

## The Los Angeles Classification of Reflux Esophagitis

- This is a simple clinician friendly grading system using unequivocal terminology
- This is the only classification which has been validated and which has been shown to be responsive to acid suppressant therapy

Description	Grade
One or more mucosal breaks confined to the folds, each no longer than 5 mm	A
At least one mucosal break more than 5 mm long confined to the mucosal folds but not continuous between the tops of the mucosal folds	B
At least one mucosal break continuous between the tops of two or more mucosal folds but not circumferential	C
Mucosal break $\geq$ three quarters of circumference	D

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