Learning Objectives

1. Describe the role of argon plasma coagulation trimming of displaced bare metal tracheal stent fragments in patients with tracheal obstruction secondary to stent in-growth and over-growth.
2. Define the problem of tracheal obstruction secondary to displaced and/or projecting bare metal tracheal stents.
3. Identify the potential pitfalls of metal evaporation in the tracheobronchial tree as a result of argon plasma coagulation use.

References