dr. med. Yves Borbély
Inselspital, University Hospital Bern
University Hospital for Visceral Surgery and Medicine



“RefluxStop™ is a novel treatment option with strong clinical and patient outcomes with none to very minimal side-effects so far.”

Prof. Dr. med. Jörg Zehetner
Hirslanden Klinik Beau-Site, Bern



“A novel treatment like RefluxStop™ can help the GERD patients get the right treatment earlier and gain their quality of life back.”

Priv.-Doz. Dr. med. Thorsten Lehmann
Klinikum Friedrichshafen
Specialist for General and Visceral Surgery



“The procedures were straightforward and went well. We’re confident that our patients will benefit enormously. RefluxUK is delighted to be able to add RefluxStop™ to the options we can offer to the many people that will benefit from surgical treatment.”

Mr. Nicholas Boyle,
Gastrointestinal Surgeon and Founder Medical Director of RefluxUK



“My RefluxStop patients are doing very well so far. I think there is so much potential in this device to help acid reflux patients.”

Univ.-Prof. Dr. med. Sebastian F. Schoppmann, FACS
AKH Vienna, University Hospital
Chief Senior Physician of the University Dept. of Surgery
Head of Upper-GI-Service



Reflections: Prof. Dr. med. Jörg Zehetner

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Prof. Dr. med. Jörg Zehetner is a surgeon at Hirslanden Klinik Beau-Site in Bern, Switzerland. He is an upper gastrointestinal and bariatrics surgical specialist and a founding member of the European Foregut Society, the leading association in Europe focusing on upper abdominal diseases.

How did you learn about RefluxStop™?

In my field of expertise (Upper GI and Bariatrics) I am always looking for new developments and technologies. Through contacts in the industry, I became aware of RefluxStop™, and the results of an initial study captured my interest. As I know the founders behind RefluxStop™, I had enough trust to start a pilot study to evaluate feasibility and safety.

How many RefluxStop™ devices have you implanted so far?

So far, I have more than 40 patients with RefluxStop™ implants.

What is your experience and results with RefluxStop™?

In the pilot study, limited to patients with ineffective motility, I was able to analyze that RefluxStop™ is a feasible and reproducible procedure, which can be performed safely. The initial outcome analysis (unpublished) shows excellent results after 1 year and 18 months (longest follow-up so far), with a very low side effect profile. Compared to Nissen and Toupet fundoplication, I see much less suffering from bloating and early satiety, and a low dysphagia rate.

What is the market need for RefluxStop™?

20% of the population suffer from reflux disease. Half of them take regularly PPIs, but only 70% of those are satisfied with their treatment. Those 30% which are unsatisfied should consider seeing a specialist to discuss surgical treatment.

What is your message to other surgeons considering RefluxStop™?

Reflux surgery is an evolving field with many patients suffering from reflux disease without considering repairing the source of their symptoms: the weak valve. By having different technologies and techniques in your toolbox, surgeons can more precisely than ever tailor their surgeries to the right patients.

RefluxStop™ is an excellent technique to achieve positioning the lower esophageal sphincter into the abdomen into a stable position, with much fewer side effects like bloating and satiety, as well as less dysphagia, than common surgical techniques.