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Oesophageal perforation is associated with high morbidity and mortality rates. It is an emergency and prompt treatment should be instituted because delayed diagnosis and treatment are associated with a marked increase in mortality rate. Baron Carl von Rokitansky , 1804–1878, pathologist, philosopher and politician, Vienna, Austria, classified oesophageal diverticula as either traction or pulsion in 1840. Louis Hamman , 1877–1946, physician, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD, USA. - - - - -

Figure 66.31 A linear stapler is introduced orally and the 'ridge' including the muscle is divided.

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