Welcome message

Dear Colleagues

It is my pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the ESGE Days 2019 scientific committee to ESGE’s second congress in Prague, Czech Republic.

As we are still establishing the ESGE Days congress, we had hoped to match the success of last years abstract submissions of 760, and were extremely excited to receive 1081 abstract submissions from over 66 countries for our 2019 congress. Thank you to everyone for submitting their abstracts, and your interest in being part of ESGE Days 2019.

The scientific committee worked extremely hard within a very short timeframe to evaluate all the abstracts. I wish to extend my gratitude to all reviewers for working around the clock to meet our tight deadlines.

Due to the high quality of the submissions, we have extended our scientific programme in order for the authors to present their work at the congress and will again offer ePoster podium sessions where authors present their work at specially designed stations during the breaks.

This year we have decided to publish all the abstracts in digital format. It is my pleasure to present to you the selected abstracts in this on-line publication and again would like to thank the authors for their dedication to furthering scientific research in the field of endoscopy.

Best wishes

Rodrigo Jover,
ESGE Days 2019 scientific committee chair
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OP1 AUTOMATED POLYP DIFFERENTIATION ON COLOSCOPIC DATA USING SEMANTIC SEGMENTATION WITH CNNS

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Aims Interval carcinomas are a commonly known problem in endoscopic adenoma detection, especially when they follow negative index colonoscopy. To prevent patients from these carcinomas and support the endoscopist, we reach for a live assisted system in the future, which helps to remark polyps and increase adenoma detection rate. We present our first results of polyp recognition using a machine learning approach.

Methods We apply convolutional neuronal networks for semantic segmentation of colonicoscopic image data. In particular, we make use of fully-convolusional networks2, which are a state-of-the-art technique for segmentation tasks. Furthermore, for the architecture we choose a modified ResNet181. As input, we feed pairs of images to the network, which contain the original image with the polyp and a corresponding binary map, where the spatial information of polyp and background is coded as two classes. After the training process, we observe how the network performs on unknown images. During this validation process we verify the segmentation accuracy of the network.

Results In our experimental results, we demonstrate the overall feasibility for the task at hand. We were able to show a meaningful polyp recognition performance rate. For our experiments, we ran three different setups where we optimized hyperparameters like learning rate, batch size and regularization function. In the qualitative analysis of the performed experiments we reached a pixel-wise validation accuracy of 79%.

Conclusions Due to the promising accuracy results we expect to achieve beneficial polyp detection rates. In our ongoing research we try to implement a problem-oriented pipeline, which responds to the well-known clinical problem of very few annotated image data. We also aim at proving the generalizability and clinical applicability in future work.

OP2 COMPUTER-AIDED DIAGNOSIS (CAD) BASED ON CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK (CNN) SYSTEM USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) FOR COLORECTAL POLYP CLASSIFICATION

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Aims Computer-aided diagnosis (CAD) is becoming a next-generation tool for the diagnosis of human disease. CAD for colon polyps has been suggested as a particularly useful tool for trainee colonoscopists, as the use of a CAD system avoids the complications associated with unnecessary endoscopic resections. In addition to conventional CAD, a convolutional neural network (CNN) system utilizing artificial intelligence (AI) has been developing rapidly over the past 5 years. We firstly reported to generate a unique CNN-CAD system with an AI function that studied endoscopic images extracted from movies obtained with colonoscopes used in routine examinations (Komeda Y, Handa H et al Oncology 2017). Here, we attempted a pilot study of this novel CNN-CAD system for the diagnosis of colon polyps.

Methods A total of 92,571 images from cases of colonoscopy performed between January 2010 and December 2017 at Kindai University Hospital were used. These images were extracted from the video of actual endoscopic examinations. They were simply diagnosed as either an adenomatous or non-adenomatous polyp (hyperplastic polyp). The gold standard of endoscopic diagnosis is the pathological results. The number of images used by AI to learn to distinguish adenomatous polyp from non-adenomatous polyp (hyperplastic polyp) was 29,572: 62,999. The size of each image was adjusted to 256 x 256 pixels. A 10-fold cross-validation was carried out. We carried out a pilot study evaluating the 60 cases of colonic polyp that were not learned on AI function.

Results The rate of diagnosis of adenomatous polyps through white-light, NBI and chromoendoscopy observation were 97.5%, 94.8% and 90.1%, respectively. The rate of diagnosis of non-adenomatous polyp (hyperplastic polyp) through white light, NBI and chromoendoscopy observation were 97.9%, 96.5% and 99.5%, respectively.

Conclusions A CNN-CAD system using routine colonoscopy might be useful for the rapid diagnosis of colorectal polyp classification.

OP3 BLI AND LCI IMPROVE POLYP DETECTION RATE AND DELINEATION ACCURACY FOR DEEP LEARNING NETWORKS

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Aims Studies have suggested that polyp detection rates can be improved by using other modalities than white-light imaging (WLI) such as linked-color imaging (LCI) from Fujifilm. Our aim is to evaluate the influence of the modality on polyp detection rate and delineation accuracy of an artificial intelligence (AI) system.

Methods Colonoscopy videos from 120 patients are included with a total of 280 polyps. Shorter video clips containing the first apparition of each polyp are extracted and for each clip, a few frames are annotated by experts. These 758 manual annotations are automatically propagated over the entire clip. The resulting, much larger annotated dataset of 40887 images is then used to train a recurrent convolutional neural network (CNN). Frame-level sensitivity and specificity are reported for evaluation of the detection power of the network. For delineation accuracy, the dice score is used which is a measure for the amount of overlap between a delineation map and its ground truth. The analysis is done for WLI, BLI (blue light imaging) and LCI.

Results Table 1 shows that BLI significantly improves sensitivity, specificity and dice score. Similarly, LCI increases detection performance to a lesser extent, however the LCI Dice score decreases significantly compared to WLI. Pairwise t-tests show that all differences are significant with a p value < 0.00001 (significance level of 0.03).
OP4 ACCURACY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BASED DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM COMBINED WITH BASIC CLASSIFICATION IN COLON POLYP DETERMINATION

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Aims All colon polyps have to be removed for histological analysis due to regulatory reasons, causing real health care burden. Virtual-chromoscopy only in expert hands may be used for real-time diagnosis of polyp characteristics to support resect and discard strategy. In our present study, we aimed to develop an Artificial Intelligence-based Decision Support System (AI-DSS) that can assist the decision of endoscopist in the real-time determination of subcentimetric polyp’s histology with high accuracy.

Methods We enrolled 334 histologically identified colon polyp, having at least one good quality, zoomed and non-zoomed HD image with Blue Light Imaging (BLI) virtual-chromoscopy. The images were characterized by an expert endoscopist using BASIC classification, including description of surface characteristics, (pseudo)depression, pit pattern and vessel structure of the polyp (2–2–2–4–3–4 variable options). We randomly generated subgroups from polyps to train the multilayered deep learning neural network (test set: 100 hyperplastic/neoplastic (50–50%), train set: 234 polyps), then run the training process four-times with different subgroups and two output classes: hyperplastic and neoplastic. The decision is based on the highest softmax value of the output neurons. The training ran for several hundreds of epochs, and we stopped it when the test accuracy reached the best results to prevent overfitting on the training set. We analyzed the result with/without including size and localisation of the polyp (2–3–3 options).

Results The maximum accuracy of different training tests were 91, 94.5, 93.75, 88%/87.75, 92.5, 91.5, 88.5% separately with a total 91.81% and 90.06%, with/without including localisation and size information.

Conclusions AI-DSS combined with BASIC classification is able to predict the polyp histological dignity with a high accuracy, which could be further increased with higher number of images. This software can support the everyday clinical decision of resect and discard strategy during polypectomy, moreover it can be used by trainee endoscopists.

OP5 APPLICATION OF DEEP LEARNING NEURAL NETWORK FOR HISTOLOGICAL PREDICTION OF COLON POLYP IMAGES WITH BLI ZOOM TECHNOLOGY

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Aims In our present study we aimed to develop an Artificial Intelligence-based Decision Support System (AI-DSS) that can be used to analyze the polyp images in differentiation between neoplastic and non-neoplastic subcentimetric polyps.

Methods We enrolled 755 HD images with Blue Light Imaging (BLI) zoom technology of total 334 histologically identified colorectal polyps. We set up 4 subgroups for training and testing with deep learning: A: training and testing set data was selected only from typical polyps, B: training set is made from only typical polyps, and test set is made from typical and atypical polyps, C: training set is made from only typical polyps, and test set is made randomly from the whole set (mixed typical and atypical), D: both train and test set are made of polyps randomly selected from the whole set. Images for the test sets were selected randomly following these criteria. Images from the same polyp were not selected to both train and test set.

Results The images went through a pre-process algorithm, and then we trained and tested the neural network. We also assessed which training parameters gave the best test results. The test groups had the following accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV values to predict adenomatous polyps as follows: Group A: 95%, 96.7%, 93.3%, 93.5%, 96.6%; Group B: 73.6%, 76.5%, 68.4%, 81.3%, 61.9%; Group C: 89.4%, 91.5%, 87.2%, 87.8%, 91.1%; Group D: 73.1%, 76.9%, 69.2%, 71.4%, 75%, respectively.

Conclusions This AI-DSS is able to predict the polyp histology with high accuracy, if the neural network is trained on typical images. Accuracy of the algorithm could be further increased with higher number of collected images. Application of Deep Learning Neural Network with BLI zoom virtual-chromoscopy provide a potential for real-time endoscopic optical diagnosis of hyperplastic polyps to support resect and discard strategy.

OP6 COMPUTER-AIDED DIAGNOSIS OF GASTRIC LESIONS USING MAGNIFYING NARROW BAND IMAGING ENDOSCOPY

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Aims The aims of this study were to develop and evaluate a computer-aided diagnosis system for histology prediction of gastric lesions using magnifying narrow band imaging (M-NBI) endoscopy.

Methods We selected and analyzed 265 endoscopy M-NBI images of gastric lesions from 128 patients who underwent upper M-NBI endoscopy (Olympus Exera GIF Q160Z, Lucera GIF Q260Z). All images were divided into four classes: (1) Type A (n = 46): non-neoplastic and non-metaplastic lesions with regular circular microsurface (MS) and regular microvascular (MV) patterns; (2) Type B (n = 90): intestinal metaplasia with tubulo-villous MS and regular MV patterns; (3) Type C (n = 74) neoplastic lesions with irregular MS or MV pattern; (4) artifacts (n = 55). During automated classification quadrant areas were calculated on the image, geometrical and topological features were computed for every fragment. Using the greedy forward selection algorithm, the set of five most significant features were selected: three geometric features (the compactness of the MS pattern, the perimeter of the MS pattern, the average of area of the component of the MV pattern) two topological features (the kurtosis of the histogram of the 0-th persistence diagram of the image, the first norm of the 0-th persistence diagram of the signed distance function). Support vector machine (SVM) classifier was used for 4-class automated diagnosis. Training and testing were performed for every image by a k-fold method (k = 10).
Results The average percentage of correctly recognized areas was 91.4%. Classification precision (positive predictive value), recall (sensitivity), F-score for class A were 96.5 90.4 93.3 for class B were 93.7, 92.0, 92.9, respectively, for class C were 83.3, 91.3, 87.1, respectively, and for artifacts were 99.2, 91.7, 95.3, respectively.

Conclusions The designed system based on the extraction of the geometrical and topological features from M-NBI image and analysis by SVM could provide effective recognition of three types of gastric mucosal changes.

OP7 NEAR FOCUS NARROW BAND IMAGING DRIVEN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFUX DISEASE

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Aims To develop a near focus (NF-NBI) driven artificial intelligence (AI) model for the diagnosis of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD).

Methods Patients with symptoms of GERD (recorded using the Reflux Disease Questionnaire (RDQ)) were prospectively recruited over 10 months. Upper endoscopy recorded multiple NF-NBI images, video and biopsies of the lower oesophagus. If endoscopy using High-Definition WLE was normal, a pH-recording capsule was placed. Patients were defined according to Lyon criteria; Erosive oesophagitis (EO); non-erosive reflux disease (NERD); functional heartburn (FH).

Two forms of AI were developed and evaluated to automate regions of interest (ROI) and detect IPCls and morphology: computer vision (CV) and deep convoluted neural network (DCNN) using Resnet50. DCNN was evaluated using training: unseen testing dataset ratios of 50:50 (3872:2480 images) and 75:25 (6484:1668 images). For the purposes of training the AI models, EO and NERD cases were combined as ‘GERD’. A novel combined classifier (CC) of both AI methods was evaluated.

Results 78 consecutive patients were recruited. n = 68 (46 Female, 44.41±12.91 years); GERD n = 27 (EO n = 6, NERD n = 21) and FH n = 41 were analysed. The mean IPCl per ROI count was greater in GERD vs. FH: 33.36±5.19 vs. 27.94±5.72 p = 0.0002 and was used as the primary diagnostic tool. IPCl morphology for GERD vs. FH: length 16.29 vs. 16.98, p = 0.19; width 7.8 vs. 7.8, p = 0.98; red 118.8 vs. 120.6, p = 0.44; green 110.3 vs. 118.0, p = 0.006; blue 90.95 vs. 96.81 p = 0.0016.

With CV: mean IPCls/ROI (threshold 28.4) had sensitivity, specificity, accuracy 85.2, 58.5, 68.2% for GERD.

With DCNN 50:50 these results were 58%, 86% and 76% respectively. DCNN 75:25 produced 67%, 92%, 83% respectively.

CC improved overall specificity (89.1%) and accuracy (78.1%) but not sensitivity (63%).

Conclusions AI using NF-NBI is a novel method for the diagnosis of GERD. With increased data, improvements in diagnostic accuracy is achieved further improved using a CC. This model has the potential to provide a reliable single-test diagnosis of GERD.

OP8 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EARLY BARRETT’S CANCER: THE SEGMENTATION TASK

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Aims The delineation of outer margins of early Barrett’s cancer can be challenging even for experienced endoscopists. Artificial intelligence (AI) could assist endoscopists faced with this task. As of date, there is very limited experience in this domain. In this study, we demonstrate the measure of overlap (Dice coefficient=D) between highly experienced Barrett endoscopists and an AI system in the delineation of cancer margins (segmentation task).

Methods An AI system with a deep convolutional neural network (CNN) was trained and tested on high-definition endoscopic images of early Barrett’s cancer (n = 33) and normal Barrett’s mucosa (n = 41). The reference standard for the segmentation task were the manual delineations of tumor margins by three highly experienced Barrett endoscopists. Training of the AI system included patch generation, patch augmentation and adjustment of the CNN weights. Then, the segmentation results from patch classification and thresholding of the class probabilities. Segmentation results were evaluated using the Dice coefficient (D).

Results The Dice coefficient (D) which can range between 0 (no overlap) and 1 (complete overlap) was computed only for images correctly classified by the AI-system as cancerous. At a threshold of t = 0.5, a mean value of D = 0.72 was computed.

Conclusions AI with CNN performed reasonably well in the segmentation of the tumor region in Barrett’s cancer, at least when compared with expert Barrett’s endoscopists. AI holds a lot of promise as a tool for better visualization of tumor margins but may need further improvement and enhancement especially in real-time settings.

OP9 AUTOMATIC GLANDS SEGMENTATION IN HISTOLOGICAL IMAGES OBTAINED BY ENDOSCOPIC BIOPSY FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COLON

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Aims Artificial intelligence is rapidly gaining ground in online detection, endoscopic and morphological characterization of colon epithelial neoplasms. Even for pathologists identification of metaplasia and dysplasia in the epithelium of the mucous glands could be an extremely difficult task. The same task in vivo, directly during the endoscopic examination is no less difficult, therefore the development of auxiliary mathematical models for image recognition is requested.

Methods We propose a new design of a convolutional neural network (CNN) based on U-Net model and use it for mucous glands segmentation. The main distinctive ideas of the proposed CNN lay in the multiscale architecture, using non-local blocks to capture long-range dependencies in the image and using a contour-aware loss function. The network was first trained on the public Warwick-QU dataset with non-linear augmentation process and was afterward fine-tuned on the manually labeled histological images obtained from paraffin sections of endoscopic biopsy material of the colon.

Results The multiscale architecture of the proposed segmentational CNN makes it less sensitive to the scale of the input image. Due to the specific loss function it is able to detect and separate “stuck” glands. The used non-linear blocks have a positive effect on the time needed for model to converge. Altogether this leads to the accurate segmentation of glands on histology images (Dice coefficient = 0.87 for Warwick-QU dataset, Dice coefficient = 0.83 for the obtained dataset).

Conclusions The generalization ability of the proposed algorithm enables it to effectively segment individual glands as well as to perform inner-gland seg-
OP10 AUTOMATIC POLYP DETECTION IN COLONOSCOPY – GENERAL COMPARISON OF SYSTEM AND VIDEO ANALYSIS STATISTICS

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MACE investigation. The aim of the current study was to compare the cleanliness of preparations that can be used to improve the procedure reliability. The study included 12 physicians from 6 endoscopy centers during years 2014–2018. Each of the 35 video sequences represented consecutive frames a half-minute in length. Our goal was to define the best system performance (sensitivity and specificity working point, and the percentage of polyps detected by the system) in at least 3 consecutive frames under a given system specificity. In addition, the number of polyps that were estimated to be missed during the procedure according to a manual analysis of the video sequences was calculated.

Results The best working points of the system over the testing database was 88% sensitivity with 98.7% specificity. For working points with a specificity of 97.5% and below, all polyps in the testing database were detected by the system in at least 3 consecutive frames. On the other hand, according to the manual analysis of the recorded videos, 4 polyps out of the 35 polyps in the testing database (11.4%) were missed by the physicians during the procedures.

Conclusions The endoscopist could be alerted to the presence of a polyp with a specificity of 97.5%. The estimated miss rate of the physicians of polyps correlates with research work that showed a reduction in the miss rate when using behind folds imaging techniques. The use of the APDS can contribute to the reduction of the miss rate of polyps in daily clinical practice.

Methods We performed a prospective study. 30 patients received our new gastric preparation protocol (Group A; 46.4 years; 50% female). Another 30 patients without gastric preparation served as controls (Group B; 47.1 years; 33.3% female). The same preparation protocol was used on the previous day (24 hours liquid diet; two doses of PEG). Group A received 200 mg simethicone 40 minutes, 40 mg pranose B and 1 mg sodium-bicarbonate 30 and 20 minutes before MACE, then patients were laid down and rotated every 5 minutes in 90 degrees increments around their axis, finally 600 ml clear water was given directly before swallowing the capsule. Group B had simethicone only before swallowing the water and the capsule. Typical pictures from the fundus, body and antrum were analyzed with a self developed software calculating the proportion of clean and covered surfaces of gastric mucosa.

Results The average proportion of covered areas were 7.26%-12.32% (fundus), 3.36%-9.22% (body) and 0.31%-6.14% (antrum) in group A vs B respectively. The differences were statistically significant in all and more pronounced in body and antral regions (p = 0.0053, 0.0012 and 0.0321 in body, antrum and fundus, respectively).

Conclusions The visibility and cleanliness of the whole gastric mucosa in our study could be significantly improved with specific gastric preparation. Therefore, we suggest our combined preparation protocol with simethicone and pranose to optimize the diagnostic performance of gastric MACE.

OP11 A NEW PREPARATION METHOD FOR IMPROVING GASTRIC MUCOSAL VISIBILITY AND CLEANLINESS DURING MAGNETICALLY ASSISTED CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY: A PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims Optimal mucosal visibility is essential during gastrointestinal endoscopy and it is even more important during magnetically assisted capsule endoscopy (MACE) as cleaning the mucosa during the procedure is not possible. Better pre-procedural preparation may improve the sensitivity and specificity of the MACE investigation. The aim of the current study was to compare the cleanliness of the stomach with or without our new gastric preparation protocol.

Results The average proportion of covered areas were 7.26%-12.32% (fundus), 3.36%-9.22% (body) and 0.31%-6.14% (antrum) in group A vs B respectively. The differences were statistically significant in all and more pronounced in body and antral regions (p = 0.0053, 0.0012 and 0.0321 in body, antrum and fundus, respectively).

Conclusions The visibility and cleanliness of the whole gastric mucosa in our study could be significantly improved with specific gastric preparation. Therefore, we suggest our combined preparation protocol with simethicone and pranose to optimize the diagnostic performance of gastric MACE.

OP12 ENDOCLEAN: AUTOMATIC EVALUATION OF THE CLEANLINESS OF THE SMALL BOWEL IN CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY PROCEDURES

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Aims Poor visualization of the small bowel due to the presence of intestinal content remains one of the main limitations in capsule endoscopy (CE) procedures. The aim of our study was to develop a tool that can automatically detect intestinal content in CE procedures.

Methods We created computer algorithms capable of distinguishing automatically between dirty and clean regions in frames from CE videos. We extracted 563 frame images from 35 different CE videos. Each frame was divided into 64 x 64 pixels, referred to as patches. A total of 55293 patches were annotated by an experienced reader. We assigned the frame images to two different sets: 80% for the training set and 20% for the testing set. We extracted features based on colour and texture for discrimination between clean regions and regions with intestinal content. With frames used for test purposes we calculated accuracy (ACC), sensibility (S) and specificity (SP) in five different models to analyze their performance. We then used the model to predict whether the region is clean or contains intestinal content and also the pixel probability.

Results 51,04% patches were classified as dirty regions and 48.96% as clean regions. We performed 5 different validation tests to evaluate different algorithms and their performance in predicting a patch as either clean or dirty. We obtained an average accuracy of 87.12%, sensitivity of 89.89% and specificity of 84.50% using Supporting Vector Machine (SVM) classification.

Conclusions Using patch probabilities, Endoclean system allows the estimation at a pixel level of the percentage of cleanliness in images of CE videos with high accuracy. With optimization of our results, this tool can be implemented for objective assessment of the quality of mucosal visualization in CE procedures and can later provide the opportunity to compare different types of preparations that can be used to improve the procedure reliability.
OP13 IMPACT OF PILLCAM CROHN’S CAPSULE ON DIAGNOSTIC YIELD AND CLINICAL MANAGEMENT: RESULTS OF THE FIRST MULTICENTER, OBSERVATIONAL STUDY

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Aims A capsule endoscopy (CE) system tailored for Crohn’s disease (CD) patients has been recently developed. This new device features two advanced optics allowing a 344°-view between both capsule heads and a prolonged operative time, to provide the direct visualization of the entire digestive tract. The present study has evaluated, for the first time, the performance of the PillCam Crohn’s System in a multi-center real-life setting.

Methods Consecutive patients with suspected or established CD were included between June 2017 and June 2018. Technical and clinical data, including the Lewis score and capsule impact on clinical management, were collected, thereby evaluating the added value of the 344° panoramic-view over the standard 172°-view.

Results Among 41 patients (16 men; aged 43 ± 20 years), 73% underwent CE for suspected CD and 27% for established CD, with a mean time lapse of 12 years from diagnosis. The rate of complete enteroscopy was 90%. No technical failure or retention occurred. CE detected relevant lesions in 56.1% of patients, a Lewis score ≥ 135 in 51.4%, and had an impact on clinical management for 48.8% of patients. Compared to the standard 172°-view, the panoramic 344°-view revealed a greater number of patients with a relevant lesion (56.1% vs. 39.0%; P = 0.023), resulting in higher Lewis score (222.8 vs. 185.7; P = 0.031), and improved clinical management (48.8% vs. 31.7%, P = 0.023).

Conclusions The panoramic 344°-view improves both CE accuracy and the resulting clinical management of CD. This system should be regarded as a new standard for both small bowel disease and inflammatory bowel diseases monitoring.

OP14 SMALL BOWEL ANGIOECTASIAS REBLEEDING AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF HIGHER RISK PATIENTS

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Aims Small Bowel Capsule Endoscopy (SBCE) is the gold standard in Mid-gastrointestinal bleeding (MGIB). Angioectasias are the most common vascular anomalies in the GI tract and considering their frequency, their usual intermittent bleeding nature and their risk of rebleeding, the aim of this study was to identify some characteristics and possible predictors of rebleeding in the presence of these lesions.

Methods Retrospective study, which included consecutive SBCE with angioectasias between 2008 and 2018 with a minimum follow up of 12months. Rebleeding was defined when a drop of hemoglobin 2 g/dl (occult) was observed and/or in the presence of hematocrit or melena ( overt) with negative esophasagogastroduodenoscopy and ileocolonoscopy. Data were collected from medical records: patients’ age, gender and comorbidities and use of antiplatelets and/or anticoagulants. Angioectasias were classified by number, location, size and type according to Yano-Yamamoto Classification. Univariate and multivariable statistical analyses were performed to identify possible predictors of rebleeding.

Results From a total of 630 patients submitted to SBCE for suspected small bowel bleeding, 129 with angioectasias were included.59.7% female, with median age of 72 (19 – 91) years and a mean follow up of 44.0 ± 31.9 months.88 patients (68.2%) performed SBCE for occult and 41 (31.8%) for overt gastrointestinal bleeding. In 12.6% (n = 42) of the patients at least one episode of rebleeding was documented.

In univariate analysis, patients presenting with rebleeding were older (74.2 vs. 67.9 years; p = 0.021), and were more frequently diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (44.4% vs. 26.2%; p < 0.035) and heart failure (HF) (51.9% vs. 19.5%; p < 0.001). Regarding the characteristics of angioectasias, patients that rebled had more frequently angioectasias of larger size (>5 mm) (69% vs. 27.6%; p < 0.001). In multivariate analysis we identified the presence of HF (OR 3.3; IC95%:1.3 – 8.6; p = 0.014), and the size of the angioectasias (OR 4.9;IC95%:2.1 – 11.4;p < 0.001) as independent predictor factors for risk of rebleeding.

Conclusions HF and angioectasias with size superior to 5 mm are the independent predictor factors of rebleeding in a population with angioectasias diagnosed by SBCE.

OP15 POOR QUALITY OF CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY IMAGES HAS A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE DIAGNOSIS OF SMALL BOWEL MALIGNANCY

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Aims Capsule endoscopy (CE) diagnosis relies on image quality, commonly affected by poor preparation. Currently, there is no widely-accepted method for quantifying visualisation quality. We examined the contribution of image parameters to visualisation quality and their effect on diagnostic certainty of small bowel (SB) lesions.

Methods Five clear CE images of SB pathology were processed for 3 parameters to simulate increasingly poor SB preparation:

- opacity (colour-matched to luminal content; 10 – 90%, 10% increments),
- blurriness (radius 1 – 10px; 1px increments), and
- contrast (-50 – 50%; 10% increments).

9 experts evaluated whether images were adequate for diagnosis. Points were assigned based on image quality changed significantly were determined for each parameter. Three further sets of SBCE images (vascular, inflammatory and malignant lesions) were processed for 4 points per parameter. 20 experienced-expert CE readers reviewed the resulting images.

Results In vascular and inflammatory lesions, diagnostic certainty was least affected by increasing image opacity, requiring opacities >90% before most readers considered images inadequate for diagnosis. The greatest negative effects of image opacity were seen in malignancies where significantly fewer readers found images adequate at >50% opacity. Similar results were obtained with increasing blur radius, simulating motion blur and poor focus. The proportions of readers finding vascular and inflammatory images adequate did not drop significantly at wider blur radii, while the proportion who found images of malignancies diagnostically adequate dropped at blur radius 6px. Decreasing contrast had greater negative effect than raising contrast, most obvious in malignant lesions.

Conclusions Poor visualisation quality in all parameters had the greatest effect on images of malignant lesions. Software to increase contrast and sharpen images can improve visualisation quality; smart frame rate adaptation could also improve the number of high-quality frames obtained. Furthermore,
our results suggest that thoroughness in SB cleansing is most important when there is suspicion of malignancy, so as to improve diagnostic certainty from the images obtained.

**OP16 DOUBLE-HEADED SMALL BOWEL CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY: REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE AT A TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTRE**

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**Aims** Capsule endoscopy (CE) is a well-established mode of investigation for small bowel (SB) pathology. This study aims to characterise the potential benefits of using double-headed capsules (vs conventional single-headed ones) in a real-world cohort of patients referred for CE. We present initial results from a single centre as part of a multicentre British study.

**Methods** Over a 9-month study period, patients referred for routine SBCE at a tertiary referral centre underwent double-headed CE in lieu of conventional single-headed CE. Clinical data were anonymised. One head (left or right) was chosen at random and reported by an expert reviewer. After an interval of 4 weeks, the other heads, also anonymised and in random order, were read and reported by the same reviewer. For each CE examination, the numbers and types of findings, and overall conclusion/diagnosis were compared between L/R heads.

**Results** In total 98 CE examinations were performed. There were 3 stomach retentions, therefore 95 cases were analysed. Indications were:

1. SB bleeding (n = 53);
2. suspected SB inflammation or reassessment of known inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (n = 28);
3. suspected SB malignancy (n = 8) and
4. others (n = 6).

The findings for each group are as follows:

1. 14/53 (26.4%) patients had differences in findings between L/R heads. The differences changed diagnosis in 6 (11.3%) patients.
2. 12/28 (42.9%) patients had differences between L/R heads, which changed diagnosis in 4 (14.3%) patients.
3. 1/8 (12.5%) patient had differences between L/R heads which changed the diagnosis in this patient.

Overall, use of two CE heads impacted the diagnosis in 11/95 (11.6%) of cases in our cohort.

**Conclusions:**

- Conventional single-headed CE has a relatively high proportion of negative examinations, often leading to multiple and repeated investigations in patients referred for suspected SB pathology.
- Use of double-headed CE provides more information which has potential to change clinical diagnosis and therefore management.

**OP17 SINGLE-CENTRE EXPERIENCE USING UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL (UGI) CAPSULE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DIAGNOSTIC GASTROSCOPY**

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**Aims** The demand for diagnostic upper gastrointestinal (UGI) endoscopy is high, often exceeding the resources. UGI capsule has not been investigated yet. The aim of this study was to evaluate the diagnostic ability and costs of UGI capsule.

**Methods** This is an observational study of patients who had a UGI capsule endoscopy between April 2017 and November 2018 at Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital. Patients swallowed the UGI capsule (EsoG, Medtronic) following ingestion of 1 liter of water (containing simethicone). A series of positional changes were used to facilitate the UGI capsule transit. Indications for the procedure, quality indicators and findings were evaluated.

**Results** 76 patients were included in the study: 55 preferred capsule, 1 was not suitable for a gastroscopy, 10 failed gastroscopy and 10 would require general anesthesia. Regarding the indications, the majority had heartburn (30%) followed by abdominal pain (22%) and iron deficiency anemia (15%). The UGI capsule reached D 2 in 73% of patients. Ampulla pick up rate (13.5%), incisura, fundus and cardias pick up rates (100%), inlet patch pick up rate (9.5%) were considered as quality indicators. The following findings were reported: 34 normal, 15 gastritis, 9 fundic glands polyps, 7 oesophagitis, 3 hiatus haemia, 1 Barrett’s. Of note, only 4 (5%) needed a gastroscopy thereafter (further assessment/biopsies). In the majority of UGI capsules the results were conclusive. UGI capsule costs have been estimated around £412 per procedure. The tariff for one procedure is £970 (total earned £557). In comparison, a gastroscopy costs approximately £66 per procedure with a tariff of £341 (total earned £275).

**Conclusions** UGI capsule is a potential, non-invasive, cost-effective alternative to diagnostic UGI endoscopy. Further improvement are needed to increase ampulla pick up rate and completion rate.

**OP18 EVALUATION OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE EXPRESS-VIEW MODE OF THE MIROCAM CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY PLATFORM COMPARED TO CONVENTIONAL READING IN OBSCURE GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING**

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**Aims** The Express-View mode of the Mirocam capsule endoscopy (CE) platform is a newly introduced feature that aims to decrease the reading time by not capturing small bowel (SB) images considered repetitive. There is no evidence yet that its use can replace conventional reading. The authors aimed to evaluate the proportion of lesions detected by the Express-View reading mode.

**Methods** Single-center study, including individuals who underwent CE due to obscure gastrointestinal bleeding (OGB) (overt or occult). Each CE was reviewed in standard reading mode and the findings were identified. Afterwards, the same CE was visualized with the Express-View mode and the authors evaluated if the findings previously identified were represented with this mode.

**Results** 208 CE were evaluated. The mean age was 66.4 years old (± 13.83) and 55.8% (n = 116) were female. The majority of CE were performed due to anemia (78.8%, n = 164). A total of 1667 lesions were identified using standard reading. The Express-View mode had a sensitivity per lesion of 88.7% (n = 1479). Non-visualized lesions (n = 188) were mainly angiectasias (54.3%, n = 102) and erosions or ulcers (24.5%, n = 46). The detection rate per lesion was the lowest in the duodenum (p < 0.05). The use of the Express-View mode was able to capture all clinically significant lesions in 66.3% of the patients.

**Conclusions** In this study, per lesion sensitivity was higher to the one described in a previous multicenter study (88.7% vs. 77.2%). However, per patient sensitivity for significant lesions appeared to be lower (66.3% vs. 82.2%). Per lesion sensitivity was lower in the duodenum, which may be associated with a faster transit time in this segment. The express-view mode cannot substitute conventional reading.
OP19  CAPSULE RETENTION IN CROHN DISEASE: A META-ANALYSIS

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Aims To evaluate capsule retention rates in adult and pediatric Crohn disease (CD) and determine if retention risk can be reduced in established CD (ECD) with patenty capsule (PC) or dedicated small bowel (SB) cross sectional imaging (MR/CT enterography) using meta-analysis.

Methods Publications were identified in MEDLINE, EMBASE, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, and Web of Science for studies of CD patients undergoing capsule endoscopy (CE) that reported retention. The retention rate and relative risk (RR) of retention in ECD to suspected CD (SCD) was estimated for each study. The pooled estimates for the various capsule retention rates and for RR were also calculated. All hypothesis tests were two-sided with p < 0.05 considered statistically significant.

Results Retention rates were 0.03 (95% CI 0.03 – 0.04) in the overall CD cohort, 0.05 (95% CI 0.03 – 0.06) in ECD, and 0.02 (95% CI 0.01 – 0.04) in SCD. The retention rates in adult and pediatric studies were 0.03 (95% CI 0.03 – 0.04) and 0.02 (95% CI 0.01 – 0.04), respectively. Retention risk in adult ECD was 3.50 times higher than SCD (95% CI 2.12 – 5.78). There was no difference in retention risk in pediatric ECD compared with SCD (RR 4.92; 95% CI 0.80 – 30.08). Retention rates in ECD were decreased to 0.02 (95% CI 0.01 – 0.06) after cross-sectional imaging, and 0.03 (95% CI 0.02 – 0.05) after negative PC.

Conclusions Our meta-analysis shows lower CE retention rates in both SCD and ECD compared to older literature. The retention rate in adult ECD was significantly higher than adult SCD. In patients with ECD, retention rates were lower after negative PC or cross-sectional imaging. Retention rates in pediatric CD were lower than adult CD, and in contrast to adults, there was no difference in retention rates between pediatric ECD and SCD.

OP20  MAPPING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL BOWEL ANGIOECTASIAS

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Aims Angioectasias are the main cause of small bowel (SB) bleeding. They are frequently identified during capsule endoscopy (CE). Subsequent management depends upon severity/extent and location. There is mounting evidence that the location of SB angioectasias is not entirely random. We aimed to map the distribution and size of SB angioectasias, and assess whether this impacted clinical outcomes significantly.

Methods Retrospective study examining CEs performed over a 10-year period at a tertiary referral centre. Information regarding number, location, and Saur-in classification (P0 – P2) of SB angioectasias were collected. Clinically significant angioectasias (P1/P2) and active SB bleeding were analysed. Clinical outcomes in patients with P2 angioectasia or active SB bleeding were recorded.

Results 164 SBCE examinations in our cohort reported angioectasias. 554 P1 – P2 angioectasias and areas of active bleeding were seen, 435 (78.52%) of these within the first tercile of SB transit time (SBTT). 277 (50%) angioectasias were identified within the first 10% of SBTT. 40/75 (53.3%) patients with > 1 P2 angioectasia and/or active bleeding were referred for intervention. Of the initial interventions, 24 patients underwent upper GI endoscopy; 13 underwent double balloon enteroscopy (DBE) (12 oral, 1 anal route). 9/37 (24.3%) had no identifiable angioectasias on endoscopy. Of those receiving ablative therapy, 20/28 (71.4%) re-presented with iron-deficiency anaemia or bleeding. In this group, average angioectasia position was within the first 15.6% of SBTT, compared with 7.9% in those who did not re-present (p = 0.3442). Patients who re-presented had an average 1.6 additional P1 angioectasias, compared with 7.6 amongst those who did not return (p = 0.0173).

Conclusions Clinically significant angioectasias are overwhelmingly located within the first 30% of SB. The majority are within reach of conventional endoscopy. However, AEs are often multiple and patients often re-present following intervention. In our cohort, additional P1 angioectasias in patients with P2 angioectasias/active bleeding were not associated with increased re-bleeding.

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OP21  LYMPHOVASCULAR INFILTRATION IS A HIGH RISK FACTOR FOR LYMPH NODE METASTASIS INDEPENDENT OF DEPTH OF INVASION IN T1 COLORECTAL CANCERS

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Aims Depth of submucosal invasion is commonly used to predict risk for lymph node metastasis in T1 colorectal cancers although published data are conflicting on the risk of metastasis in relation to level of submucosal growth. The aim of this study was to identify risk factors for lymph node metastasis in T1 colorectal cancers.

Methods Data on all patients with T1 colorectal cancer undergoing surgical resection between 2009 – 2017 were collected from the Swedish Colorectal Cancer Registry. Potential risk factors for lymph node metastasis, including age, gender, tumour location, submucosal invasion (Sm1 – 3), grade of differentiation, lymphovascular invasion, perineural invasion, tumour deposits and mucinous subtype were recorded. Patients lacking one of these factors were not included.

Results 991 patients (51% male) were included with median age of 72 years. 110 patients (11%) had lymph node metastasis in the surgical specimens. The overall incidence of lymph node metastasis was 8% (26/314) in Sm1, 12% (28/231) in Sm2 and 13% (56/446) in Sm3. In the absence of lymphovascular infiltration, the rate of lymph node metastasis was 6% in Sm1, 9% in Sm2 and 13% in Sm3. Notably, the incidence of lymph node metastasis markedly increased to 40% (37/92) in cases with lymphovascular infiltration regardless of Sm classification. Presence of tumor deposits (14 cases) also increased the rate of metastasis but the numbers of these were too few for solid conclusions. Grade of differentiation and mucinous subtype had only a minor impact on the incidence of lymph node metastasis (16%).
Conclusions This is the largest study in the literature examining risk factors for lymph node metastasis in T1 colorectal cancers. Our results show that depth of submucosal invasion has limited influence and that lymphovascular infiltration is the most important risk predictor for lymph node metastasis in T1 colorectal cancers.

OP22 INVASIVE RECURRENCE RATE AND CLINICOPATHOLOGICAL FEATURES AFTER ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION FOR 591 T1 COLORECTAL CANCERS

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Aims Recent studies reported that invasion depth only has no clinical impact to lymph node metastasis (LNM) of colorectal cancer (CRC). Several recurrent cases have been reported, however, after endoscopic resection for T1b (SM deep) CRC without any unfavorable histological factors. We, therefore, aim to investigate the recurrence rate and clinicopathological features associated with invasive recurrence after endoscopic resection for T1 CRC.

Methods A total of 516 patients (591 lesions) with T1 CRCs treated by endoscopic resection (ER) between January 2000 and December 2017 at NCCh were analyzed retrospectively. We evaluated the invasive recurrence (distant metastasis and invasive cancer recurrence) rate and clinicopathological features of primary CRC.

Results The invasive recurrence rate for overall T1 CRC was 2.9% (17/591), while that of T1b CRC was 4.7% (15/317). Among them, 139 T1b CRC patients showed any other unfavorable histological factors, but five patients (3.6%) showed invasive recurrences. In these 139 patients, 87 patients (64%) underwent surgery within 3 months, and 3 of 87 (3.4%) showed invasive recurrences (two lungs, one liver). On the other hand, 52 patients (37%) were followed-up without surgery, and 2 of 52 (3.8%) showed invasive metastasis (one lung with local, and one liver with local). The median period from ER to diagnosis of recurrence was 45 months (range, 6–73 months) in surgery group and 30.9 months (range, 0–175 months) in non-surgery group. All of five cases were resected by en-bloc ER with VM0. Three were well differentiated adenocarcinoma, 2 were well and moderately differentiated adenocarcinoma, originally. The median depth of invasion was 1250 mm (range, 1000–7500 mm). The interruption of muscularis mucosae was seen in four cases and absciss formation in one.

Conclusions The invasive recurrences for T1b CRC was 4.7% overall and 3.6% for T1b without any unfavorable histological factors. This recurrence rate was similar in patients with and without surgery.

OP23 SMSA SCORE FOR COLORECTAL ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (CR-ESD): IS IT USEFUL FOR PLANNING RESOURCES OR PREDICTING PROCEDURAL OUTCOMES? A MULTICENTER SPANISH PROSPECTIVE STUDY


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Aims To assess the ability of SMSA to predict clinical outcomes of CR-ESD: length of the procedure and percentages of piecemeal resections, aborted procedures and complications.

Methods Consecutive patients were enrolled in a prospective multicenter Spanish CR-ESD registry since January 2016 to October 2018. We analyzed 585 cases in 19 hospitals.

Results The duration of the procedure was >240 min in 36 ESDs (6.2%). There were 13 aborted procedures (2.2%), 92 piecemeal resections (16.1%), 86 intraprocedural perforations (14.7%), 19 delayed perforations (3.4%) and 37 delayed bleedings (6.6%). There were 40 SMSA2 (6.8%), 189 SMSA3 (32.3%) and 356 SMSA4 (60.8%) lesions. The median procedure duration was 74.5 min for SMSA2, 80 min for SMSA3 and 120 min for SMSA4. A statistically significant association was observed for SMSA4 and duration of the procedure >240 min (8.4% vs. 2.6%; OR = 3.4; CI95%: 1.4–8.3; p = 0.004). The percentage of piecemeal resections was as follows SMSA2: 27.5% vs. SMSA3: 11.4% vs. SMSA4: 17.2%; p = 0.03. SMSA2 lesions were significantly associated with piecemeal resections (SMSA2 vs. SMSA3/4: 2.2%; p = 0.59. No significant differences were noted for aborted ESDs: SMSA2: 0% vs. SMSA3: 2.6% vs. SMSA4: 2.2%; p = 0.59. Statistically significant differences were observed between intraprocedural perforations and SMSA3/4 lesions (SMSA2 vs. SMSA3/4: 2.5% vs. 15.6%; OR = 7.2; CI95%: 1.01–53.1; p = 0.02). The delayed perforation rate was: 0%/2.7%/4.2%; p = 0.3 and the delayed bleeding rate: 8.1%/5.9%/6.8%; p = 0.8, respectively.

Conclusions The SMSA score may be useful for planning endoscopy lists since it significantly correlates with the length of the procedure. Higher scores were also associated with intraprocedural perforations. However, we did not find a direct proportional link when considering other procedural outcomes (piecemeal resections, aborted procedures and delayed perforation or bleeding).
OP24  ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION OF RECTAL SUPERFICIAL TUMORS WITH A NEW ENDOSCOPIC PLATFORM: THE ORISE TISSUE RETRACTOR SYSTEM. A MULTICENTER EUROPEAN SERIES

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Aims Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is accepted worldwide for resection of most superficial tumors >20 mm in the GI. The main challenges of ESD are related to the instability of the operative field and the lack of tissue traction. The ORISE Tissue Retractor System (TRS, Boston Scientific) is a new endoscopic platform designed to overcome these limitations. Aim of this study is to assess the efficacy and safety of the TRS used in the first human procedures in three different European centers.

Methods The TRS consists of an expandable intra-luminal chamber mounted on a flexible overtube with two grasping retractors. It is front-loaded over the endoscope and inserted into the rectum. The cage is then opened to create a stable operating field around the lesion. The submucosal dissection is simplified by two grasping retractors in order to provide traction and improve visualization of planes. Data on lesion characteristics, procedure details and adverse events were collected and analyzed.

Results Data are available on the first 10 cases of rectal ESD (5 males/4 females, mean age 67 ± 9 years). The mean size of the lesions was 56.7 ± 25.1 mm (range 25 – 100 mm). The TRS and graspers were easily placed in all cases; mean procedure time was 107.11 ± 31.3 minutes. All lesions were removed en-bloc with an R0 resection. The final histological assessment was LGD in 1 case, HGD in 7 and adenocarcinoma in 2. All but one were curative resections. No adverse events were recorded, except 1 case of self-limited fever during the first 24 hours.

Conclusions The ORISETRS both stabilizes the operative field and allows for tissue retraction, thus improving visualization of the dissection plane, potentially increasing the efficiency of the ESD and reducing the risk of adverse events. Although prospective studies are needed, this initial human experience shows the TRS be a promising tool for the treatment of colorectal neoplastic lesions.

OP25  RECURRENCE AND CANCER-SPECIFIC MORTALITY DURING FOLLOW-UP OF LOW-AND HIGH-RISK ENDOSCOPICALLY RESECTED pT1 COLORECTAL CANCERS: A META-ANALYSIS

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Aims Oncological radicality of endoscopic resection of pT1 colorectal cancers (CRCs) is still under debate. Need for subsequent surgery is defined by histopathological factors associated to increased risk of lymph-node metastasis. Data describing this risk are heterogeneous and based on small retrospective surgical series, while follow-up data of non-surgically resected lesions are poorly reported, resulting in a great variability in management of these patients.

Our aim was to meta-analyze recurrence and cancer-specific mortality (CSM) occurring during follow-up of patients with low- and high-risk endoscopically resected pT1-CRCs undergoing a conservative follow-up.

Methods The protocol was registered in PROSPERO (CRD-42018110402). PubMed was searched until September 2018 for studies describing patients with pT1-CRCs, classifiable as low- or high-risk according to current knowledge, who were endoscopically resected without complementary surgery and underwent follow-up for at least 12 months. PROSMMA methodology was used. Pooled cumulative incidence (and incidence rate when specific follow-up intervals were available) of recurrence and CSM were calculated separately for low- and high-risk pT1-CRCs. Quality, publication bias and heterogeneity were explored.

Results Pooled cumulative incidence of recurrence and CSM among high-risk lesions (6 studies,586 patients) was respectively 10.4% [95% CI:7.7 – 15%; I2:51.8%] and 4.1% [CI:2.7 – 6.2%; I2:0], while among low-risk lesions (6 studies,529 patients) recurrence and CSM were respectively 1.3% [CI:0.6 – 2.8%; I2:0] and 0.8% [CI:0.3 – 2.1%; I2:0]. Pooled incidence rate of recurrence and CSM among high risk lesions (3 cohorts,237 patients) was 11 [CI:2 – 20; I2:43.3%] and 4 per 1000 patient-years [95% CI:1 – 7; I2:0] respectively, while among low risk lesions (3 cohorts,229 patients), recurrence and CSM was 3 [CI:0 – 6; I2:0] and 2 per 1000 patient-years [95%: CI: 0 – 4; I2:0]. No publication bias was found.

Conclusions Among patients with endoscopically resected pT1 CRCs, available data warrants a conservative approach for low-risk patients. In high-risk patients, advanced age or increased surgical risk may justify a prudent management.

OP26  ESD WITH DOUBLE CLIP AND RUBBER BAND TRACTION OF NEOPLASTIC LESIONS DEVELOPED IN THE APPENDICEAL ORIFICE IS EFFECTIVE AND SAFE

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Aims Endoscopic resection of Superficial Colorectal lesions in close proximity to the Appendiceal Orifice (L-PAO) was shown to be feasible but is considered impossible in case of deep invasion into the appendix (type 3). We report here a series of Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection with double clip and rubber band traction (DCT-ESD) of L-PAO to determine the outcomes.

Methods We reviewed retrospectively 21 resections of L-PAO in 3 centers. Toyonaga classification was described for each lesion. We excluded type 0 lesions which are not in contact of appendiceal orifice. Our primary outcome was En bloc resection rate and R0 resection rate. The morbidity (bleeding, perforation and acute appendicitis) and alternative surgery were studied as well.

Results 21 patients underwent DCT-ESD (mean of age 69-year-old). 6 patients had previous appendectomy (28.6%). The dominant localization type of lesion was type 3 (enter deeply in appendiceal orifice) with 14 lesions (66.7%), followed by type 2 lesions (enters orifice, and transition to normal appendiceal mucosa is discernible on inspection of the appendiceal lumen) (28.6%) and 1 type 1 lesion (reaches border of the appendix, but does not enter orifice) (4.8%). The mean lesion size was 36 mm (10 – 70 mm) and the mean duration of resection was 63 min (10 – 230 min). En bloc resection was achieved in all cases, while 1 resection was not R0 and was found to have lateral contact with low grade dysplasia (2 pathologies is still ongoing). 8 perforations occurred during procedure and were immediately closed by clips.
Among them, one patient (4.8%) experienced postoperative perforation associated with acute appendicitis and was successfully resolved by an alternative surgery. There was no death, nor any stoma reported in our series.

Conclusions DCT-ESD is effective and safe for lesions developed in appendiceal orifice. A surprisingly large amount of curative resection was accomplished with just endoscopic procedure alone.

OP27 PREDICTING ADVERSE CLINICAL OUTCOMES FOR COLORECTAL ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (CR-ESD): SMSA VERSUS A NEW EXPERIENCE-LESION SCORE. A MULTICENTER SPANISH PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Methods All rectal lesions from the Spanish registry of ESD resected from January 2016 to November 2018 were prospectively included. Lesions involving the DL (up to 1 cm) were compared with those located in upper portions of the rectum (from 1 cm to 15 cm).

Results 159 rectal lesions resected by ESD were prospectively included. Of these, 46 (28.9%) involving DL and 113 (71.1%) were located in proximal portions. Both groups have similar size (DL 34.35 mm vs. NoDL 30.38 mm; p 0.056) and shape (LST-G homogeneous) (DL 9.8% vs. NoDL 17.3%; p 0.25). All lesions showed the same findings in terms of fibrosis (F2; DL 21.7% vs. 21.4% NoDL; p 0.82). Manoeuvrability was equivalent regardless the location (Good in DL 63.4% vs. NoDL 71.7%; p 0.42). In terms of efficacy, ESD showed slightly higher rates of en bloc resection in No DL group (80.4% vs. 73.9%; p 0.37). However, R0 rates were quite similar (DL 63% vs. NoDL 71.4%; p 0.31). Regarding the adverse events, delayed bleeding was 2 fold higher in the DL group (19.6% vs. 8.8%; p 0.05). One perforation occurred in the DL group.

Conclusions ESD shows to be effective in lesions which involve the DL, with similar results in terms of en-bloc and R0 resection compared with ESD in other rectal areas. However, this location could be a risk factor for delayed bleeding.

OP28 EFFICACY OF ESD IN LESIONS LOCATED IN DENTATE LINE. A PROSPECTIVE MULTICENTRIC COMPARATIVE STUDY

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Aims Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is a well-established treatment for complex colorectal lesions. However, those which involve the dentate line (DL) up to 1 cm, have been traditionally treated by transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEM). Poor manoeuvrability and the presumable risk of bleeding might become ESD more difficult and unfeasible. Therefore, the lack of prospective comparative studies of ESD with this indication, makes it questionable.

Methods All rectal lesions from the Spanish registry of ESD resected from January 2016 to November 2018 were prospectively included. Lesions involving the DL (from anal verge to 1 cm) were compared with those located in upper portions of the rectum (from 1 cm to 15 cm).

Results 159 rectal lesions resected by ESD were prospectively included. Of these, 46 (28.9%) involving DL and 113 (71.1%) were located in proximal portions. Both groups have similar size (DL 34.35 mm vs. NoDL 30.38 mm; p 0.056) and shape (LST-G homogeneous) (DL 9.8% vs. NoDL 17.3%; p 0.25). All lesions showed the same findings in terms of fibrosis (F2; DL 21.7% vs. 21.4% NoDL; p 0.82). Manoeuvrability was equivalent regardless the location (Good in DL 63.4% vs. NoDL 71.7%; p 0.42). In terms of efficacy, ESD showed slightly higher rates of en bloc resection in No DL group (80.4% vs. 73.9%; p 0.37). However, R0 rates were quite similar (DL 63% vs. NoDL 71.4%; p 0.31). Regarding the adverse events, delayed bleeding was 2 fold higher in the DL group (19.6% vs. 8.8%; p 0.05). One perforation occurred in the DL group.

Conclusions ESD shows to be effective in lesions which involve the DL, with similar results in terms of en-bloc and R0 resection compared with ESD in other rectal areas. However, this location could be a risk factor for delayed bleeding.
OP29 COLONIC ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION USING MASTER ROBOTIC SYSTEM – A PRECLINICAL STUDY

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Aims One of the difficulties in performing endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is the lack of retraction during submucosal dissection. The development of master and slave transluminal endoscopic robot (MASTER) aimed to enhance safety and efficacy of ESD through two flexible robotic arms for tissue retraction and dissection. This is a preclinical animal study to evaluate performance of colorectal ESD using latest version of MASTER.

Methods The latest version of MASTER consisted of an independently designed flexible platform with build-in imaging system and working channels for passage of robotic arms [Figure 1]. In this animal study, outcome measures included operating time (from starting incision to finishing dissection), completeness of resection, procedure-related complications as well as limitation of arms manipulation in narrow working space.

Results A total of 5 colorectal ESD procedures were performed in a 66.7 kg porcine model under general anesthesia. The mean operative time was 73.8 minutes, and size of specimen resected was 1340 mm². There was no perforation while profuse bleeding was encountered during one procedure. Hemostasis was achieved after adequate exposure of bleeding arteriole by retracting the mucosal with robotic arm. The en-bloc resection rate was 100%.

Conclusions This study confirmed the feasibility and safety in performing ESD using MASTER system in porcine model. This provided an important preclinical experience for the conduction of clinical trial.

OP76 PATHOLOGICAL “SECOND-LOOK” SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERS CLINICAL MANAGEMENT IN ENDOSCOPICALLY RESECTED PT1 COLORECTAL CANCER

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Aims Clinical management of endoscopically resected pT1 colorectal cancers (CRC) is still under debate. Guidelines prudently suggest subsequent surgery in presence of one or more histological factors linked to increased risk of LNM, but a great variability in histological analysis, LNM rates and clinical management has been reported. Lack of standardization and interobserver variability in reporting histological factors may explain this heterogeneity. This kind of pitfall has been overcome in surveillance of Barrett’s Esophagus, with systematical pathological second opinion, recommended by international guidelines. In pT1-CRC, pathological second opinion is rarely reported, although “European CRC screening Guidelines” suggest its employment, especially when surgical resection is considered. Main aim of our study was to assess how second opinion of an expert GI pathologist may affect clinical management of pT1-CRC.

Methods We reviewed data of 83 patients undergoing primary endoscopic resection of pT1-CRC in our center from June 2006 to December 2017. Clinical, histopathological, endoscopic, eventual subsequent surgery and follow up data were collected. Pathological specimens were recovered, and evaluated by a second GI pathologist, blinded to the primary diagnosis. When uncertain, opinion of a third pathologist was sought to achieve a final diagnosis.

Results Of 83 pT1-CRCs resected endoscopically, second-look modified diagnosis in 16/83 (19.2%) patients, seemingly exposing them to suboptimal clinical choices. In 9/16 patients that were originally classified as harbouring a low-risk poly, at least one overlooked histological risk factor was found, shifting them in high-risk group, with a much higher risk of LNM. By contrast, 7/16 polyps were downgraded to low-risk, as second-look did not encounter any risk factor, potentially exposing them to unnecessary surgery.

Conclusions Almost 20% of endoscopically resected pT1-CRCs in daily clinical practice would benefit by histopathological second-look, that can significantly modify clinical management, and permit a more accurate risk stratification. Systematic implementation of this practice may be auspicious.

OP30 IS ENDOSCOPIC BALLOON DILATION STILL ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHER RATES OF PANCREATITIS? A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

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Aims Evaluate effectiveness and safety of endoscopic balloon dilation compared with sphincterotomy or with endoscopic balloon dilation plus sphincterotomy in patients with common bile duct stones.

Methods We searched MELDINE, EMBASE, CENTRAL up to September 2018 and selected only randomized controlled trials (RCTs). Two investigators independently conducted data extraction, and risk of bias. Summary effect sizes were estimated using risk difference with fixed effects model. Heterogeneity was assessed with the Higgins’ test (I²). If I²>50%, we analyzed forest plot in an attempt to identify a study with a higher likelihood of outlier publication or we considered a random-effect model.

Results Twenty-five randomized controlled trials, enrolling a total of 3347 patients met our inclusion criteria. EPBD x EST. EPBD was associated with lower bleeding and higher pancreatitis and severe pancreatitis rates. Perforation and cholangitis incidence was similar in both groups. We carried out subgroup analysis by stratifying the balloon size and observed that higher incidences of PEP was seen in the studies which performed dilation with balloons smaller than 10 mm (RD = -0.01; IC [-0.04, 0.02]; I² = 31%; P < 0.0001) than balloons ≥ 10 mm (RD = 0.01; IC [0.03, 0.08]; I² = 52%; P = 0.52).

EPBD x EPLBD+EST.
In this analysis 456 patients were enrolled and almost none heterogeneity was observed. Both techniques had almost the same safety and achieved similar rate of complete retrieval in the first ERCP attempt. EPLBD x EPLBD+EST. Finally, we made an analysis comparing balloon dilation versus both techniques, considering only patients who underwent dilation with balloons equal or bigger than 10 mm. No significant differences were found in PEP.

Conclusions The results of our meta-analysis showed that the pancreatitis rate is higher in EPBD compared to EST. However, when considering only balloon ≥10 mm, this difference disappeared. Moreover, PEP rates was also not higher when comparing EPBD versus EPBL plus EST.

**OP31 A MULTICENTER RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF LASER VERSUS ELECTROHYDRAULIC LITHOTRIPSY FOR DIFFICULT BILE DUCT STONES**

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**Aims** Firstly, difficult bile duct stones were removed by mechanical lithotripsy. But, if this fail, the electrohydraulic (EHL) or laser lithotripsy (LL) could be performed. We performed the first prospective randomized controlled study to compare the efficiency and safety of LL and EHL in multicenter of South Korea.

**Methods** Between 2014 and 2016, a total of 122 patients who underwent LL or EHL was enrolled from 12 centers. All patients had failed to remove stones by conventional endoscopic stone extraction method including mechanical lithotripsy because huge stone, inaccessible major duodenal papilla, or intrahepatic bile duct (IHD) stone. For laser lithotripsy, we used holmium laser lithotripsy because huge stone, inaccessible major duodenal papilla, or intrahepatic bile duct (IHD) stone. For laser lithotripsy, we used holmium laser lithotripsy because huge stone, inaccessible major duodenal papilla, or intrahepatic bile duct (IHD) stone. For laser lithotripsy, we used holmium laser lithotripsy because huge stone, inaccessible major duodenal papilla, or intrahepatic bile duct (IHD) stone. For laser lithotripsy, we used holmium laser lithotripsy because huge stone, inaccessible major duodenal papilla, or intrahepatic bile duct (IHD) stone. For laser lithotripsy, we used holmium laser lithotripsy because huge stone, inaccessible major duodenal papilla, or intrahepatic bile duct (IHD) stone.

**Results** Thirty one patients received LL and 33 received EHL. Those in the LL treatment were older, had longer procedure times (EHL 33.3 ± 13.8 min, LL 47.9 ± 25.7 min, P = 0.006). There were no significant differences in stone size (EHL 15.0 ± 7.6 mm, LL 13.1 ± 4.4 mm, P = 0.235), number of session (EHL 2.4 ± 1.1, LL 3.0 ± 1.6, P = 0.113), stone location between the two treatment groups. Rate of complete clearance (EHL 90.9%, LL 96.8%, P = 0.333) and complications (EHL 15.2%, Holmium 19.4%, P = 0.656) were not different between the groups. Main complications included bleeding (n=3), infection (n=7), and pancreatitis (n=1), although there were no differences in complications between the two treatments, and no severe complications were observed. Recurrence rate was 22.6% (14/62), although no differences were seen in either LL or EHL treatment groups (EHL 57.1%, Holmium 42.9%, P = 0.638). IHD stone was significantly associated with recurrence compared to common bile duct (CBD) stones (Odds ratio = 1.957, 95% confidence interval = 1.017 – 3.767, P = 0.045).

**Conclusions** Although both LL and EHL were safe and effective in the treatment of refractory CBD stones or intrahepatic stones, LL had longer procedure. However, the number of session was not different. Further large comparative studies are warranted.

**OP33 EVALUATING DIGITAL SINGLE-OPERATOR-CHOLANGIOSCOPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF DIFFICULT BILIARY STONES: A RETROSPECTIVE MULTICENTER TRIAL**

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**Aims** In patients with difficult biliary stones, standard endoscopic treatment might fail and recently introduced digital single-operator cholangioscopes (SOCs), equipped with an improved imaging quality, might be used as a rescue treatment approach.

**Methods** In two tertiary referral centers in Germany, a total of 422 digital SOC procedures performed between 2015 and 2018 were retrospectively analyzed. The examinations were performed due to a previous or expected failure of standard endoscopic techniques to treat biliary stones and only cases with a SOC-based biliary stone treatment using electrohydraulic lithotripsy (EHL) or laser lithotripsy (LL) were included.

**Results** Overall, 76 examinations with a digital SOC-assisted biliary stone treatment, performed in 61 patients, were identified. Biliary stones were mainly extrabiliary (64.5%) and less frequently intrahepatic localized (35.5%) and the median stone size was 20 mm. Complete stone removal was achieved in 67.1% of cholangioscopies, while an incomplete removal was accomplished in 32.9% of examinations. Per SOC procedure, LL and EHL were similarly effective to achieve a complete stone removal (p = 0.90). Finally, the digital SOC-based treatment of biliary stone disease was successful in 97% of all patients; however, 13% of the patients needed at least two SOC-examinations for treatment.

**Conclusions** Digital SOC-assisted biliary stone treatment is highly effective in patients with difficult biliary stone disease and should be considered the new standard of care for these patients; however, despite high treatment success rates, physicians should monitor these patients after performed procedures due to the significant rate of adverse events.

**OP34 ELECTROHYDRAULIC LITHOTRIPSY (EHL) WITH A SHORT-ACCESS-MOTHER-BABY-SYSTEM (SAMBA) FOR THE THERAPY OF COMPLICATED BILE DUCT STONES (SAMBA-EHL STUDY)**

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**Aims** Cholangioscopy with EHL is a method of choice for managing complicated biliary duct stones. The SAMBA-system is a new endoscope with a shor-
OP35 INCIDENCE AND RISK FACTORS OF REMNANT CBD STONES IN PATIENTS UNDERWENT CHOLECYSTECTOMY AFTER ENDOSCOPIC CBD STONE EXTRACTION FOR BOTH CBD STONE AND GB STONE

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Aims Patients with choledocho- cholelithiasis undergo generally cholecystectomy after endoscopic CBD stone extraction. Early recurrence of CBD stone after cholecystectomy can occur due to migration of CB stone into bile duct during operation or incomplete endoscopic removal of CBD stone. The aim of this study was to investigate the incidence and risk factors of remnant CBD stones after cholecystectomy.

Methods A total of 139 patients (mean age 59.2 yrs, male 71 (51.1%)) who underwent endoscopic CBD stones removal followed by cholecystectomy from 2011 to 2015 were included. All patients had the placement of an endoscopic nasobiliary drainage (ENBD) tube from the time after endoscopic clearance of the CBD stones to the time after the cholecystectomy. ENBD tube was obtained in all patients to check the recurrence of CBD stone after operation.

Results CBD stone recurred in 19.0% (27/139). Post operation ENBD tubeogram was done after average 2.42 days of post operation. In uroinvasive analysis for risk factors of remained CBD stone, CBD stone number > 2, GB stone number > 2, Cholesterol stone, Muddy CBD stone, max diameter of CBD > 15 mm, EST alone (rather than EPBD or EST with EPBD), performing endoscopic mechanical lithotripsy (EML) influenced the CBD stone recurrence with statistical significance. In multivariate analysis, CBD stone number > 2, Cholesterol stone, EML are significantly related with remained CBD stone after cholecystectomy.

Conclusions Considering there was relatively high rate of remnant CBD stone after cholecystectomy, a routinely consecutive ERCP after cholecystectomy is worthy to consider in patients with high risk factors.

OP36 IS DIFFICULT CHOLEDOLITHIASIS RELATED TO EARLY RECURRENCE?

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Aims To investigate if presence of difficult common bile duct (CBD) stones (CBDS) is associated with an early recurrence of CBDS following endoscopic extraction.

Methods We retrospectively analyzed data of patients who underwent ERCP/ endoscopic sphincterotomy, with successful CBD clearance, during 01/01/ 2005 – 31/12/2008 for CBDS. Symptomatic recurrences during the study period (up to 31/12/2015) were recorded. Patients were divided into two groups depending on presence or absence of difficult choledocholithiasis (defined as large (> 10 mm)/multiple (≥ 3) and/or embedded stones).

Results 495 patients were included. 62 patients with clinical significant recurrence were enrolled. 27/62 patients (43%) presented with difficult cholecystolithiasis. They relapsed after 27.4 ± 10 months. 35/62 patients (57%) exhibited “simple” lithiasis recurring after 38.7 ± 15 months. This difference in recurrence timing was statistically significant (p = 0.003). No statistically significant differences were noted (similar “recurrence profiles”) in: Episode(s) (number) of recurrence (p = 0.579), age (p = 0.929), CBD diameter (p = 0.264), CBD angulation scores (p = 0.276), interval between recurrence episodes (36 ± 24 vs. 32 ± 21, p = 0.697). Patients with difficult lithiasis required more frequently multiple ERCP sessions (p = 0.043). The main risk factor associated with an early recurrence (≤ 24 months after baseline ERCP) was the presence of difficult lithiasis at first presentation (p = 0.007).

Conclusions Difficult CBD lithiasis at first presentation appears to be a risk factor for early recurrence. It is likely that the underlying mechanism of early CBDS recurrence differs from that of the late one (>24 months). Late recurrence has been associated with Duodenal – Biliary Reflux and bile stasis. Patients with an "unfavorable stone profile" are at greater risk for residual microlithiasis, as confirmed by EUS studies, which could act as nidus for re-accumulation of lithiasic content. Microlithiasis/sludge could elude the imaging sensitivity of classical cholangiography.

OP37 CLINICAL IMPACT OF PREOPERATIVE RELIEF OF JAUNDICE FOLLOWING ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY ON DETERMINING OPTIMAL TIMING OF LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY

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Aims About 10% of patients with cholecystolithiasis also have concomitant choledocholithiasis. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy (LC) preceded by preoperative endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreato graphic (ERC) is the most commonly practiced strategy worldwide for managing co-existing gallbladder and common bile duct stones. In this study, we evaluated the optimal timing of LC according to clinical factor, focusing on preoperative relief of jaundice.

Methods A total of 153 patients who underwent elective LC after ERC because of choledocholithiasis and cholecystolithiasis from January 2010 to April 2014 were retrospectively reviewed. We compared hospital stay, perioperative morbidity, and rate of surgical conversion to open cholecystectomy according to relief of jaundice before surgery. These enrolled patients were divided into...
two groups: relief of jaundice before surgery (group 1, n = 76) or not (group 2, n = 77).

Results There were no significant differences in age, sex distribution, American Society of Anesthesiologists score, previous surgical history, white blood cell count, c-reactive protein, or operative time between the two groups. There was no significant difference in postoperative hospital stay between the two groups (4.9 ± 3.2 vs. 6.0 ± 5.2 days, p = 0.103). There were no statistical differences in conversion rate (3.9% vs. 5.4%, p = 0.717) or perioperative morbidity (0.0% vs. 3.9%, p = 0.125) either.

Conclusions LC would not be delayed until relief of jaundice after ERCP since there were no significant differences in perioperative morbidity or surgical conversion rate to open cholecystectomy. Early LC after ERCP may be feasible and safe in patients with acute cholangitis and cholecystolithiasis.

**OP38** **SINGLE-OPERATOR PERORAL CHOLANGIOPANCREATOSCOPY-GUIDED LITHOTRIPSY FOR DIFFICULT BILIARY AND PANCREATIC STONES – A PROSPECTIVE MULTICENTER STUDY**

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**Aims** ERCP is the first choice for the removal of biliary and pancreatic stones. In difficult stones, advanced therapeutic techniques, such as electrohydraulic lithotripsy (EHL) and laser lithotripsy (LL) have been proposed. Recently, the availability of single-operator cholangiopancreatography (SOPC) turned these techniques more accessible and easier to perform. We sought to evaluate the clinical efficacy and safety of SOPC-guided-lithotripsy using EHL/LL in patients with complex biliary and pancreatic stones.

**Methods** A prospective study was carried out in 3 hospitals, comprising 30 consecutive patients with complicated biliary and pancreatic stones treated with SpyGlass DS (Boston Scientific, Marlborough, United States) guided-lithotripsy using EHL or Holmium LL. We analyzed the complete cleaning of the ducts, the incidence of adverse events, the impact of the number of stones and its location on clinical success, and the performance of the 2 lithotripsy modalities.

**Results** 22 patients (73.3%) had common bile duct/common hepatic duct stones. 2 patients (6.7%) had a single cystic stump stone, 4 patients (13.3%) had pancreatic calculi and 2 patients (6.7%) had intrahepatic stones. 28 patients (93.3%) were successfully treated in one procedure and the remaining 2 patients (6.7%) required additional sessions to obtain cleaning of the ducts. 22 patients were treated with LL and 8 patients with EHL; 2 of the EHL-treated patients required more than one probe in the first ERCP; one of these patients was submitted to a subsequent ERCP in which LL was opted in, with success. The median duration of each session was 62 minutes (30–110). Complications were mild in 6 patients (20%) and included fever (n = 4), pain (n = 1) and mild pancreatitis (n = 1).

**Conclusions** SOPC-guided-lithotripsy using EHL or LL in patients with difficult biliary and pancreatic stones is very effective and is associated with transient and mild complications. There is a clear need for comparative studies between EHL and LL.

**OP39** **ENDOSCOPIC PAPILLARY AND BILIARY LARGE BALLOON DILATION IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE FOR DIFFICULT STONES REMOVAL IN PATIENTS WITH NONDILATED OR TAPERED DISTAL BILE DUCT**

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**Aims** According to guidelines, papillary/biliary balloon dilation (PBBD) should not exceed the maximum diameter of the distal bile duct and should not be performed in cases of nondilated distal bile duct. So, the use of papillary/biliary balloon dilation is contraindicated in patients with nondilated or tapered distal bile duct, in whom there is disproportion between the size of the stone and the distal bile duct. In this series, we analyze the feasibility of balloon dilation for difficult stones (> 1 cm, impacted or multiple) in patients with a narrow distal bile duct.

**Methods** Data from 1289 ERCPs from two prospective studies performed between 2014 and 2018 for post ERCP pancreatitis prevention were retrieved. 258 cases had difficult stones and 182 underwent papillary/biliary balloon dilation up to 18 mm after endoscopic papillotomy. The balloon was always inflated across the papilla up to 18 mm in order to obliterate its waist, regardless the presence of a distal situated stone. Primary outcomes were clearance rate at 1st ERCP and complications.

**Results** Of the 182 patients (120F; mean age 60 yr.), who underwent PBBD for difficult stones, 111 (61%) had non-dilated or tapered distal bile duct. Clearance rate at first ERCP was comparable among patients with dilated distal duct (67 of 71; 94%) and nondilated distal duct (102 of 111; 92%). Procedures were faster in patients with dilated distal duct (mean 17 vs. 24 min, p < 0.005). Complications were comparable in both groups (7.0% vs 7.2%).

**Conclusions** PBBD for giant, multiple or impacted stones is feasible and safe in patients with nondilated or, even narrow, distal bile duct.

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**OP40** **REPEATED ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND (EUS)-GUIDED FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION (EUS-FNA) AFTER NON-DIAGNOSTIC OR INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS – A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS**

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**Aims** EUS-guided fine needle aspiration (EUS-FNA) is the gold standard technique for the pathological diagnosis of solid pancreatic lesions. Several studies have been conducted to assess the role of repeat EUS-FNA after an inconclusive index study, reporting different outcomes. The aim of this study was to evaluate the pooled diagnostic accuracy of repeated EUS-FNA after previous non-diagnostic or inconclusive results on first attempt.

**Methods** We performed a systematic research on electronic databases (MEDLINE, PubMed, EMBASE) for relevant studies. Meta-analysis was performed to obtain pooled sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative likelihood ratio and diagnostic odd ratio. Summary ROC curve was used to calculate area under the curve. Meta-regression was used to assess the role of rapid on-site evaluation (ROSE).

**Results** 12 studies (486 patients) were included in the analysis. Pooled sensitivity was 77.1% (72.4–81.4%) and pooled specificity was 89.4% (82.9–94.1%); significant heterogeneity among studies was found both in sensitivity and specificity; positive-likelihood ratio (LR) was 5.96 (2.38–14.90) and ne-
meta-LR 0.29 (0.19 – 0.45); pooled diagnostic odd ratio (DOR) was 25.0 (7.8 – 80.2). Summary of ROC curves showed a pooled area under curve (AUROC) of 0.882 with a standard error of 0.047. Meta-regression for potential source of heterogeneity identified a significant role of ROSE: relative DOR was 14.06 (95% C.I. 3.10 – 63.7; P = 0.003) for studies conducted with ROSE.

**Conclusions**
These data provide strong evidence on the diagnostic accuracy of repeated EUS-FNA after first non-diagnostic or inconclusive results; the use of ROSE seems to be recommended in these cases.

**OP41  RISK OF ADVANCED LESIONS IN PATIENTS WITH BRANCH-DUCT IPMN AND RELATIVE INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY ACCORDING TO EUROPEAN EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDELINES**

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**Aims** Recently, European evidence-based guidelines proposed surgery for branch-duct intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasms (BD-IPMNs) based on the presence of ≥ 2 relative indications, depending on the comorbidity burden. However, most of studies to date considered patients with absolute and relative indications together and radiological examinations in the baseline evaluation.

The aim was to assess the accuracy of the guidelines in patients with relative indications, in a surgical cohort of demonstrated BD-IPMNs previously evaluated by endoscopic ultrasound (EUS).

**Methods** This is a multi-centre, observational, retrospective study. All consecutive patients with relative indications and histologically confirmed BD-IPMNs were included. Only patients assessed by EUS were included. Radiological examinations (CT, MRI) were not considered in this study. Patients with absolute indications or no indications according to recent guidelines were also excluded. Advanced lesions were invasive cancer or high-grade dysplasia.

The main outcome was the risk of advanced lesions and invasive carcinoma in patients with only relative indications.

**Results** Ninety-one patients with BD-IPMN underwent surgery because of absolute (n = 21), relative (n = 60), or no formal indications (n = 10). In total, there were 60 patients (mean age: 66 ± 9, 50% male) with one (n = 35, 58.3%) or ≥ 2 relative indications (n = 25, 41.7%). The global advanced lesion and invasive carcinoma rates were 40% and 13.3%, respectively. No risk factor was associated with high-grade dysplasia or invasive carcinoma. Patients with one indication had a lower risk of invasive carcinoma than did those with ≥ 2 relative indications (5.7% vs. 24%, respectively, p = 0.048); however, the advanced lesion rates were comparable (37% vs. 44%, p = 0.593).

**Conclusions** Invasive carcinoma is considerably more frequent in patients with two or more relative indications described by EUS. The surgical strategy in these selected cases should be decided on an individual basis.

**OP42  STAGING ESOPHAGEAL AND JUNCTIONAL CANCER: IS EUS AN ACCURATE TOOL IN T2 NO PATIENTS?**

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**Aims** Esophageal cancer (EC) is one of the most lethal malignancies worldwide. Staging of EC is performed with computed tomography (CT), endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) and (FDG) positron-emission tomography (PET). Patients can be managed in different ways, and this is influenced by the lymphnode (N)-stage of disease. Compared to surgical pathology, EUS has 85% accuracy in staging tumor depth and only about 75% accuracy in staging regional N metastases. Diagnosing clinical T2N0M0 cancers is the most challenging because an error in staging, changes the treatment. The aim of this study is to report a single high volume center’s experience in this subset of patients combined with the experience of a high volume thoracic surgery center.

**Methods** 259 patients, retrospective collected, underwent EUS for staging of EC between January 2010 and August 2018. 62 patients (49 men) received a diagnosis of cT2N0M0 disease by EUS with previous staging with CT scan and PET confirming the absence of distant/nodal metastasis. All the patient underwent standard surgical resection without preoperative chemoradiation. The preoperative EUS staging (cTNM) was then compared to surgical pathology (pTNM) results to evaluate accuracy.

**Results** Comparing preoperative EUS stage of cT2N0 with surgical pathology, 35/62 (55%) were valuated correctly, 22 (35,5%) patients resulted understaged, 5 patients (9,5%) were overstaged. Among the understated patients, it’s useful to distinguish between who was understaged by tumor depth (8 pts), by nodal involvement (7 pts) or both (8 pts). The 5 overstaged patients had a T1b stage without nodal involvement. EUS shows an accuracy of 77% in staging for tumor depth and of 84% in staging for nodal malignancy. The positive predictive value (PPV) of a cT2N0 EC was 56% (35 pT2N0/62 cT2N).

**Conclusions** Accuracy of eus staged T2N0M0 EC appears slightly sufficient, only the 56% of patients underwent appropriate therapy based on their pathological staging.

**OP43  HIGH DIAGNOSTIC ADEQUACY AND ACCURACY OF THE NEW 20G PROCore NEEDLE FOR EUS-GUIDED TISSUE ACQUISITION: RESULTS OF A LARGE MULTICENTRE RETROSPECTIVE STUDY**

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**Aims** EUS-guided fine-needle biopsy has become the standard for tissue sampling. A new 20G ProCore needle has been developed to overcome the limitations of tissue acquisition of the smaller needles (22G, 25G) and the rigidity of the larger one (19G). Aim of the study was to assess the performance of the 20G ProCore needle.
OP45  A HEAD TO HEAD ANALYSIS OF ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND AND ENDO-BRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND GUIDED FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION OF SUB-CARINAL LYMPHADENOPATHY

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Aims Very few studies have compared the diagnostic utility of these two tests in sub-carinal lymphadenopathy. The aim of this study was to compare effectiveness and safety of both modalities and assess their diagnostic accuracy.

Methods In this retrospective cross sectional study, data were collected from patients who underwent either EBUS-TBNA or EUS-FNA of sub-carinal lymphadenopathy for a range of clinical indications between February 2013 and August 2015, at Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Lahore. Histopathology, clinical and radiological follow up was considered as gold standard to calculate the sensitivity, specificity, NPV and PPV.

Results In total, 131 eligible patients (mean age 49.69 years; range 8 – 87; 51.9% males) were reviewed. Of these, 82 patients had EUS-FNA (mean age 49.68 years; range 8 – 83; 51.2% males) and 49 patients underwent EBUS-TBNA (mean age 49.69 years; range 12 – 87; 53.1% males) of sub-carinal lymph nodes. The diagnostic yield of EUS-FNA and EBUS-TBNA were 91.4% vs. 71.4% (pvalue:0.005). Only one patient in each group suffered a complication and was managed conservatively. The sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV for EUS-FNA was 92.8%, 100%, 100% and 28.5% whereas for EBUS-FNA, it was 83.8%, 100%, 100% and 69.3%.

Conclusions Beyond doubt, both EUS-FNA and EBUS-TBNA are the future of mediastinal staging obviating the need of futile or unnecessary invasive staging procedures due to their minimally invasive approach, accuracy, safety record and diagnostic reach. EUS FNA should be considered as a first line investigation for the evaluation of subcarinal lymph nodes.

OP46  YIELD OF MALIGNANT LYMPH NODE DETECTION BY EUS AND FNA IN RESTAGING AFTER NEOADJUVANT CHEMORADIOThERAPY FOR OESOPHAGEAL CANCER

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Aims Despite the known decreased accuracy, endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) and fine-needle aspiration (FNA) are believed to be potential tools for detection of residual disease after neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy (nCRT) for oesophageal cancer. This study aimed to investigate the yield of EUS and FNA for detection of malignant lymph nodes after nCRT.

Methods EUS and FNA were performed 12 weeks after completion of nCRT. Suspect lymph nodes were defined as round, hypo-echogenic, and with a size of ≥5 millimetres. Lymph nodes that were considered suspect but did not meet aforementioned criteria were recorded separately. To guide targeting of suspect lymph nodes, F18-FDG PET-CT was performed beforehand. Endoscopic nodal staging by EUS (uN) was compared to the histopathological examination of the resection specimen (ypN). Primary outcome of this study was the proportion of patients with malignant lymph nodes (ypN+) that was identified by EUS (uN+).

Results 100 consecutive patients were included in this analysis. Turnover was passable in all patients. Twenty-one patients had ypN+ residual disease of which 11 were identified by EUS (sensitivity 52%). Subsequently, 62 of 79 ypN- patients were classified accordingly by EUS (specificity 78%). More than half of patients (n = 6, 55%) in whom suspect lymph nodes did not meet predefined criteria had ypN+ residual disease. Mislabeled malignant lymph nodes were located at the coeliac trunk, the lesser curvature, and at the paraesophageal stations. Sensitivity and specificity of FNA were 75% (3/4) and 100% (11/11), respectively. FNA outcome was uncertain in 8 patients. A positive aspirate was collected in one FDG-avid lymph node that was deemed benign by EUS.

Conclusions Only half of patients with ypN+ residual disease was identified by EUS after nCRT. For this reason and the absence of false-positive findings by FNA, all lymph nodes detected after nCRT should be sampled when aiming to detect residual disease.

OP47 PERFORMANCE OF EUS-GUIDED TISSUE ACQUISITION IN SAMPLING OF GI SUBEPITHELIAL LESIONS

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Aims The pathological diagnosis of gastrointestinal subepithelial lesions (SEs) is fundamental to guide management decisions. EUS-guided tissue acquisition (EUS-TA) is crucial technique to reach the final pathological diagnosis. Different types of needles have been developed to perform fine needle biopsy (FNB) in order to overcome the limitations of standard fine-needle aspiration (FNA). The aim of the study was to evaluate the performance of EUS-TA in the diagnosis of SEs.

Methods This is a retrospective, single-center study of consecutive patients with suspected SEs underwent EUS-TA.

Results A total of 82 patients were included in the study (41 female, 50%), with mean age of 64 years (SD 11.8). The average size of the lesions was 36.5 mm (SD 23.1). 61% of lesions were in stomach, 19.5% in the duodenum, 14.6% in the esophagus and cardias, and 4.9% in the rectosigmoid colon. In 61% of cases, an FNB needle was used. Overall, the most frequent caliber used was 22 G (74.4%). Overall adequacy was reached in 75.6% of patients, without a statistically significant difference between FNA and FNB samples and between different needle calibers. However, a histological core was obtained more frequently with FNB than with FNA, 90% vs. 68.75%, respectively (p = 0.02). No immediate adverse events or technical difficulties were reported.

Fifty-one patients underwent surgical resection (62.2%). 38 of them had a diagnostic EUS-guided TA. In all of them, the pathological diagnosis obtained with EUS-TA was confirmed with the pathological analysis of surgical specimens. Overall, the pathological diagnosis was GIST in 65 patients (79.3%), leiomyoma in 6 (7.3%), desmoid tumor in 1 (1.2%), schwannoma in 2 (2.4%), no adequacy and no surgery in 8 patients (9.8%).

Conclusions EUS-FNB for suspected SEs tumors had the same adequacy of FNA, with the same profile risk, but gave more histological core.

OP48 CLINICAL PERFORMANCE OF NEW THREE POINTS 19 G ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND CORE NEEDLE FOR THE HISTOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS OF MESENCHYMAL TUMORS

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Aims Different type and size of histological needles for endoscopic ultrasound guided fine needle biopsies (EUS-FNB) have been developed, however their best application has to be defined. The diagnosis of mesenchymal tumors (MT) often requires tissue for molecular studies (i.e. ISH, FISH, NGS) beside H&E and immunohistochemistry. Aim of the study was to evaluate the clinical performance of a new three-points 19 G core needle in MT.

Methods From July 2017 to October 2018, all the consecutive patients who underwent EUS-FNB at a single referral with a three-points 19G core needle for suspected abdominal MT, were prospectively analyzed. Gross visual inspection was performed to determine the number of passes.

Results 26 patients were evaluated. The procedure was technically feasible in all cases. Five patients were excluded due to diagnosis of other malignancies. The remaining 21 patients were diagnosed with MT (17 males, mean age 51 ± 18.2 years). Based on gross visual inspection a mean number of 1.3 passes (range 1–2) were performed without major adverse events. The diagnosis was established by FNB in 20 cases (accuracy 95.2%). Final diagnosis were GIST in 10 cases, sarcoma in 3, leiomyoma in 2, angiomixoma, schwannoma, glioma, and desmoid-type fibromatosis in one case each. The mean size of the lesions was 77 mm (range 25 – 190). FNB was non-diagnostic in a patient with a large mass with lipomatous radiological features. Pathological examination showed adequate material for full histological and molecular diagnosis at the first pass in 19/20 cases.

Conclusions This is the first report on new three-points design 19 G histological EUS needle. In the setting of MT this needle showed high feasibility and safety with a high-rate of core tissue in the specimen allowing full histological and molecular evaluations. These evidences support this device as a promising tool when a histological diagnosis is needed as in case of MT.
**OP49  HIGH ACCURACY OF TRANSDUODENAL ENDOSCOPIC FINE NEEDLE BIOPSY USING A 19 G FLEXIBLE NEEDLE: A RETROSPECTIVE MULTICENTER STUDY**


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**Aims** Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration (EUS FNA) is the gold standard to obtain samples from gastrointestinal tract and pancreatic lesions. EUS-FNA is accurate especially when rapid on-site evaluation (ROSE) is performed. The use of EUS-guided fine needle biopsy (EUS FNB) can give a chance to reach a diagnosis. For lesions from the duodenum, it’s recommended the use of a nitinol 19-gauge needle that is more flexible. Recent data shared doubts about feasibility and safety of this needles used through the duodenum. The aim of the study is to evaluate the feasibility, safety and accuracy of 19-gauge nitinol flexible needle in patients with solid lesions punctured from duodenum.

**Methods** We performed a retrospective analysis of prospective databases from eight Italian Endoscopic centres, including consecutive patients with solid lesions who underwent EUS with tissue sampling through duodenum by using 19-gauge needles between 2015 and 2018. All lesions localized at pancreas, nodes, biliary/kidney/liver periduodenal abdominal masses were enrolled in the study.

**Results** 201 patients (60.2% males) met the inclusion criteria and were enrolled. EUS-FNB was performed by using the Ex-19G needle in 43.8% of cases and ExF-19G in the remaining 56.2%, through duodenal bulb (47, 23.4%), second (143, 71.1%) and third (11, 5.5%) duodenal portion. FNB was feasible in all cases, while an adequate histology sample was obtained in all but 8 cases (96.1%). 151 lesions were considered malignant and 50 were considered as benign. 154 lesions were finally considered as malignant and 47 as benign (8 inadequate samples), leading to a diagnostic accuracy for EUS-FNB of 93.5% (95% CI 89.2%-96.5%), sensitivity of 92.1% (95% CI 86.8%-95.7%), specificity of 100% (95% CI 90.5%-100%), PPV of 100%, NPV of 74% (95% CI 62.8%-82.7%).

**Conclusions** Our data suggest that 19 flexible needles can be used safely through all the duodenum providing a sufficient tissue samples to reach a diagnosis and to perform ancillary techniques.

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**OP50  FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRESSION OF GASTRIC INTESTINAL METAPLASIA IN A LOW RISK POPULATION – A MULTICENTER, PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY**


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**Aims** Gastric cancer (GC) is preceded by several gastric precursor lesions (GPL) which makes it suitable for surveillance. For low risk areas method and frequency of endoscopic surveillance is still under debate. This study aims to identify high and low risk subjects for progression of GPL to prevent unnecessary performed endoscopies. Patient characteristics and previously described discriminative serum markers at baseline (pepsinogen (PG) and gastrin-17) are assessed to predict progression of GPL.

**Methods** The PROREGAL study started in 2009 and is one of the largest prospective cohorts in the Netherlands and Norway. Inclusion: 1) ≥ 18 years of age, 2) previous diagnosis of GPL. Patients completed a questionnaire on lifestyle factors and underwent at least two endoscopies. Biopsies were obtained from visible lesions and 12 standardised stomach sites and assessed according to the operative link on gastric intestinal metaplasia (OLGIM) system. At baseline, PG and gastrin-17 samples were drawn. Progression of IM was defined as progression of OLGIM classification between follow-up (FU) endoscopy. Cox-regression was performed with a significance level of 0.05.

**Results** 308 patients (median age 61 years, IQR17; male 48.4%) were included. Median FU time was 48 months (IQR 24). During FU 116 patients showed progression of OLGIM stage (37.7%) providing an incidence rate of 9 events/100 personyears (95% CI 8.8 – 9.2). Six patients (1.9%) developed GC (0.4 events/100 personyears (95% CI 0.002 – 0.01)). History of Hp-infection, smoking, alcohol use and increased BMI did not show significant associations. Also serum levels of PG I/II, and gastrin-17 were not significantly correlated with progression of IM.

**Conclusions** This is the first study to assess RF for the progression of IM in low risk areas. Lifestyle factors were not correlated with progression of IM. Moreover, baseline serum markers are not predictive for future progression of IM during FU. Future studies should focus on the longitudinal assessment of these markers.

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**OP51  DUAL FOCUS NARROW-BAND IMAGING ENDOSCOPY FOR THE “OPTICAL BIOPSY” OF GASTRIC LESIONS**

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**Aims** The aim of this study was to evaluate the accuracy of NB features described in ESGE proposed classification (simplified NB classification for gastric lesions, Pimentel-Nunes P, et al. 2012) when using dual focus narrow-band imaging (DF-NBI) endoscopy.

**Methods** 180 gastric lesions in 97 patients (mean age 59.7 years, SD = 13.7, 48% male, 52% female) were observed with NB-DF (GIF-HQ 190, Exera III, Olympus, Japan). Mucosal patterns were classified into type A (regular circular), B (tubulo-illious) and C (irregular), presence of “light blue crests” (LBC) and demarcation line (DL) were assessed. Forceps biopsy or endoscopic resection was performed for a histological evaluation of the lesions.

**Results** From 180 gastric lesions (62 – chronic gastritis, 67 – intestinal metaplasia (IM), 20 – hyperplastic polyp, 5 – low grade dysplasia, 10 – high grade dysplasia, 16 – adenocarcinoma) 70 had pattern A, 62 – B (36 LBC+ and 26 LBC-) and 28 – C. 20 hyperplastic polyps had a specific coarse pattern and were not classified. DL was identified in 2%, 66% and 100% in patterns A, B,
and C, respectively. Sensitivity, specificity, accuracy for pattern A (for absence of IM and neoplasia) were 0.94, 0.88, 0.90, respectively; for pattern B (for IM) were 0.84, 0.94, 0.89, respectively; for pattern B+LBC +DL (for IM) were 0.97, 1.00, 0.99, respectively; for pattern C (for neoplasia) were 0.87, 0.99, 0.97, respectively.

Conclusions ESGE proposed NBI classification for gastric lesions demonstrated high diagnostic accuracy of DF-NBI endoscopy. The combination of pattern B+LBC +DL was found to be the most accurate criteria for IM. Benign hyperplastic polyps were characterized by a specific pattern that needs to be validated in further studies.

**OP52** LINKED COLOR IMAGING CONFERS BENEFITS IN PROFILING H. PYLORI INFECTION IN THE STOMACH

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**Aims** There is a high prevalence of helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) infection. White light endoscopy (WLE) can be used for evaluating the mucosal lesions, but WLE does not have high diagnostic efficiency. Linked color imaging (LCI) is a newly developed endoscopic imaging technique. This study aimed to compare LCI with WLE in detecting and staging H. pylori infection in the stomach in a randomized controlled trial.

**Methods** A total of 253 patients who had indications for gastroduodenoscopy were enrolled and randomized into Group A (n = 127), who underwent WLE followed by LCI, and Group B (n = 126), who underwent LCI followed by WLE. The digital data were collected, and the diagnostic accuracy of WLE and LCI was calculated and compared.

**Results** The overall diagnostic accuracy of WLE and LCI for H. pylori infection were 31.5% (n = 40) and 50.4% (n = 64) in Group A (P = 0.001), and 36.5% (n = 46) and 49.2% (n = 62) in Group B (P = 0.029). In both groups, LCI had higher sensitivity, specificity, and Youden index scores than did WLE. Four stages were defined in the course of H. pylori infection in the stomach. LCI staging results were more highly consistent with pathological staging than were WLE staging results (kappa value 0.772 vs. 0.516). The LCI observations were closely correlated with the pathology.

**Conclusions** LCI had a higher diagnostic efficacy for H. pylori infection in the stomach. The endoscopic color features under LCI can help to stage and profile the H. pylori-associated gastritis. This study was registered at Clinical-Trials.gov (ClinicalTrials.gov ID: NCT02724280).

**OP53** RASPBERRY SHAPED FOVEOLAR TYPE ADENOCARCINOMA

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**Aims** Atrophic gastritis and intestinal metaplasia caused by *H. pylori* infection are frequently involved in gastric cancer. A novel concept, gastric adenocarcinoma of fundic gland type (GA-FV), was recently proposed to define adenocarcinomas that apparently do not involve *H. pylori* infection. Here, we propose the new entity of gastric adenocarcinoma of foveolar type (GA-FV) and describe its characteristic endoscopy findings.

**Methods** Subjects were 1412 patients who underwent endoscopic resection of early gastric tumors (1666 lesions) at our hospital between January 2013 and August 2018. Endoscopic findings were screened for reddish semi-pedunculated protruding lesions with a morphological raspberry-like appearance and we identified 13 patients with such GA-FV (11 men, 2 women; mean age 54.2 [range, 43–62] years). Clinicopathological assessment was completed for these 13 patients.

**Results** All patients were negative for *H. pylori* infection. Tumor location was in the upper or middle part of the stomach in 12 patients and the elevated stomach in 1. Macroscopic type was 04 in all patients. Tumor size was 2–9 (mean, 4.0) mm. Pathological examination in all patients revealed intramuscular invasive carcinoma, limited to between the proliferative zone and mucosal surface with fused irregular glands and loss of compartmentalization. Nail head-like structures were observed in the top mucosal layer. All lesions remained confined to the mucosa with no vascular invasion and were immunopositive for mucin 5AC, negative for mucin 6, and diffusely positive for Ki-67.

**Conclusions** We propose GA-FV, seen as reddish semi-pedunculated protruding lesions, as a new entity of gastric adenocarcinoma.

**OP55** NARROW BAND IMAGING CHARACTERISTICS OF POLYPOID GASTRIC LESIONS: A SINGLE CENTER PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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**Aims** To investigate endoscopic NBI appearances of gastric polyloid lesions (GPL).

**Methods** Forty pts (F 55%; median age 63 (36–85) yrs) presenting at least one GPL were investigated. Gastroscopies were performed by two experienced endoscopists. GPL images were recorded during gastroscopies and GPL were removed for histological examinations. Both endoscopists independently reviewed digital images in a blinded manner and registered endoscopic NBI appearances on a specific check-list previously elaborated. Endoscopists evaluated the mucosal and vascular pattern and could further indicate other features. Disagreement was resolved by discussion. GPL were then categorized in three different groups (HP, adenomas and T1-GC) using the histological exam as gold standard.

**Results** Overall, 52 GPL were included (29 (55.8%) HP; 18 (34.6%) T1-GC; 5 (9.6%) adenomas). The median size was 7 mm (range 2–35). Agreement between endoscopists was 0.92. As shown in Table 1, the presence of a regular circular mucosal pattern was more frequently observed in HP and T1-GC compared to adenomas (p < 0.001). The presence of a central erosion with or without demarcation line was more frequently observed in T1-GC (p < 0.001 vs. HP) and adenomas had a tubule-villous mucosal pattern in 80% (p = 0.01 versus other lesions).

**Conclusions** The NBi analysis of the mucosal pattern seems to be effective to endoscopically discriminate between adenomas and HP while the main characteristic of T1-GC is the presence of a central erosion sometimes with a clear demarcation line. Accordingly, NBi could be an important tool to endoscopically distinguish the histological nature of GPL.
**OP56**  **THE DEGREE OF ENDOSCOPICALLY EVALUATED MUCOSAL ATROPHY AND GASTRIC CANCER RISK**

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**Aims** To determine the risk of gastric cancer in western patients with various degree of endoscopically evaluated mucosal atrophy.

**Methods** Data from 2 885 patients were retrospectively analyzed. The degree of mucosal atrophy was classified according to Kimura-Takemoto classification system. We analyzed the frequency of gastric cancer detection in patients with various degree of mucosal atrophy.

**Results** Among 2 885 patients 641 had no atrophy, 494 – C1, 515 – C2, 408 – C3, 241 – O1, 285 – O2, 301 – O3. Gastric cancer was detected in 68 patients (2.3%) including 8 cases of synchronous multiple tumors (totally 83 lesions; 16 – diffuse type and 67 – intestinal type). Patients with diffuse type cancer were younger than those with intestinal type (48.9 ± 3.5 vs. 67.5 ± 1.1; p < 0.0001). The relation between the degree of mucosal atrophy and frequency of gastric cancer detection was as following: 0 degree – 6 cases (0.9%) of cancer; C1 – 1 (0.2%); C2 – 2 (0.6%); C3 – 4 (0.9%); O1 – 10 (4.1%); O2 – 13 (4.6%); O3 – 31 (10.2%). The cancer risk was significantly higher with opened type atrophy than with no or closed type (< 0.00001). Intestinal type of cancer was more common for patients with O1 – O3 atrophy and diffuse type – for patients with O1 and C1 – C3 atrophy (< 0.00001).

**Conclusions** The degree of endoscopically evaluated mucosal atrophy can be used to predict gastric cancer risk and to select the group patients who need endoscopic surveillance.

**OP57**  **GASTRIC POLYPS: A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT ANALYSIS OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND PHENOTYPIC CHARACTERISTICS**

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**Aims** Gastric polyps are usually benign lesions incidentally found during upper gastrointestinal endoscopy. Aim of this study was to identify the frequency and topography of different types of gastric polyps as well as their epidemiologic characteristics.

**Methods** All gastroscopies having been performed in our center over the last 15 years were retrospectively reviewed (1.1.2003 – 28.2.2018). Demographics, morphological and histological characteristics of polyps were collected.

**Results** Nine hundred eighty nine (4.1%) patients with at least one gastric polyp were identified from a total of 23 668 gastroscopies. Mean patient age was 63.6 years old (range 15 – 92) with 58.8% being female. 46.5% of patients had more than one polyp detected. 66.3% of patients had polyps sized less than 5 mm while 3.7% had large polyps sized more than 20 mm. The most common site of polyp detection was fundus (37%) and 19.6% of patients had polyps in more than one sites of the stomach. 47.4% of patients had hyperplastic, 6.5% had adenomatous and 30.1% had fundic gland polyps. Some other pathology was detected in the rest 15.9% of patients. High Grade Dysplasia, detected in 5.6% of patients, was recognized only in adenomatous polyps.

**Conclusions** Gastric polyps were rather rare (4%) in our study population and more common in women. Most patients harbored hyperplastic polyps while adenomas represented the least common but more aggressive histological type.


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**Aims** Epidemiologic and phenotypic characteristics of gastric polyps are directly associated to Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI) use and Helicobacter pylori (Hp) infection. Aim of this study was to outline any changes of these parameters during different time periods.

**Methods** All gastroscopies having been performed in our center over the last 15 years were retrospectively reviewed. Demographic, topographic and histological characteristics of polyps as well as Hp infection were documented. Differences of the aforementioned parameters between 1.1.2003 – 30.6.2010 (Period 1) and 1.7.2010 – 31.12.2017 (Period 2) were analyzed using Chi Square test.

**Results** The most common site of polyp detection, polyp histology and number of polyps per patient (data not shown) were significantly different between the 2 periods (Table 1). No difference was detected in demographic characteristics as well as polyp size. Hp was found positive in 25.54% of gastroscopies. Patients harboring hyperplastic polyps had significantly higher chance of having positive Hp in Period 2 compared to Period 1.

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**Conclusions** During the last few years a significant rise of fundic gland over hyperplastic polyps is observed, probably due to decreasing Hp prevalence and increasing PPI use in the West. That explains change of the most common polyp site to fundus and more polyps per patient between Period 1 and 2 in our study population. Hp was more regularly investigated in patients with hyperplastic polyps during Period 2 reflecting better clinical practice after the release of relevant guidelines.

**OP59**  **DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY OF ACETIC ACID OR CRYSTAL VIOLET ENHANCED NARROW BAND IMAGING (NBI) FOR DETECTING GASTRIC INTESTINAL METAPLASIA (MAPS) USING EGGIM AND SIMPLIFIED NBI CLASSIFICATION**

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**Aims** To evaluate the sensitivity, specificity and the predictive value of acetic acid-enhanced NBI (AA-NBI) or crystal violet-enhanced NBI (CV-NBI) versus white-light endoscopy (WLE) using endoscopic grading of gastric intestinal metaplasia (EGGIM) and simplified NBI classification compared to Operative Link for Gastritis assessment based on Intestinal Metaplasia (OLGIM/OLGA) assessment in patients referred for upper endoscopy with suspected gastric intestinal metaplasia (GIM).

**Methods** In this prospective study we enrolled in 34 patients age 30 – 75 years with dyspepsia based on presenting signs and symptoms, who underwent upper endoscopy and biopsy of the mucosa in mono-center study at “Tsaritsa Yoanna – ISUL” University Hospital, Sofia, Bulgaria. We divided the
patients into 3 groups: 12 patients using WLE + random biopsy, 10 patients using CV-NBI and targeted biopsy and 12 patients using AA-NBI and targeted biopsy. The ability of the three different methods to diagnose GIM in these patients was compared. We compare EGGIM and simplified NBI classification with the results from OLGIM/OLGA.

**Results**

Of 34 patients included in the analysis, the diagnosis of GIM was confirmed in 4 (11.8%) and excluded in 30 (88.2%) patients, of which 3 (75%) were diagnosed by AA-NBI and 1 (25%) by CV-NBI as compared to WLE, no patient was identified with random biopsy. Therefore, the overall diagnostic accuracy of chromoendoscopy using EGGIM score is with sensitivity 83.3% and specificity 82.12%, positive predictive values 50% and negative predictive values 95.83% for detecting GIM using OLGIM/OLGA.

**Conclusions**

AA-NBI and CV-NBI showed high sensitivity, specificity and very high NPV for detecting (diagnosing) GIM in patients with gastric atrophy and significantly higher diagnostic yield compare to WLE+random biopsy. Chromoendoscopy combined with NBI should be used for detecting GIM and can improve the accuracy of endoscopy-targeted biopsies in patients with suspected gastric atrophy. Further bigger studies are needed to establish the efficacy of AA-NBI and CV-NBI.

**OP61V ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF ACCIDENTAL PORTAL VEIN PUNCTURE DURING CHOLEDOCHODUODENOSTOMY USING HOT-AXIOS LUMEN APPOSING METAL STENT**

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**Introduction**

EUS-guided choledochoduodenostomy is an endoscopic alternative technique to PTHB drainage in patients with malignant distal biliary obstruction when ERCP has failed. However, it is not well established how the procedure must be performed when using lumen-apposing metal stents (LAMS) and severe complications associated with the technique may occur. So our aim was to describe the endoscopic management of an accidental portal vein puncture during this procedure.

**Endoscopic technique**

We report a clinical case of a 65 year-old woman with obstructive jaundice due to locally advanced unresectable pancreatic adenocarcinoma. After ERCP failure, EUS-guided choledochoduodenostomy was performed. A dilated common bile duct (CBD) (14 mm) was observed so a HOT-Axios catheter using electrocautery was inserted directly into the CBD; after that, a guidewire was introduced through LAMS catheter. However, after CBD puncture, LAMS catheter and the guidewire were observed inside portal vein. The procedure was continued controlling that the opening of distal flange took place within the CBD. Once the proximal flange was delivered, a severe bleeding was observed through LAMS. After that, EUS was exchanged by a gastroscope. A guidewire trough LAMS using a sphincterotome was introduced, and the guidewire was passed across the tumor and finally across the papilla. Then, EUS-guided biliary rendezvous technique was performed. A fully-covered self-expandable metal stent was placed to seal disruption between the CBD and portal vein.

Finally, the patient was discharged after 72 h without any complication (pain, rebleeding or infection), and bilirubin test normalized after 7 days.

**Conclusions**

EUS-guided choledochoduodenostomy using Hot-Axios stent placement may be faster than using conventional self-expandable metal or plastic stents, however LAMS-related severe complications may occur. By introducing a guidewire into CBD before LAMS delivery, accidental portal vein puncture may be avoided.
Peripheral branches. HGS with a plastic stent in a dilated biliary ducts have a high risk of bile leakage. Two 7F pig-tail stents were placed through the LAMS in opposite directions to prevent dysfunction. EUS-FNA and brush cytology of a polypoid mass in the proximal CBD was performed with eventually inconclusive results. The patient cleared his jaundice. A second attempt at tissue diagnosis was made two weeks later. A transnasal upper endoscope 5-mm in diameter was passed through the LAMS into the proximal CBD, where a polypoid mass was seen. The LAMS was removed and the scope was reintroduced through the naked mature HGS fistula. A modified Intraductal polypectomy was performed with SF-polypectomy snare and the specimen was retrieved. Tissue diagnosis of cholangiocarcinoma was confirmed. The LAMS was put back in place at the HGS. Two argon fulguration sessions by STAC through HGS were performed. Patient remains asymptomatic.

Conclusions Favorable Anatomical and technical factors made EUS-guided HGS with LAMS the best option in this case. Specimen of STAC-guided Intraductal polypectomy afforded diagnosis of cholangiocarcinoma after prior negative EUS-FNA. Coaxial Pigtail minimize the risk of migration. Several successful tumor ablation sessions using STAC by HGS were performed.

OP63V SINGLE-SCOPE MONO-RAIL EUS-GUIDED RENDEZVOUS TO SALVAGE FAILED DUODENAL INTUBATION AND FAILED BILIARY CANNULATION

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Introduction All reported variants of EUS-guided rendezvous (EUS-RV) require echoendoscope exchange. Exchanging the echoendoscope is tricky because it entails the risk of guidewire loss (Baron & Levy, PMID: 22622737). We describe a new variant of EUS-RV that does not require echoendoscope exchange. This was combined with the previously reported mono-rail RV, using a home-made sphincterotome.

Description 93-year-old old woman. Cholangitis. MRI: gallbladder hydrops, cholelithiasis, choledocholithiasis, hiatal hernia containing stomach and intestinal loops. ERCP: impossible to pass pylorus with duodenoscope, despite compression, postural changes and others for 1-hour. Second ERCP: the duodenoscope loops again in stomach. We proceed to an EUS-guided approach with possible antegrade removal of choledocholithiasis and/or access + drainage from the gallbladder. Transgastric EUS-guided biliary access was ruled out due to the lack of intrahepatic bile-duct dilation. With the echoendoscope in the bulb, we punctured with19G needle the distal CBD passing antegrade through papilla a 0.025 guidewire. After removing the needle and pushing the guide, we unexpectedly accessed the second duodenal portion. We introduced with a snare the distal end of the guide inside the channel, although the guidewire slipped out by the mounting friction before retrieving it. We cut a slot at the tip of a standard sphincterotome, sliding it under endoscopic vision over the distal end of the guide. With a second guide through the sphincterotome lumen, we obtained bile-duct access and completed sphincterotomy and extraction of choledocholithiasis.

Conclusions Rigidity of the echoendoscope allowed the transpyloric passage when it had been impossible to achieve it with a duodenoscope in a patient with giant hiatal hernia. This serendipitous finding is intriguing. We were able to perform the ERCP with the echoendoscope itself without the need for exchange, an auto-rendezvous mono-rail technique, which others might also find useful in extreme cases such as the one presented.

OP64V EUS-DIRECTED TRANSGASTRIC ERCP IN A BILLROTH II GASTRECTOMY BY USING LUMEN-APPOSING METAL STENT

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In Billroth II anatomy, ERCP is challenging. Intubation of the afferent limb is sometime impossible due to an acute angle or long afferent limb. We present a patient with Billroth ii gastrectomy admitted due to biliary sepsis secondary to choledocholithiasis. The afferent limb was not accessible with the duodenoscope and gastroscope, due to acute angle for accessing the afferent limb and for long afferent loop. A nasobiliary catheter was inserted into the afferent limb and contrast, physiological and methylene blue were instilled to distend the afferent limb.

By means of endoscopic ultrasound, a portion of the loop near the gastric lumen was located, confirming by needle puncture and guidewire, which corresponds to the part closest to the papillary area. EUS-guided gastrojejunostomy was performed with a 15 × 10 mm Hot Axios stent. Subsequently, an ERCP was performed advancing the duodenoscope through the axis to the afferent limb, cannulating with double guidewire technique. During the extraction of a stone, it was impacted in the papilla. Electrohydraulic lithotripsy (EHL) was performed by introducing the Autolith probe through an extractor balloon. The fragmentation of the stones was completed by cholangioscopy with SpyGlass and EHL.

Conclusions There are no previously described cases of gastroenteroanastomosis bridge in patients with Billroth II for the performance of ERCP. This procedure is feasible with lumen-apposing metal stent and may be useful in some cases in which the afferent limb can not be accessed.

OP65V ANTERGRADE BILIARY DRAINAGE AS SECOND STEP AFTER EUS HEPATICOGASTROSTOMY (ABD-HG) FOR MANAGING BENIGN BILIO-DIGESTIVE ANASTOMOTIC STRICTURES

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Introduction and aims Benign strictures of bilio-digestive anastomoses (ABDS) are classical complications after biliary surgery. We propose an approach in two consecutive steps:

1. EUS-guided HG to create an access to the biliary tree;
2. antegrade treatment of the sticture.

The objectives were to evaluate the feasibility, the safety, and the efficacy of this strategy.

Methods Monocentric retrospective study including patients with ABDS managed by ADB-HG. One month after the first step was scheduled an antegrade treatment being:

1. anastomotic dilatation using 8 mm balloon + double pigtaill stents (DPS) placement if the ABDS was crossed;
2. antegrade cholangioscopy (+ electro-hydraulic lithotrity) in case of lithiasis.

Results 12 patients (mean of 61 years) were included. Nine had a hepaticojejunal stricture, 2 biliary stricture with duodenal occlusion, and one a post-hepatectomy defect of the convergence. The symptoms were 50% of cholangitis, 50% of jaundice.

First step: the technical and clinical success were 100% (SEMS placement in 9 cases, DPS and/or naso-biliary drain in 2, and dilatation + DPS in case of failure. There
were 4 post-operative adverse events (3 cholangitis, 1 abscess) managed conservatively.

Second step: was done after 7 weeks intervals. The ABDS was crossed in 36.4%, allowing for dilation and DPS placement. In other cases (63.6%), hepatogastric stents were placed (4 DPS; 4 SEMS). Two patients had antegrade cholangiography with electro-hydraulic lithotripsy for macrolithiasis (Video).

Then, a mean of 4.4 subsequent ambulatory endoscopies were performed, with final crossing and dilation of the ABDS in 75% (+DPS). There was no complication. In a mean follow-up of 100 weeks [12 – 213]. One patient had one dilation without recurrence, the 11 others undergo stent exchanges every year and remain asymptomatic.

Conclusion The management of ABDS with this two-steps approach, allowed for stricture repermeabilization rate of 75% and constant clinical symptoms regression.

**OP66V BURIED LUMEN-APPOSING METAL STENT (LAMS) IN ESOPHAGO-GASTRIC ANASTOMOSIS: THE LAMS-IN-LAMS RESCUE TREATMENT**

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A 61-year-old man presented with progressive dysphagia and post prandial vomiting one year after undergoing esophago-gastric anastomosis for adenocarcinoma of the gastroesophageal junction. Upper endoscopy revealed a high grade, 1 cm long anastomotic stricture at 25 cm from incisors which failed to respond to multiple, serial 15 mm balloon dilation sessions. He subsequently underwent uneventful 15 mm diameter lumen apposing metal stent ((LAMS), Axios, Boston Scientific, Marlborough, MA) placement. This resulted in complete resolution of his symptoms. At six months follow up endoscopy, almost the entire LAMS was found to be embedded with significant tissue overgrowth. A second 15 mm LAMS was placed with “stent within stent” technique, completely overlapping the first LAMS. During three months follow up endoscopy, both LAMS were easily removed in an atrumatic fashion using a rat-tooth forceps. Post removal inspection of the first LAMS revealed complete disintegration of the coating which led to its embedding due to the prolonged in-dwell time.

Tissue overgrowth resulting in embedding of LAMS is a rare complication. It results from the foreign body reaction when used for the management of benign strictures. In the setting of benign tissue hyperplasia, forcible removal of the stent has been reported to cause luminal perforation. Thus, the “stent in stent” technique for removal of embedded covered metal stents has gained the best acceptance among the endoscopists. This technique involves placement of another stent covering its entirety the inside of the trapped stent. This second stent should be of the same diameter, in order to achieve tissue necrosis of the hyperplasia resulting in easy, atrumatic removal of embedded stent. To our knowledge, this is the first report of successful removal of embedded LAMS using stent within stent technique.

**OP67V EUS GUIDED ENTEROENTEROSTOMY FOR AFFERENT LIMB SYNDROME**

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**Background** Afferent limb syndrome (ALS) is a rare complication of duodenopancreactectomy resulting from the mechanical obstruction of the afferent limb usually after local malignancy recurrence. Conventional management of ALS (ie surgery and conservative palliative therapy) is often unsatisfactory.

**Methods** We present here five cases of EUS guided internal drainage of the afferent limb using lumen apposing metal stents (LAMS). IRB approval/written consent not needed.

**Results** All procedures were successful with no related complications, two patients had a complete regression of their symptoms, one experienced cholangitis recurrence after 3months, two patients died after some weeks due to their malignancies.

**Conclusions** EUS-guided entero-enterostomy by LAMS offers a convenient and safe palliative solution for patients presenting ALS due to progressive malignancy after duodenopancreactectomy.

**Friday, April 5, 2019 08:30 – 10:30**

**Video upper GI 1**

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**OP68V FIRST SUCCESSFUL SCAR EXCISION, RE-VASCULARIZATION AND TRANSPLANTATION OF SMALL INTESTINAL MUCOSA TO THE CERVICAL ESOPHAGUS IN MAN**

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A 62 year old man had undergone a curative circumferential tubular endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) from 20 – 27 cm aborally in july 2015 due to an early SCC located in the upper esophageal sphincter area. Different measures to prevent stricture formation failed and one year later the patient had to return every 10 days to the hospital for dilation. Due to poor surgical alternatives an experimental concept was carried out after acute and chronic animal experiments in the pig. The scar was first excised in a tubular fashion from the upper esophageal sphincter over 7 centimeters and a PEG tube placed into the stomach. Two polyurethan vacuum sponges were implanted into the cervical esophagus and changed every 3 – 4 days over 20 days in order to stimulate neovascularization.

In a second intervention a 30 cm segment of small intestine was harvested surgically, specially prepared and transplanted to the priority conditioned scar area. The specimen was temporarily fixed against the wall using a non-covered nitinol stent. Two month after the second procedure several islands of histologically proven vital PAS positive small intestinal mucosa could be observed. In the meantime, small intestinal mucosa can clearly be visualized at the transplantation site. Clinically the patient has recovered completely from the intervention and works full time as engineer.

Our case shows the feasibility of a new concept: endoscopic scar excision, induction of neo-vascularization in analogy to plastic surgery over 3 weeks and transplantation of surgically harvested and specially prepared small intestinal mucosa the pretreated area. The concept offers a new perspective for the treatment and potentially the prevention of scar formation after primary tubular mucosal excision in the esophagus.
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OP69V SUBMUCOSAL TUNNELING ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION (STER) FOR OBSTRUCTIVE DUODENAL LIPOMA

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A 35-year-old male presented with a 6-month history of postprandial epigastric pain and nausea. Gastroscopy revealed a 3 cm soft subepithelial mass that originated from the duodenal bulb and prolapsed into the antrum. Endoscopic ultrasonography showed a hyperechoic homogenous mass that originated from the submucosal layer of the duodenum, consistent with a lipoma. The mass had a broad base, preventing the application of endoscopic loop ligation. Therefore, submucosal tunneling endoscopic resection (STER) technique was applied. A mixture of hydroxyethyl starch (500 ml) with methylene blue (1 ml) and epinephrine (1 mg) was injected above the pylorus. Then, a submucosal pocket was created at the lesser curvature of the antrum that was extended all along the length of the superior wall of the duodenal bulb. The endoscope was advanced between the superior pole of the lesion and the duodenal wall. Dissection of the inferior and posterior part of the lesion was achieved with a blunt tip knife in order to diminish the risk of perforation due to poor visualization or due to tangential access. In addition, a tapered tip cap was used in order to push the endoscope into the tight space between the mass and the underlying duodenal mucosa. Finally, the lesion was completely resected and the specimen was retrieved with a basket. At the end of the procedure small incisions were made around the edges of the entrance of the tunnel. These superficial defects allowed clip grip for traction and apposition. Using two clips, the mucosal defect was partially closed. Complete closure was achieved with additional clips. The patient was discharged after 24 hours and had an uneventful recovery. At 10 months of follow up the patient remains asymptomatic and endoscopy showed a smooth passage of the gastroscope to the duodenum.

OP70V EUS-GUIDED TREATMENT OF GASTRIC FUNDAL VARICES WITH COMBINED INJECTION OF COILS AND CYANOACRYLATE GLUE: INITIAL EXPERIENCE OF A BRAZILIAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION

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Conventional endoscopic treatment of gastric fundus varices (GOV 2/IGV 1) consists of the application of cyanoacrylate glue, however, such technique is associated with risk of embolization and re-bleeding. The aim of this study was to evaluate the efficacy and complication rate of combined injection of coils and cyanoacrylate glue in the secondary prophylaxis of gastric fundus variceal bleeding. Single-center retrospective review of prospectively collected data investigating consecutive patients that underwent EUS-guided treatment of gastric fundal varices with combined injection of coils and cyanoacrylate glue March 2018 and June 2018, at an Academic Institution. A trained operator performed procedures. Standard diagnostic upper endoscopy was first performed. EUS was performed using a forward-viewing curved linear array echoendoscope. Active flow within GFV was confirmed by color Doppler before treatment. The transesophageal approach was preferred. EUS-directed intravascular puncture of the GFV was performed using a standard FNA needle (19G) and two embolization coils 14 mm were delivered into the varix through the FNA needle. The immediate injection of 1-ml aliquots of n-butyl-cyanoacrylate after coil deployment was made through the same needle. The main outcomes measured were hemostasis, obliteration on surveillance EUS, post-treatment bleeding rate and adverse events. The technical success occurred in 6/6 cases (100%) and the therapeutic success in 6/6 cases (100%). There were no adverse events. Control with echoendoscopy at 8 weeks showed no doppler flow in all six cases. During the follow-up period (156 days, range 56 – 206), there was no recurrence of bleeding. EUS-guided treatment of gastric fundal varices with combined injection of coils and cyanoacrylate glue proved to be safe and effective in this small series of cases. Especially in patients with portosyphic shunt, combined EUS-guided treatment should be considered.

OP71V UNDERWATER RESECTION OF DUODENAL SUBMUCOSAL TUMOR AND ENDOSCOPIC FULL THICKNESS SUTURING

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A 61-year-old man was referred to our institute for subepithelial lesion of the duodenal bulb. Echographic imaging showed a 15-millimeter in diameter, homogeneous, hypoechoic lesion of the fourth layer of the inferior wall of the duodenal bulb. The EUS-guided fine needle aspiration showed a gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST). The increasing in size of the GIST with respect to the previous examination indicated resection, which remains the only modality that can offer a permanent cure of GISTs, and avoid tumor rupture and injuries to the pseudocapsule. Considering the will of the patient and in order to avoid major surgery, a multidisciplinary team (endoscopist, oncologist, and surgeon) proposed an endoscopic mini-invasive approach. The procedure was performed under general anesthesia with administration of prophylactic antibiotics. Dissection was performed using an O-type HybridKnife (Erbe Elektromedizin, Germany) and we just and only inflate saline solution in the lumen in order to prevent retroperitoneal CO2 leak and the consequent subcutaneous emphysema. We performed a full-thickness resection to achieve a radical oncological resection. The excision resulted in a complete duodenal wall defect, about 25 x 25 mm in length, which was closed with tree endosutures placed using OverStitch Endoscopic Suturing System (Apollo Endosurgery, USA). In the post-procedural phase, the patient developed hypochondriac pain easily controlled with single dose of ibuprofen and oral intake was restarted in the fourth post-operative day. In the successively two months follow-up the patient remained asymptomatic. In conclusion, endoscopic full-thickness resection of duodenal GIST appears to be safe even if skill demanding and can be a valid mini-invasive alternative to surgery.

OP72V MULTIPLE OVER-THE-SCOPE CLIPS (OTSCS) AS FIRST-LINE THERAPY OF WIDE DUODENAL BLEEDING ULCER IN ANTICOAGULATED PATIENT: A VIDEO REPORT

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The Over-The-Scope Clip (OTSC, Ovesco Endoscopy GmbH, Tübingen, Germany) is a safe and effective tool for the treatment of bleeding and perforations of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. Concerning GI bleeding, it is recommended as rescue therapy after failure of primary hemostasis, but it is also useful as first-line therapy, particularly in high-risk lesions located in difficult sites (i.e. angulus, posterior duodenal wall) or in high-risk patients (ongoing anti-thrombotic therapy). To the best of our knowledge, the successful placement of 3 adjacent OTSCs as primary hemostasis of a wide high-risk duodenal ulcer has not been described in medical literature.
Here, we report the case of a 76-years-old man hospitalized for pneumonia complicated by new-onset atrial fibrillation. After the beginning of anticoagulation therapy, melena and anemia occurred. Emergency upper GI endoscopy showed a wide (40 mm in diameter) Forrest IIa ulcer, with 3 bleeding vessels, on the supero-anterior duodenal wall, near to the Vater papilla.

Considering the overall high risk of therapeutic failure and rebleeding, three non-traumatic 11/6 mm OTSCs adjacent to each other were successfully deployed with suction technique, paying attention to avoid any involvement of Vater papilla. Complete hemostasis was obtained and no lumen stenosis occurred.

Few days later, second endoscopic look confirmed the 3 OTSCs with progressive ulcer’s healing and the patient was discharged home on anti-thrombotic therapy.

In conclusion, even though the procedure is challenging, the closely placement of 3 OTSCs is feasible and effective as first-line treatment of wide high-risk ulcer in patient ongoing anti-thrombotic therapy. However, particular caution is necessary to avoid bilary and/or pancreatic injuries.

OP73V ENDOscopic REMOVAL of MIGRATED ADJUSTABLE GASTRIC BANDING

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Background and aims Intragastric band migrations or dysfunctions are common long-term complications of laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (Lap-Band) that classically require surgical treatment. In this video case we describe the endoscopic removal of partially eroded Lap-Bands.

Material and methods We present the case of a 61-years-old female that underwent a Lap-Band in 2002 for morbid obesity (weight 150 Kg, BMI 55.1). In November 2017 she had abdominal pain and an EGD showed erosion of the gastric mucosa and partial intragastric migration of the Lap-Band (> 50%). After surgical removal of the subcutaneous reservoir an endoscopic procedure was planned to remove the migrated gastric band. The procedure was performed under general anesthesia, with CO2 insufflation and using a therapeutic gastroscope (GF-IT 160, Olympus, Japan).

Results The ring was captured with a guidewire (Jagwire, Boston Scientific, Marlborough, MA) under endoscopic control and fluoroscopic control in a ‘loop shape’. The endoscope was then removed, and a mechanical lithotripter (Endobair, London, UK) was placed over the 2 extremities of the wire and a biliary lithotripter device was used to cut the migrated band. The band was then pushed into the stomach, captured with a snare and pulled out. There were no procedure related complications.

Conclusions Endoscopic removal of intragastric migrated Lap-Band is safe, repeatable and procedure and is a viable alternative over surgery.

OP74V ENDOscopIC TREATMENT of A DIvERTICULAR OEsoPHAGEAL DUPLICATION

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Aims Oesophageal duplications are rare congenital malformations, presenting as cystic, tubular or diverticular. Oesophageal duplications can remain asymptomatic for decades, and clinical manifestations can occur at any moment.

Methods We present the case of a 24-year-old man with an oesophageal duplication, who received successful endoscopic treatment.

The patient, with mental retardation, had a history of dysphagia since the childhood. Dysphagia worsened recently, and was associated with regurgitation and abdominal pain. For this reason, he underwent barium oesphagram and esophagogastrroduodenoscopy that showed a paraesophageal diverticulum suggestive for diverticular oesophageal duplication.

Open surgery was attempted, but eventually the diverticulum was not excised, being the resection considered too dangerous.

The patient was thus referred to our Unit. Preliminary esophagogastrroduodenoscopy confirmed the presence of a diverticulum, extended for 7 cm, and starting at 35 cm from the upper incisors. A cap-assisted septotomy was performed. The endoscopic procedure was done with the patient supine, under general anaesthesia. The septum between the original oesophageal lumen and the diverticulum was carefully cut with a needle-knife.

At the end of the procedure, endoscopic clips were placed at the base of incision, to prevent bleeding and perforation.

Results Post-operative course was uneventful. A water-soluble contrast study on first post-operative day confirmed the absence of leakages or stasis into the diverticulum. On second post-operative day the patient started oral feeding and, two days later, he was discharged.

Six months after the treatment he is in good clinical conditions, having normal diet, without dysphagia or regurgitation.

Conclusions To our knowledge, this is the first report of a completely endoscopic treatment of diverticular oesophageal duplication. The procedure was relatively easy and extremely rapid. Recovery after the operation was very quick, with an early oral feeding. This procedure should probably be considered as first line therapy of this rare disorder.

OP75V ENDOscopIC CLOSURE OF COMPLEX OEsoPHAGO-PLEURO-CUTANEOUS FISTULA

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Aim Oesophago-pleural fistula is a difficult complication to treat in post gastrectomy patients, often requiring surgical interventions. However, recent advances mean that endoscopic techniques can provide a safe and effective alternative. Here, we describe a case of successful endoscopic closure of a oesophago-jejunal-pleurocutaneous fistula using multimodality endoscopic closure.

Methods A 64-year-old lady, who previously had a total gastrectomy for a neuroendocrine tumour presented with malnutrition and postprandial back pain. Investigations confirmed a fistulous tract at the site of oesophageo-jejunal anastomosis into the right pleura which was tracking into the posterior thoracic wall.

Initial attempts with naso-jejunal feeding as well as three attempts of fibrin glue injection failed to heal the fistula. Malnutrition and poor functional status precluded surgical intervention. Hence, endoscopic closure of fistulous tract was attempted.

After careful inspection, the tract was vigorously brushed using biliary cytolytic glue. An OVESCO anchor was used to pull the opening of fistula and a 12T OVESCO clip was applied to the edges of the defect with constant soft suction to achieve watertight closure. Following deployment of an over the scope OVESCO clip, technical success was confirmed by direct endoscopic visualization and by fluoroscopic confirmation, showing no contrast extravasation.
Results Once normal feeding was established, the patient was discharged. She has been followed up at 2 weeks and a few months, with no evidence of recurrence of the fistula.

Conclusion Although surgery remains the preferred treatment for anastomotic fistulae, recent advances in endoscopic techniques have provided a safer and more effective alternative. This case demonstrates the safety and effectiveness of a multimodal endoscopic approach in the managing complex fistulae.

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OP77 TERMINAL ILEUM ILEOSCOPY AND HISTOLOGY IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING HIGH-DEFINITION COLONOSCOPY WITH VIRTUAL CHROMO-ENDOSCOPY FOR CHRONIC NON-BLOODY DIARRHEA: A PROSPECTIVE MULTI-CENTER STUDY

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Aims Ileo-colonoscopy is the procedure of choice for chronic non-bloody diarrhea (CNBD) of unknown origin. The histological evaluation at different colonic sites is mandatory to assess the presence of microscopic colitis. However, the value of routine ileal biopsy on normal-appearing mucosa as assessed with standard-resolution white-light ileoscopy is controversial given its reported low diagnostic yield. Hence, we have assessed for the first time the accuracy of retrograde ileoscopy using high-definition and dye-less chromo-endoscopy (HD+DLC) thereby calculating the impact and cost of routine ileal biopsy in CNBD.

Tab. 1 Statistical measures of the performance of retrograde ileoscopy with HD plus virtual chromo-endoscopy using histopathology as the gold standard

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Methods Patients with CNBD of unknown origin were prospectively enrolled for ileo-colonoscopy with HD+DLC in 5 referral centers. Multiple biopsies were systematically performed in each colo-rectal segment and terminal ileum for histo-pathological analysis.

Results Between 2014 and 2017, 546 consecutive patients were recruited. Retrograde ileoscopy success rate was 97.6%. 492 patients (mean age: 53 ± 18 years) fulfilled all the inclusion criteria: following endoscopic and histo-pathological work-up, 7% had lymphoid nodular hyperplasia and 3% had isolated ileitis. Compared to the histo-pathology as the gold standard, retrograde ileoscopy with HD-DLC showed 93% sensitivity, 98% specificity and 99.8% negative predictive value. In patients with normal ileo-colonoscopy, ileum histology had no diagnostic gain and came with a US$ 26.5 cost per patient.

Conclusions Retrograde ileoscopy with HD-DLC predicts the presence of ileitis in CNBD with excellent performance. The histo-pathological evaluation of the terminal ileum is the gold standard for the diagnostic assessment of visible lesions but has no added diagnostic value in CNBD patients with negative ileo-colonoscopy inspection using modern endoscopic imaging techniques.

OP78 FUTURE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR DEVICE ASSISTED ENTEROSCOPY: WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM CURRENT PRACTICE

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Aims: Introduction ESGE has recommended device-assisted-enteroscopy (DAE) is used to confirm and treat small bowel lesions. DAE is relatively new and lacks Key Performance Indices (KPI). Quality of DAE would have significant impact on patient outcome; assessment of current practice could highlight important future KPIs.

Aims To identify potential KPIs for DAE through assessment of current practice in a single university-affiliated DAE centre.

Methods DAE procedures from 2014 – 2017 were included. Electronic records were reviewed including small-bowel capsule-endoscopy (SBCE) reporting system. Demographics, indication, findings, histology, intervention and complication rates were documented. Data was analysed according to potential KPI and compared using a ch2 test, a p<0.05 was considered significant.

Results 251 DAE cases were reviewed; 146 (58%) male; mean age 59±17years. Of DAE-procedures, 186 (74%) were antegrade; average depth of insertion was significantly longer 2.37±0.97 vs. 1.06±0.66 m for antegrade versus retrograde, p<0.0001 (95%CI 1.05 – 1.58). 83% (n = 206) had small bowel imaging. The overall diagnostic yield was 58% (n = 145); 30% (n = 74) involved a therapeutic procedure, and tattooing was undertaken in 36% (n = 99). Complications was low, 2 (0.8%); one post-polypectomy bleed and one mild pancreatitis.

Diagnostic yield was higher for patients with a prior SBCE (64%, n = 103/162) compared to both those with prior radiology (51%, n = 21/47) or without prior small bowel imaging (47%, n = 42/89), p = 0.02, OR 1.9 (95%, Cl-1.15 – 3.3). Therapeutic intent was achieved in 98% (n = 74/75) of cases including APC, polypectomies and tattooing for localisation. Independent trainees, trainees under supervision or a consultant performed 21%, 49% and 30% of procedures respectively. Reporting of positive findings was significantly higher 66% vs. 49% (p = 0.02) by independent trainees.

Overall reporting quality was good with approach, indication and bowel preparation clearly documented in 99.6% (n = 250), while depth of insertion was reported in 95% (n = 238) and findings in 100%.

Conclusions DAE in our practice was effective and associated with few complications. Our data suggests that pre-screening with SBCE could be a future KPI, enhancing diagnostic yield and targeting approach.

OP79 RISK OF SMALL BOWEL BLEEDING ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS OR ANTIPLATELET AGENTS: A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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Aims Antiplatelet and anticoagulant therapy is increasingly being used for cardiovascular prevention. Novel direct-acting oral anticoagulants (NOAC) represent a recent, alternative, family of drugs. Rate of bleeding complications by NOAC seems to be comparable to those of warfarin but a previously assumed increase in gastrointestinal bleeding complications was meanwhile confirmed. The risk of bleeding in the setting of suspected small bowel bleeding (SSBB) in patients taking antiplatelets or anticoagulants has been poorly investigated.

Aim of this study was to evaluate diagnostic yield using video capsule endoscopy in SSBB patients taking antiplatelets or anticoagulants.
Methods This is a retrospective review of chronic users of anticoagulants or antiplatelet agents who underwent VCE for SSBB. Small bowel findings were evaluated using Miracam VCE (Intromedic, Korea).

Results 264 patients (134 women, mean age 72.3 years, 55% occult SSBB) underwent VCE from January 2014 to March 2018 for SSBB. 162 out of 264 patients were taking antiplatelet or anticoagulant agents. 44 patients were taking 100 mg of enteric-coated aspirin, 24 taking thienopyridine (ticlopidine or clopidogrel), 39 taking aspirin combined with thienopyridine (combined group), 27 taking warfarin and 28 patients taking NOAC (20% dabigatran, 32% apixaban, 48% rivaroxaban). Diagnostic yield in this specific cohort was 54.9%. Relevant lesions were most frequently detected in the “combined” group (74.3%) among the five groups (aspirin group 52.2%, NOAC group 50%, warfarin group 48.1%, thienopyridine group 41.6%) (p < 0.05).

Conclusions The risk of small bowel bleeding related to antiplatelet/anticoagulant therapy seems to be increased in patients taking the combination of aspirin and thienopyridine and preventive strategies in this group should be established. The risk related to novel oral anticoagulants seems to be similar to that for warfarin and aspirin alone.

OP80 PAN-ENTERIC CAPSULE IN PATIENTS WITH MELENA AND A NEGATIVE UPPER ENDOSCOPY: A PILOT STUDY

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Aims Melena can be caused both by bleeding from upper sources and from mid/lower gastrointestinal bleeding. Colonoscopy is frequently used to investigate melena after a non-diagnostic EGD but retrospective studies showed that its diagnostic and therapeutic yield is low. Aim of our study was to perform a pan-enteric capsule endoscopy (PCE) with PillCam Colon2 capsule and evaluate its ability to avoid unnecessary colonoscopies when performed on patients with melena after an initial negative upper endoscopy.

Methods Between January and September 2018 patients with melena, negative gastroscopy and the need to be hospitalized for drop of haemoglobin level, were prospectively included. After a negative upper endoscopy examination, a PCE was performed after a split, high-volume preparation. After the passage through the stomach, the capsule was “forced” to acquire images of the small bowel at a rate similar to that of current-generation small-bowel capsules.

Results 12 patients (8 female, mean age 76 years) met the criteria. Capsule was egested “on” in 11 out of 12 patients. PCE found small bowel findings in 6/12 patients (blood in lumen in 2 patients, angiodysplasias in 2 patients, ileal ulcer in one patient and jejunitis with substenosis in one patient); colon findings were revealed in 4 patients (polyps in 1 patient, diverticulosis with haemorrhagic stigmata in 1 patient, blood in caecum in 1 patient and right colon cancer in another patient) and both small bowel and colon findings in 2 patients. One patient had a negative, incomplete study. The pan-enteric study led to a double balloon enteroscopy in six cases and a colonoscopy in 5 patients.

Conclusions In this small, prospective, study, the PCE was useful to identify the site of bleeding in 92% of patients with melena and a negative gastroscopy and was able to guide the subsequent endoscopic treatments. In particular, PCE resulted in less unnecessary colon investigations.

OP81 COMPARISON OF THE DIAGNOSTIC YIELD OF “PILLCAM SB3” AND “OMOM” CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY IN SMALL BOWEL BLEEDING

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Aims Capsule endoscopy (CE) is considered the gold standard for the diagnosis of small bowel bleeding (SBB). The CE Pillcam SB3 has a diagnostic yield above 80% for SBB. CE OMOM offers an adequate diagnostic yield with a lower price.

The objective of this study is to compare the diagnostic yield of the Pillcam SB3 and OMOM CE in SBB.

Methods This is a prospective, comparative, observational, randomized and blinded study. Patients with suspected SBB were included. All the patients were given randomly both CE (OMOM Smart Capsule 2 and Pillcam SB3) with a difference of 24 hours between them and were read by two endoscopists. Saurin’s classification was used to divide the findings into P2, P1 and P0. The diagnostic yield and functionality between the two CEs were analyzed.

Results We included 20 patients with SBB, 45% female and 65.5 years old. Small bowel complete visualization was achieved in 18 SB3 and in 19 OMOM (p = 0.548). The median intestinal transit time was 355 with SB3 and 240 with OMOM (p = 0.445). The battery time was significantly longer with SB3 (821 vs. 703 minutes, p < 0.001) and the download time was shorter with the OMOM (31 vs. 117 minutes, p < 0.001). Both CEs presented a failure. The cause of the bleeding was identified in 18 SB3 (90%) and 16 OMOM CE (80%) (p = 0.331). P2 lesions were observed in 12 SB3 (60%) and 11 OMOM (p = 0.749). P1 lesions were identified in 3 patients with both capsules and extraintestinal lesions were found in 3 patients with SB3 and in 2 with OMOM (p = 0.633).

Conclusions No significant differences were found between the two CEs for the identification of the P2 lesions. Significant differences were observed in the battery life and the download time of both ECs.

OP82 THE RELATION BETWEEN SMALL BOWEL CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY TRANSIT TIME AND DIAGNOSTIC YIELD AMONG PATIENTS PRESENTED WITH IRON DEFICIENCY ANAEMIA

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Aims Investigate small bowel capsule transit times in relation to diagnostic yield and detection of angiodysplasias.

Methods We retrospectively reviewed small bowel capsule endoscopy (SBCE) reports of patients referred with iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) between April 2011 and April 2017 to our center. Exclusion criteria were; tests with capsule retention, inadequate intestinal views due to poor bowel preparation and unrecorded small bowel transit time (SBTT). We assessed demographics, significant outcomes that explain IDA, SBTT and number of detected angiodysplasias (AD). A positive diagnostic yield (PDY) was detection of a significant pathology that explains IDA.

Results We investigated a total of 766 SBCE reports with indication of IDA. Capsule retention was recorded in thirteen patients (1.7%). A total of 675 reports were analysed following the exclusion of 91 SBCE procedures as per the protocol above. Mean age was 61.6 years +/- 13.6. Male to female ratio: 313/362. The overall PDY was 24.3% (164/675) with a mean small bowel transit time (SBTT) of 236.73 minutes +/- 88.81. Mean SBTT was significantly higher in those with a PDY compared to those without (254.6 min +/- 89.2 vs. 231 min +/- 88, P value 0.003). While mean age was significantly higher in those with a PDY (63.6 yrs +/- 14.2 vs. 61 yrs +/- 13.3, P = 0.029), Gender did not seem to have an impact on the outcome (Males = 24.9% vs. Females = 23.7%, p = 0.71). On subgroup analysis, SBTT did not influence the number of AD lesions detected (267.8 min +/- 103 for a single AD Vs 243.5 min +/-82.3 for multiple ADs, P = 0.17).

Conclusions In patients with IDA undergoing SBCE, identifying a clinically significant pathology increases significantly with the increase in SBTT and Age. We recommend either repeating test using bowel anti-motility drug or considering alternative diagnostic methods in tests with rapid SBTT.
OP83  CECDAIic – A NEW SCORE FOR PANENTERIC EVALUATION IN CROHN’S DISEASE PATIENTS

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Aims  Crohn’s Disease (CD) is a chronic and progressive disease. Panenteric capsule endoscopy has been used to assess both the small and large bowel in a single examination. The Capsule Endoscopy Crohn’s Disease Activity Index (CECDAI) was initially devised to measure mucosal disease activity in small bowel, although in 2018 it was extended to the colon for standardization of inflammatory activity (CECDAIic).

The aim of this study was to apply the CECDAIic in a cohort of CD patients that underwent panenteric capsule to evaluate the inter-observer agreement among 3 observers and the correlation between this score and inflammatory parameters.

Methods  CECDAIic was calculated after dividing the bowel in 4 segments (1 = proximal small bowel, 2 = distal small bowel, 3 = right colon, 4 = left colon) and according to the formula defined by the authors (A1 x B1 + C1) + (A2 x B2 + C2) + (A3 x B3 + C3) + (A4 x B4 + C4), A-inflammation; B-extent of disease and C-presence of strictures.

The videos were read and scored by the 3 independent and experienced operators, blinded to the results of the standard workup.

Statistical analysis was performed with SPSS, using Kendall’s Coefficient to evaluate the interobserver agreement. Spearman correlation (rS) was used to access the correlation between the score and inflammatory biomarkers.

Results  Included 22 patients, 59.1% (n = 13) male gender with median age 28.0 (17 – 54) years. In 3 patients (13.6%) the capsule was not exteriorized within the battery time. The median CECDAIic score was 9.17 (0 – 37). The overall CECDAIic score Kendall coefficient was 0.94, demonstrating a statistically significant (p < 0.001) excellent agreement between the 3 observers.

We found a very good correlation between CECDAIic and Calprotectin (rS = 0.82; p = 0.012) and a moderate correlation with C-reactive Protein (rS = 0.50; p = 0.019).

Conclusions  CECDAIic is a new score with excellent inter-observer agreement and with a strong correlation with calprotectin. These characteristics, associated with its ease of application, may enable CECDAIic to become the tool of choice when reviewing panenteric capsule endoscopy, in order to more accurately and objectively assess CD inflammatory activity.

OP85  HIGH REBLEEDING RATE IN PATIENTS EVALUATED FOR OBSCURE GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING AFTER A FALSE-NEGATIVE DEEP ENTEROSCOPY

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Aims  Data on the long-term outcomes after a false-negative enteroscopy in obscure gastrointestinal bleeding (OGB), following capsule endoscopy (CE) with positive findings is scarce.

Aim  To evaluate rebleeding rate, risk factors and characteristics of rebleeding in OGB patients with false-negative enteroscopy after positive CE.

Methods  Retrospective single-center analysis of 24 patients with false-negative enteroscopy, after a positive CE. Patients: 62.5% female, median age 64.5 years-old (IQR 50.2 – 74.0), 37.5% presenting with overt-OGB.

Results  Previous CE findings: subepitelial lesions (n = 9), blood (n = 6), inflammatory lesions (n = 5), angioectasias (n = 2), polyps (n = 2). The lesions were isolated in 20 patients and multiple in 4, and located in duodenum (n = 1), jejunum (n = 10), ileum (n = 11), and multiple segments (n = 2). Enteroscopy was performed via the oral route in 15 patients, anal route in 8, and oral + anal in 1 patient. 13 patients had no findings at the enteroscopy, and 11 patients had non-significant findings.

Rebleeding occurred in 45.8% (n = 11). The rebleeding rate at 1 month, 1, 2 and 3 years was 20.8%, 25.2%, 35.9%, 50.6% and 62.9%, respectively. 90.9% (n = 10) of rebleeding patients underwent further radiological/endoscopic evaluation, of which only 4 had a conclusive diagnosis and treatment (2 vascular lesions and 2 small-bowel tumors). Rebleeding patients had higher median transfusion requirements (p = 0.001) and lower hemoglobin (p = 0.02) [IQR 2 – 8], 7.7 IQR [6.2 – 8.8]) than non-rebleeding patients [IQR 0 – 1], 10.3 [IQR 8.2 – 11.0]), respectively and presented more often with overt-OGB (p = 0.001, 88.9% vs. 20%). No association between the presence of comorbidities or the use of anticoagulants/antiplalet drugs and rebleeding was found.

Conclusions  Patients with a false-negative enteroscopy have a high rebleeding rate. Despite further evaluation after a rebleeding episode, a conclusive diagnosis is obtained in only 36.4% of the patients. Patients with overt-OGB,
lower hemoglobin and higher transfusion requirements have higher rebleeding rate. These patients need close follow-up.

OP86 NEED FOR ENTEROSCOPY IN OBSCURE DIGESTIVE HAEMORRHAGE: VALIDATION OF DISCRIMINATIVE SCORE

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Aims Capsule endoscopy (CE) is the first-line diagnostic method in obscure GI bleeding (OGIB). Balloon-assisted enteroscopy may also be weighted, however, its use is not always necessary. Uchida et al. score recently described for enteroscopy need after CE for OGIB, includes the type of OGIB (occult/manifest), blood transfusion and CE findings. The present study aims to evaluate and validate the proposed score as discriminator for enteroscopy need in OGIB.

Methods Retrospective, unicentric study including all CE performed for OGIB between 2010 – 2017. Demographic, clinical and analytical data as well as CE reports were analyzed. The proposed score was calculated and acuity in patient selection for the need of enteroscopy was assessed. Enteroscopy was considered necessary according to the criteria established by Uchida et al.

Results 207 patients were selected, 187 with OGIB. 54.0% (n = 101) were female, mean age 64.5 ± 15.1years. Mean hemoglobin 8.5 ± 2.1 g/dl. Occult OGIB was the indication for CE in 71.5% (n = 148), manifest OGIB in 28.5% (n = 59). Enteroscopy was considered necessary in 53.1% (n = 110). OGIB type, blood transfusion requirements and CE findings were significantly associated with the need for enteroscopy (p < 0.001). The score ranged from 0 – 7, with mean = 2.3 ± 1.9. The proposed cutoff of 2.5 allowed differentiation between patients requiring enteroscopy (p < 0.001), with sensitivity 78.4%, specificity 84.6%, positive predictive value 81.7% and negative predictive value 81.6%. Enteroscopy was required in 81.7% of patients with a score> 2.5 and 18.4% with a score<2.5. The area under the ROC curve for predicting the need for enteroscopy was 0.81 (95% CI, 0.75 – 0.88, p < 0.001).

Conclusions The present data support the use of the score proposed by Uchida et al., through a cutoff of 2.5, as a predictor of the need for enteroscopy. It’s use in OGIB may allow a more efficient patient management.

OP87 CLIP CLOSURE OF LARGE NON-PEDUNCULATED POLYPS WITH AVERAGE AND HIGH RISK OF DELAYED BLEEDING


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Aims The efficacy of clip closure (CC) of the mucosal defect after colonoscopic endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) to prevent a delayed bleeding (DB) is unclear. Previous studies included unselected cases with a wide range of DB risks. Our aim was to evaluate the efficacy of clip closure after EMR of large (> 20 mm) non-pedunculated colon polyps (LNPCP) in selected cases with average or high risk of DB.

Methods Multicentre single blind randomised controlled clinical trial. The bleeding risk was established using a previous published score (Allenbiz et al. CGH 2016). The inclusion criteria were consecutive cases of EMR of LNPCP>= 20 mm with average or high DB risk, defined as a score> = 4. A sample size of 200 cases of EMR of LNPCP>= 20 mm was estimated. The participants were randomised 1:1 to complete mucosal defect clip closure (CC) or control groups. The main outcome measure was the DB rate. The intention to treat (ITT) analysis included all randomised participants and the per protocol (PP) analysis included cases that achieved a complete mucosal closure.

Results A total of 210 cases were included in 11 hospitals (104 CC, 106 control). Both groups were comparable in terms of baseline characteristics. In the CC group, 54% achieved a complete closure, 31% partial closure and 15% failure to close. In the ITT analysis, DB risk was 11.3% vs. 5.8%, p = 0.015 in control and CC groups respectively. In the PP analysis, DB risk was 11.3% vs. 1.8%, p = 0.036 in control and CC groups respectively.

Conclusions Complete clip closure of the mucosal defect is effective to prevent a delayed bleeding after a large colonic endoscopic mucosal resection with average or high delayed bleeding risk. However it is not possible to achieve a complete closure in roughly half of the cases due to the great size or the difficult localization.
settings for endoscopic mucosal resection of large colorectal polyps in a multicenter, randomized trial.

**Methods** Patients with a ≥20 mm non-pedunculated colorectal polyp were randomized in a 2 × 2 design to clip closure or no clip closure of the mucosal defect (reported at DDW 2018) and to one of two electrocautery settings: forced coagulation or Endocut (ERBE). Related to electrocautery setting, the primary outcome was the incidence of severe adverse events during or within 30 days following the procedure (per patient analysis). Secondary outcomes were technical resection characteristics and recurrence at first surveillance colonoscopy (per polyp analysis).

**Results** 928 patients (mean age 65, 59% men) were randomized, 919 patients completed 30-day follow-up, and 658 patients (71%) completed the first surveillance colonoscopy colonoscopy after a median of 6 months. Resection with Endocut more frequently caused intraprocedural bleeding than forced coagulation (17% vs. 11%, p = 0.02), while other technical outcomes were similar (e.g., complete resection, piecemeal resection, need for adjunctive means, time of resection). Severe adverse events occurred in 7.3% and 8.0% in the respective groups, with no difference in the occurrence of types of events. Similarly, no difference was seen in polyp recurrence at surveillance colonoscopy, which was observed in 17.7% in the Endocut group and 17.5% in the forced coagulation group.

**Conclusions** This first randomized trial on electrocautery settings for the resection of large non-pedunculated colorectal polyps showed a difference in intraprocedural bleeding; however, neither setting was superior with respect to important safety and efficacy outcomes. Selection of electrocautery setting may therefore be based on expertise and preference of the endoscopist.

**OP90 3D POLYPECTOMY: RANDOMISED COMPARISON TO 2D POLYPECTOMY IN AN EX-VIVO MODEL**

**Aims** Three-dimensional (3D) visualisation has been established for laparoscopic surgery, but not for endoluminal flexible endoscopy. In the actual study we investigated the effects of 3D imaging on endoluminal endoscopic procedures.

**Results** 508 polyps in 3021 patients (2266 males and 755 females) were removed by CSP. There were 1197 polyps (19.4%) in 586 patients (antiplatelet use) to 155, anticoagulants to 83 and both to 28 patients) in the antithrombotic group (group A) and 4509 polyps (80.6%) in 2435 patients in the non-antithrombotic group (group B). Delayed bleeding occurred in 0.51% (3/586) of patients in group A and 0.12% (3/2435) of patients in group B, showing no significant difference (p = 0.09). The patients delayed bleeding occurred in Group A included 2 aspirin users with 2 polyps and 1 aspirin plus rivaroxaban user with 2 polyps. No delayed bleeding occurred in patients on other antithrombotic agents or receiving heparin bridging. There was no significant difference between delayed bleeding rates in group A and group B. No delayed bleeding cases required transfusion and surgery. None of the followings correlated with delayed bleeding: age, gender, polyp location, size, morphology, histology, number of polyps resected.

**Conclusions** CSP is safety technique for removal of diminutive or small polyp even if patients receive antithrombotic therapy. And without cessation of the antithrombotic therapy, it is possible to reduce the risk of thromboembolism.
**Methods** The study was conducted as an experimental endoscopic study in an ex-vivo porcine stomach model. Artificial polyps were created by band ligation. For endoluminal polypectomy a commercially available 3D laparoscope from Storz was inserted in a specially designed tube with additional working channels for endoscopic instruments.

The task was to perform six polypectomies with two-dimensional (2D) and 3D visualisation with an electric endoscopic snare in a prospective randomized cross-over manner. Participants consisted of ten experts (group 1) and ten novices (group 2).

Duration and completeness were assessed. Before and after each visualisation method the participants had to answer questionnaires and perform tests to evaluate their concentration level and strain.

**Results** 3D visualisation allowed for significantly faster polypectomy (3D vs. 2D: mean 27 s vs. 36 s; p = 0.029) and led to a significantly higher frequency of complete polypectomy (3D vs. 2D: 106/120, 88% vs. 81/120, 68%; p < 0.01) in both groups.

Regarding overall workload, the NASA-TASK-Load-Index showed similar figures for 3D and 2D. According to the participants, 3D enabled significantly better depth perception than 2D.

We noticed blurring at close distance for 3D and a tendency to cause higher eye strain.

Finally, most of the participants favoured the 3D visualisation.

**Conclusions** 3D imaging may facilitate endoscopic procedures by improving speed and completeness. We did not find increased mental workload and most of our participants preferred the 3D method. The difficulties concerning blurring at close distance could be alleviated by technological progress. Therefore, the development of a flexible 3D endoscope seems promising.

**OP92 SUCCESSFULLY PREDICTING RECURRENCE OF COLORECTAL POLYPS AT RESECTION- A UK TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTRE EXPERIENCE**

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**Aims** To identify colorectal polyp features during a complex EMR which could be associated with its recurrence.

**Methods** A retrospective study looking at patients who underwent EMR for complex colorectal lesions from a period of January 2007 to July 2018. It included patients referred to a single endoscopist primarily due to the complexity of the polyp (SMSA level 3 or 4) who underwent a colorectal EMR. It included patients undergoing an ESD with an en bloc resection. Data was collected through the online endoscopy reporting system and pathology review excluding patients undergoing an ESD with an en bloc resection. Data was collected through the online endoscopy reporting system and pathology reporting system. Events like scarring, size and morphology were documented.

**Results** Total no of polyps resected: 668. Total cases of recurrences: 90 (13.7%).

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**Conclusions** This study provides crucial evidence in determining factors that could predict recurrence in patients with complex colorectal polyps. It shows that larger polyps and rectal polyps have higher recurrence and interestingly also proves scarring of a polyp may be an important factor in its recurrence. We also noted that scarred polyps had a higher rate of recurrence than non scarred polyps (21% vs. 12%). This study may help us to develop a scoring system to predict recurrence.

**OP93 UNDERWATER ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION FOR COLONIC LESIONS IN DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING SITUATIONS. MULTICENTER – PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

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**Aims** Underwater endoscopic resection (uEMR) avoids the need for submucosal injection, and it may be helpful in challenging situations such as non-lifting lesions, or difficult locations.

The aims of the study were to assess the safety, utility and technical success rate of the underwater technique for the treatment of challenging colonic lesions.

**Methods** Clinical, endoscopic and histological data were collected from cases of uEMR performed in 4 centers between January 2016 and July 2018. Inclusion criteria was lesions with no-lifting sign (if a previous endoscopic injection) that were poor candidates for classic EMR, difficult location (ileocecal valve or appendix) or lesions with a previous failed attempt for EMR in an expert center.

**Results** 60 uEMR in challenging situations were performed, of which 41 completed follow-up (mean 168 days) to date. The mean age of the patients was 66.14, being 68% men.

There were 37 (61.67%) non-lifting lesions (including recurrent/residual lesions in ICV and appendix, and non-treated lesions), 17 (28.3%) appendicular or ileocecal valve lesions not previously treated, 1 (1.6%) intradiverticular lesion, 2 (3.3%) lesions in complex sigma and 3 (5%) residual lesion including ileocecal valve.

The mean size (diameter) of the lesions was 19 mm, and the mean size (largest diameter) of the resection specimen was 15.3 mm (95% CI 13.68 – 16.99 mm) being the largest specimen of 30 mm in diameter. The histology showed T1 in 4 cases (one of good prognosis), HGD and intramucosal cancer in 8 cases, and no advanced histology (LGD, SSP/A without displasia) in the others. There were no major complications (no major bleeding nor perforations). The success of the technique was 98% with 3 recurrences, that were successfully re-treated endoscopically.

**Conclusions** Underwater endoscopic resection in the colon is a safe and useful technique for challenging colorectal lesions such as non-lifting lesions, appendiceal, ileocecal valve, diverticular, and difficult sigmoid locations.

**OP94 ROLE OF DOUBLE CHANNEL ENDOSCOPE (DCE) IN ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION (EMR) COMPARED WITH CONVENTIONAL SINGLE CHANNEL ENDOSCOPE (SCE): EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY**

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**Aims** EMR may present up to 25% complications and 15% recurrences. Polypectomy assisted with DCE has not been studied. Main objectives were determine clinical success and safety of EMR-DCE compared to SCE.
Methods 53 EMR achieved between 2013 – 2018 with DCE (GIF-180-Olympus). 106 polyps >15 mm in control-group. Polyps mean size was 27 mm (p < 0.007). 24 variables. EMR-DCE were performed by 2 endoscopists with simultaneous forceps-diathermy loop. Transversal-right colon were the most frequent location in DCE-group where sessile and flat polyps were more observed. Previous biopsies and central depression had predominance. Failed Previsions Attempts (p < 0.001) were defined when an endoscopist was not able to perform a complex polypectomy or he started it and could not be completed. We defined clinical success as the absence of recurrence in the endoscopic control.

Results Serrated polyps (p < 0.011) and in-situ carcinoma (p < 0.001) were resected more in DCE-group. We have completely resected 8 subepithelial lesions with DCE: neuroendocrine tumors (carcinoids = 5), leiomyomas = 2, GIST = 1. All complications were solved during endoscopy.

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<td>44 (85.71%)</td>
<td>93 (87.74%)</td>
<td>5.23 (1.27;20.39)</td>
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<td>Total complications/</td>
<td>13 (24.53%)/(16.98%)/4 (7.55%)/4</td>
<td>9 (8.49%)/(1.7%)/(6.60%)/(2.18%)/7</td>
<td>2.48 (0.187;6.62)</td>
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Conclusions EMR-DCE is more effective than EMR-SCE for large and complex polyps and it could be a rescue technique for failed EMR-SCE attempts. This may be due to DCE allows to extend lateral safety margins more easily and to resect fibrin plates of the polyps with central depression with the help of the forceps traction. Also, DCE permits to reach deeper resection planes resecting subepithelial lesions. Although DCE is a short endoscope we believe that its rigidity allows to arrive in the right colon without difficulty. While the rate of complications is higher with DCE due to its complexity, there are no differences in severity compared to EMR-SCE.

OP96 CLINICAL OUTCOMES OFRECTAL NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS TREATED BY ESMR-L

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Aims The therapeutic strategies for the rectal neuroendocrine tumor (NET) have not been still established. We often use endoscopic submucosal resection with ligation device (ESMR-L) for treatment of rectal NET. We conducted this study to evaluate the clinical outcomes of rectal NET treated by ESMR-L.

Methods Between May 2002 and December 2017, 191 patients with 192 rectal NET (G1) underwent ESMR-L in our hospital. Firstly, we investigated association between clinicopathological characteristics including endoscopic findings and therapeutic outcomes. Curative resection was defined as R0 resection without LVI. Subsequently, the long-term outcomes after a 45-months follow-up period were also evaluated.

Results The average age was 52 years, and the majority were male (74%). Most of the lesions were located at Rb (82%), and the average size was 4.6 mm. Of the 192 lesions, 191 and 122 achieved complete and curative resection, respectively. Multivariate logistic regression analyses revealed that the tumor size ≥5 mm (OR: 2.96, 95% CI; 1.60 – 5.45, P = 0.001) and presence of central depression (OR: 5.50, 95% CI; 1.68 – 18.0, P = 0.005) are significantly associated with non-curative resection. 13 of the 70 lesions with non-curative resection underwent additional surgery, among which 2 cases had histological lymph node metastasis. No case had local or distant metastases during the follow-up period. With respect to complications, one perforation (0.5%) and 13 delayed bleeding (6.8%) were observed, but they were successfully managed conservatively.

Conclusions ESMR-L is a feasible measure as an endoscopic resection for rectal NET. Given that there was no recurrence without additional surgery in cases regarded as non-curative resection, observation without additional surgery might be allowed. Further investigations are needed to establish the indication of endoscopic treatment.

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OP97 A PROSPECTIVE, RANDOMIZED, MULTICENTER STUDY COMPARING SEMS PLACEMENT WITH AND WITHOUT BILIARY SPHINCTERECTOMY IN PATIENTS WITH MALIGNANT BILIARY OBSTRUCTION: AN INTERIM ANALYSIS

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Aims Aim of the study was to investigate the outcomes of patients with malignant biliary obstruction undergoing self-expandable metallic stent (SEMS) placement with and without endoscopic sphincterotomy (ES). NCT number 03628001.

Methods This is an interim analysis of an ongoing multicenter randomized prospective study conducted in four international tertiary referral centers from March 2016 to October 2018 in patients with malignant distal biliary obstruction with indication to SEMS placement. Patients were randomized to ES prior to fully covered (FC) SEMS placement (ES, G1) versus FCSEMS placement leaving the papilla without (No ES, G2). The primary outcomes were immediate (peri procedural) and delayed (<30 days) post-ERCP adverse events (AE) including PEP, SEMS migration, bleeding and perforation (defined according to the ASGE lexicon).

Results 152 patients (82 (54%) female) of mean age 69.7 (range 43 – 93 years) with distal malignant biliary obstruction were included in the study. FCSEMS were successfully deployed in all patients in both groups. 76 patients (G1) were randomized to perform ES before placement of SEMS, and 76 patients to no ES (G2). Overall, complications occurred in 24 (31.5%) patients; 22 patients (22.3%) in G1 in 17 (22.3%) in G2 (p = 0.208). Although not statistically significant, there was a trend toward increased risk of PEP in the G2 compared to the G1 (15.8% vs. 11.8%, p = 0.4807). Fatal AEs occurred in 1 patient because of cholangitis in G1 and in 1 patient because of post ERCP pancreatitis in G2.

Conclusions At interim analysis, placement of biliary FCSEMS without prior ES in patients with distal common bile duct obstruction showed a lower rate of cumulative AEs. On the other hand patients in G2 reported an higher incidence of PEP (although not statistically significant). We aim to complete enrollement to the target sample size before making final conclusions.
OP99 CHOLANGIOSCOPIC CRITERIA FOR INDETERMINATE BILIARY STENOSIS DIAGNOSIS

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Aims Single-operator cholangioscopy (SOC) has been a major advance in indeterminate biliary stricture (IBDS) diagnosis because it has made direct visualization and optically guided biopsy of these lesions possible. However, SOC-guided biopsies have shown limited sensitivity. In order to overcome this limitation, identifying the cholangioscopic features that most strongly suggest malignancy is an interesting way to improve SOC diagnostic capabilities; however, no systematic analysis of SOC findings has been conducted to date. The aim of our study is to establish endoscopic criteria allowing to distinguish between benign and malignant lesions.
OP101 THE ROLE OF "ROSE" FOR ERCP-GUIDED BRUSHING ON INDETERMINATE BILIARY STRICTURES: EXPERIENCE OF A REFERRAL CENTER

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Aims Endoscopic Retrograde CholangioPancreatography (ERC), although nowadays used only for therapeutic purposes, still has a prominent diagnostic role in patients with indeterminate biliary strictures and no evidence of mass lesion. The use of biliary structure brushing is a safe, easy, cheap and fast way to acquire cytological specimen from the determination of the etiology, but the sensitivity can be as low as 50%. Rapid On-Site Evaluation (ROSE) of the sample has been used for years in referral centers for the determination of the adequacy of EUS-guided FNA cytological specimens, improving its sensitivity and specificity. Nevertheless, there are no studies evaluating its role for ERC brushing. The aim of this study was to assess the diagnostic yield of ERC brushing of indeterminate biliary strictures when supported by ROSE.

Methods Retrospective single-center study enrolling consecutive patients undergoing ERC and brush cytology supported by ROSE for indeterminate biliary strictures, from January 1st 2010 to May 31st 2018. Data recorded included patient’s characteristics, clinical/radiological/EUS features, ERC features (structure features, number of brush passages, final cytology or histology when biopsy was performed as an adjunct, cholangioscopy or confocal laser endomicroscopy use, final diagnosis after surgery or follow-up). The diagnostic yield of ERCP-guided brushing with ROSE was then calculated.

Results 96 patients underwent ERCP for indeterminate biliary stenosis, 50% males, mean age 68.1 years, 80% having an extrahepatic biliary stricture. 90 patients underwent brushing+ROSE and were included in the analysis, with 86.7% of patients having an adequate sample at ROSE. The preliminary diagnostic yield calculated showed sensitivity = 80%, specificity = 82%, accuracy = 81%, positive predictive value = 92% and negative predictive value = 61%.

Conclusions The availability of ROSE in patients undergoing ERCP with indeterminate biliary stricture without a mass lesion increases the diagnostic yield of brushing, decreasing the need for further procedures, such as cholangioscopy and confocal laser endomicroscopy and can, therefore, decrease costs and increase safety.

OP102 UNILATERAL VERSUS BILATERAL BILIARY DRAINAGE IN PATIENTS WITH BILIARY ANASTOMOTIC STRICTURES AFTER RIGHT-LOBE LIVING DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

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Aims Although there are usually two bile duct anastomosis sites, i.e. right anterior segment duct (RASD) and right posterior segment duct (RPSD) after in right lobe (RL)-living donor liver transplantation (LDLT), studies comparing unilateral and bilateral biliary drainage are largely lacking. This study aimed to evaluate efficacy and safety of unilateral and bilateral biliary drainage in patients with biliary strictures following RL-LDLT.

Methods From January 2005 to December 2017, of the 232 patients suspected to develop biliary anastomotic strictures RL-LDLT at Seoul National University Hospital, 110 patients who have two duct-to-duct anastomosis sites including RASD and RPSD were enrolled. During follow-up, ERCP was performed if biliary anastomotic strictures were suspected. Patients were classified into unilateral and bilateral biliary drainage group according to the results of first ERCP. The clinical success rate, complication rate, and 180-day mortality were compared between the unilateral and the bilateral group.

Results The mean age at the time of LDLT was 54.2 years. The duration from LDLT to initial biliary anastomotic strictures was 215.6 ± 187.3 days. At the initial ERCP, unilateral drainage was performed in 55 (50.0%) patients and bilateral drainage in 11 (10.0%) patients. In unilateral drainage group, endoscopic retrograde biliary drainage to RASD was predominant. (41/55, 74.5%). There was no significant difference in clinical success rate (80.0% vs. 90.9%; P = 0.669), complication rate (16.4% vs. 18.2%; P > 0.999), and 180-day mortality (1.8% vs. 0%; P > 0.999) between the unilateral and bilateral drainage group. During follow-up, 71 patients (64.5%) required bilateral drainage more than once while only 27 patients (24.5%) reached resolution with unilateral biliary drainage.

Conclusions Most patients required bilateral biliary drainage more than once during follow-up while only one quarter of the patients were treated with unilateral drainage. An active attempt to drain bilaterally is needed in patients with biliary anastomotic strictures following RL-LDLT.

OP103 SEQUENTIAL MULTISTENTING TECHNIQUE FOR TREATING BILIARY ANASTOMOTIC STENOSIS FOLLOWING LIVER TRANSPANTATION

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Aims Biliary complications following liver transplantation (LT) range from 8% to 35%. Anastomotic stenosis (AS) is the most common complication. Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiography (ERC) with sphincterotomy and pneumatic dilation with multiple stents placement is the gold standard for treating AS; ERC/stent exchange should be repeated every three months to get the morphological recovery of the stenosis. The success rate is approximately 70%-80%. In patients responding to endoscopic therapy, the risk of AS recurrence is around 18%. We describe sequential multistenting technique as a novel cost-effective strategy, in which one additional stent is placed during sequential ERCS, without stent removal/exchange.

Aims AS resolution, endpoint was no (or minimum) waist on cholangiography and a 12-mm extraction balloon could easily pass through the anastomosis. 2. Clinical success, as the AS resolution plus the normalization of cholestatic indices (CI) for more than one month following the last procedure. 3. Recurrence, diagnosed by an increase in the CI plus imaging tests diagnostic for stenosis. 4. Adverse events clinically related with endoscopic treatment.

Methods Prospective observational study at single tertiary center. All consecutive patients with diagnosis of AS after LT, underwent sequential multistenting therapy. The patients included in the analysis had at least 6 months of follow-up.

Results From May 2012 to May 2018, 88/395 patients who underwent LT, developed duct-to-duct anastomotic stenosis. These patients were consecutively enrolled and treated with sequential multistenting technique. Initial stenure resolution was achieved in 87 patients (98.8%) and all of them showed normalization of CI after one month by the end of endotherapy. The mean follow-up time was 989.4 days (SD ± 619.2). During follow-up, seven adverse events (8%) (five cholangitis, one migration and one cholestasis) and seven recurrences (8%) were recorded.

Conclusions Current study shows, in a large cohort of patients with AS post-LT, the high efficacy and the low recurrence rate of sequential multistenting technique.
SPHINCTEROTOMY BEFORE STENT PLACEMENT IN PATIENTS WITH DISTAL MALIGNANT BILIARY STRICTURES: A META-ANALYSIS OF RCTS

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Aims Endoscopic sphincterotomy (ES) before stent placement in patients with distal malignant biliary obstruction is still a controversial issue. Some authors suggested that ES before stent deployment has a protective role in avoiding the risk of post ERCP pancreatitis but this attitude is not currently evidence-based. We performed a systematic review and meta-analysis to investigate the role of ES versus non endoscopic sphincterotomy (NES) before stent placement in patients with distal malignant biliary strictures.

Methods We searched multiple databases (Medline, Embase, Cochrane) to identify RCTs comparing the execution of ES vs. NES before stent placement in patients with distal malignant biliary obstruction. Outcome measures were the risk of PEP, successful stent insertion, stent migration, cholangitis, bleeding and procedure time. Results were reported as odds ratios (OR) with 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) Fixed and random models were used as appropriate. Heterogeneity was assessed by measuring $I^2$.

Results we identified 4 RCTs for a total of 548 patients respectively randomized to ES (274) and to NES (274). No difference emerged in the rate of PEP (OR 0.62 95% CI 0.21 – 1.88), nor in stent migration (OR 1.71 95% CI 0.60 – 4.87), bleeding (OR1.18 95% CI 0.30 – 4.74) and successful stent insertion (OR 1.70 95% CI 0.60 – 4.79). Unfortunately, only one RCT reported bleeding and procedure time rates, favoring NES (p = 0.02).

Conclusions There is no increased risk of PEP in the NES group compared to ES before stent placement in patients with distal malignant biliary obstruction. According to our data, ES is not mandatory. However, due to the small number of patients and the study heterogeneity more RCTs are required before a firm recommendation could be made.

OP105 PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY IN THE TREATMENT OF LARGE DUODENAL PAPILLA AND EXTRAPANCREATIC BILE DUCTS CANCER

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Aims Cancers of Vater’s papilla and extrapancreatic bile ducts are hardly accessible tumor localizations characterized by extensive tumor growth and poor prognosis. Surgical resection provides limited success with rather high recurrence rate. Photodynamic therapy (PDT) is a new technique, providing both, adequate tumor destruction and minimal damage to surrounding tissue. The aim of this study was the development of PDT technique for the treatment of both Vater’s papilla and extrapancreatic bile duct cancer in inoperable patients for improvement of their quality of life and increase of their survival time.

Methods PDT has been performed in 29 patients. The average age was 68.5 years. Cancer of Vater’s papilla was diagnosed in 20 patients, cancer of the common bile duct in 3 patients, cancer of the liver port in 1 patient, and cancer of the gall bladder in 4 patients. Photoditazine (a chlorin-e6 derivative) was used as photosensitizer, diode laser was used for irradiation via either endoscopic or transhepatic route. Patients were divided into several groups. Outcomes were assessed by determining the median survival.

Results The treatment was well-tolerated by the patients. The median survival time was 18 months (minimum -11 months, maximum – 24 months. There were no lethal outcomes. In patients who had only one PDT session during the year, the median survival was 12.5 months; in patients who had two or more PDT sessions, the median survival was 23 months.

Conclusions Results of PDT treatment for cancer of this localization are quite comparable with the results of radical surgeries and are better than palliative surgeries. Decrease of tumor growth rate and longer survival period in patients with residual tumor after PDT treatment are determined by vascular mechanisms produced by PDT which lead to vascular thrombosis and impaired tumor blood supply, these factors provide long-term process stabilization. Repeated PDT courses significantly improve treatment results.

OP106 DOUBLE STENTING SEEMS TO BE BETTER THAN DOUBLE BYPASS IN CASE OF COMBINED MALIGNANT BILIARY AND DUODENAL OBSTRUCTION: META-ANALYSIS AND SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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Aims To assess feasibility and optimal method of double stenting of malignant duodenal and biliary obstruction compared to surgical double bypass.

Methods A systematic literature search was performed to assess feasibility and optimal method of double stenting of malignant duodenal and biliary obstruction compared to surgical double bypass in terms of technical and clinical success, adverse events, reinterventions, and survival. A total of 72 retrospective and 8 prospective studies published until July 2018 were enrolled.

Results Technical and clinical success of double stenting was 97% (95% CI: 95 – 99%) and 92% (95% CI: 89 – 95%), respectively. Technical success showed no difference, but clinical success of endoscopic biliary stenting was higher than that of surgery (97% [95% CI: 94 – 99%] vs. 86% [95% CI: 78 – 92%], p < 0.001). Double stenting was associated with less adverse events (14% [95% CI: 9 – 19%] vs. 24% [95% CI: 16 – 34%], p < 0.003) but with more reinterventions (22% [95% CI: 17 – 27%] vs. 9% [95% CI: 3 – 18%], p < 0.01). Mean survival was similar in the groups. No difference was found between technical and clinical success and reintervention rate of ERCP, PDT and EUS-BD. ERCP was associated with the least adverse event (4% [95% CI: 1 – 8%]), followed by PDT (10% [95% CI: 0 – 37%]) and EUS-BD (28% [95% CI: 17 – 41%]).

Conclusions In the difficult-to-treat cohort of patients with combined malignant biliary and duodenal obstruction, substantially high technical and clinical success rate can be reached with double stenting. ERCP should be recommended as the first choice for biliary stenting as a part of double stenting. Prospective comparative studies with well-defined outcomes and patient cohorts are needed to determine those who may benefit the most from double stenting.
OP107 ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION OF GASTRIC TUMOURS: EXPERIENCE FROM THREE LARGE EUROPEAN TERTIARY CENTRES

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Aims We aim to review the efficacy and safety of ESD for early gastric neoplasia from three large European referral centres.

Methods Data was prospectively collected on an electronic database. We analysed this database and patient's electronic record. Parameters related to ESD outcome were collected.

Results A total of 175 gastric neoplasia were resected between 2009 and 2017 (152 ESD, 23 hybrid ESD), 51.4% were in proximal stomach. Mean size was 29 mm. Only 13 (7.42%) were sub-epithelial lesions. Table (1) shows outcomes and procedure-related complications. The overall en-bloc resection, R0 (deep), and R0 (deep and lateral) rates were 92.5%, 83.4%, and 61%, respectively. Proximal location of the lesion was a predictor for R1 outcome (p value 0.011). Size of the lesion was not significantly related to the R0 rate. The overall adverse event rate was 11.3%. Bleeding occurred in 17 (9.71%) and perforation in 3 (1.71%) cases. 95% of these patients were treated conservatively or endoscopically, only 1 patient required surgical intervention for bleeding. There was no 30-day procedure related mortality. Recurrence at 3 months occurred in 7 patients (4%).

Conclusions In this large European gastric ESD series, we have demonstrated the feasibility and safety of this technique in a European setting. Lesion's site within the stomach was a predictor of R1 outcome. Despite the low R0 rate, our recurrence rate is low and comparable to Japanese data. This suggests that western endoscopists are dissecting too close to the lesion's margin and diathermy artefact could be leading to the increased R1 rate.

OP108 FEASIBILITY OF CONSCIOUS TRANSNASAL HYBRID ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION FOR EARLY GASTRIC CANCER IN ELDERLY PATIENTS

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Aims Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) is technically difficult and time-consuming procedure which is performed under sedation. Therefore, ESD has definite risks especially for elderly patients. Transanal hybrid ESD without sedation maybe alternative therapeutic option for achieving, safe, easy and short-time en-bloc resection for superficial gastrointestinal neoplasms.

Methods After informed consent was obtained, transanal Hybrid ESD was performed for elderly patients whose age were over 80 years old and clinical characteristics and outcomes were evaluated retrospectively. 10 gastric lesions were resected by transanal Hybrid ESD between April 2016 and October 2018. All of the hybrid ESD steps were performed using a newly developed multifunctional snare 'SOUTEN' (Kaneka Medics, Tokyo, Japan) which is design to achieve Hybrid ESD which is available through the transanal endoscope. The knobshaped tip attached to the loop top helps to stabilize the needleknife, making it less likely to slip during circumferential incision and enables partial submucosal dissection.

Results The mean age was 83.7 ± 6.5 years old, the male to female ration was 7:3. The lesions locations were U/M/L:1/3/6. Mean tumor size and resected specimen size were 9.5 ± 3.2 mm and 19.6 ± 6.0 mm. And mean procedure time was 13.7 ± 3.1 min. En-bloc R0 resection rate were 100% respectively. In all patients, face scale was 1 and oxygen saturation could keep more than 95% during procedure, therefore oxygen administration was not needed.

Conclusions We confirmed favorable clinical outcomes of Hybrid ESD without sedation. We believe transanal hybrid ESD without sedation is a useful therapeutic technique for early gastric cancer in elderly patients.

OP109 PREDICTIVE MODEL FOR NON-NEOPLASTIC PATHOLOGY RESULTS AFTER ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION OF EARLY GASTRIC CANCER

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Aims Rate of non-neoplastic pathology (NNP) results after endoscopic resection (ER) of gastric epithelial neoplasia (GEN) has been reported as 3~7%. However, pretreatment characteristics for NNP results have not been identified to date. The aim of this study was to develop a predictive model for NNP results after ER.

Methods Among 817 patients who underwent ER for GEN, factors associated with NNP results were identified by univariate and multivariate analyses. Weighted points considering β coefficient were allocated to each variables which were significant after multivariate analysis. Predictive score was calculated by total points. Area under receiver operating curve (AUROC) of the predictive score was calculated.

Results The rate of NNP results was 8.8%. After multivariate analysis, poor demarcation from the background, no ulcer, flat appearance, and low grade dysplasia were significant factors for NNP results. One point was allocated in no ulcer, flat appearance, and low grade dysplasia. Two points were allocated in poor demarcation from the background. Predictive score ranged from 0 to 5 point. Patients were categorized as low risk group (point 0,1,2), or high risk group (point 3,4,5) for NNP results. AUROC was 0.82 (p<0.01, 95% CI 0.77–0.88). With cut-off points of 2.5, the sensitivity and specificity of predictive score was 0.72 and 0.84, respectively.

Conclusions We developed a predictive model for NNP results after ER. Endoscopic rebiopsy or re-evaluation by pathologists is strongly recommended in high risk group.

OP110 THE USE OF AN ADDITIONAL WORKING CHANNEL (AWC) IN ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION (EMR+) COMPARED TO CONVENTIONAL EMR

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Aims Endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) can be enhanced by a new external additional working channel (AWC, Ovesco Endoscopy, Tuebingen, Germany) to “EMR+”. The AWC is mounted on a standard endoscope similar to the setup known from the full-thickness resection device (FTRD). So far, we do not have much data evaluating EMR+. We compared EMR+ to the gold standard of classical EMR.

Methods The trial was conducted prospectively in an ex-vivo animal model with pig stomachs placed into the EASIE-R simulator (Endosim, Hudson, USA), a well-established model for research and endoscopic training. Prior to intervention, we set standardized lesions, measuring 1 cm, 2 cm, 3 cm or 4 cm. In all resections, a 33 mm snare (Boston Scientific Captivator) and an FTRD grasper (Ovesco Endoscopy) was used.
Results Overall, 152 procedures were performed. In lesions of 1 cm, both EMR and EMR+ were very reliable with a R0 resection rate of 100%. In 2-cm lesions, EMR already dropped to 54.55%. Classical EMR did not provide sufficient resection rates for lesions with 3 cm or even 4 cm (18.18% and 0%). EMR+ still presented very satisfying results in 3 cm-lesions (86.36%) but also relevantly decreased at 4 cm (60.00%). Moreover, we observed a perforation rate of 15% in the latter.

Conclusions EMR+ enables a grasp-and-snare technique and consequently facilitates en-bloc resection of larger lesions compared to conventional EMR, which shows its advantages in the resection of lesions <2 cm. Consistently, we found no additional benefit of EMR+ in these lesions. From a size of 2 cm, EMR+ outdoes its advantages, especially concerning the rate of R0 resections. At 3 cm, EMR+ reaches its best discriminatory power. At 4 cm, also EMR+ comes to its inherent limits and the risk of perforations rises. Then, ESD or surgery should be considered.

EMR+ could help to close a therapeutic gap in interventional endoscopy with manageable technical complexity, time and costs.

OP112 IMPACT OF ANTIPLATELET USE ON THE RISK OF BLEEDING AFTER ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION FOR GASTRIC ADENOMA AND EARLY GASTRIC CANCER

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Aims It has been reported that the rate of bleeding after gastric endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is 0.6 – 26.9%. Recently, as the prevalence of cardiovascular disease increases, the frequency of performing ESD is common in patients taking antiplatelet agents. We aimed to evaluate the rate of bleeding after ESD and the risk of thromboembolic events after cessation of antiplatelet agents, and to determine the optimal time of drug cessation.

Methods We retrospectively analyzed patients who received ESD for early gastric cancer and adenoma by using EMR databases at a single large referral hospital in Korea, between January 2010 and December 2016. We classified the patients into three groups according to the use of antiplatelet agents as follows: non-user, continuation (patients who continuously used antiplatelet or resume within 3 days) and interrupted (patients who interrupted antiplatelet more than 3 days), and compared the rate of post-ESD bleeding and thromboembolic event. We also identified predictive factors of post-ESD bleeding by using multivariate analysis.

Results Of total 1379 patients, 1101 were non-users, 114 were continuation group and 164 were interrupted group. Post-ESD bleeding within 30 days occurred in 67 patients overall, where result shows statistically higher rate in the continuation group than in non-users or interrupted group (14.0 vs. 3.9 vs. 4.9%; p = 0.001). However, there were no significant differences between non-users and interrupted group. None of the patients showed thromboembolic events within 30 days. In multivariate analysis, continuous antiplatelet use was a risk factor of post-ESD bleeding (OR 3.58, 95% CI 1.94 – 6.59). The specimen size (> 4 cm) and procedure time (>40 min) were also independent predictors of post-ESD bleeding.

Conclusions Continuous use of antiplatelet agents increased the risk of bleeding after gastric ESD. Discontinuation of antiplatelet agents within 3 days is appropriate to prevent bleeding and thromboembolic-related complications.

OP113 GERMAN ESD REGISTRY – FIRST RESULTS

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Aims In Europe, endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is not yet the standard treatment for premalignant or early malignant lesions in the gastroin...
testing (GI)-tract. High quality data is limited to single center studies. In this study, we present the first results of the German ESD registry which was set up to evaluate and assess the technical success, curative resection rate, economic aspects as well as long term outcomes of ESD procedures performed in Germany.

**Methods** The German ESD registry study is a prospective, multicenter trial. Management and evaluation of collected data is done in a central data base at Klinikum Augsburg, Germany. Data is collected anonymously via electronic case report form (CRF).

**Results** In the year 2017, 18 hospitals included a total amount of 381 ESDs. A total of 139 resected lesions were located in the rectum, 109 lesions in the esophagus, 105 lesions in the stomach, 26 lesions in the colon and 2 lesions in the duodenum.

An overall en bloc resection rate of 94 percent was achieved; the highest en bloc rate was in the esophagus with 98% and the lowest en bloc rate in the colon with 88%.

The overall histological R0 resection rate was 81%; the highest R0-Rate was in the rectum (88%) and the lowest in the colon (73%). The overall complication rate was 15%; when colonic ESDs were excluded, the complication rate dropped to 8.5%.

**Conclusions** A total of 381 ESD procedures were registered in 2017 with favourable R0 resection and complication rates. The German ESD registry represents a first step towards establishing ESD as a standard treatment of choice for premalignant und early malignant lesions. However, colonic ESD still remains a hurdle for western endoscopists. Further data collection and data analysis in 2018 will help to expand on the results shown here.

**OP114 PROGNOSIS OF ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION IN PATIENT WITH EARLY GASTRIC CANCER WITH UNDIFFERENTIATED TYPE HISTOLOGY**

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**Aims** In case of early gastric cancer (EGC) with undifferentiated type histology, which did not meet the extended criteria after endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD), addition of surgical treatment should be recommended. In clinical practice, however, there are many patients who refuse or cannot be performed surgery due to old age and comorbidities. The aim of this study was to investigate the rate of recurrence and survival in those patients.

**Methods** A total of 77 patients who had undergone ESD due to EGC with undifferentiated type histology from January 2005 to December 2015 were analysed retrospectively. Fifty six patients of them who did not receive additional surgery were subdivided into four groups, as with submucosal or lymphovascular invasion, diameter above 2 cm, positive lateral margin and curative resection according to risk of recurrence.

**Results** The mean follow up period was 47.3 (12 – 117) months. Seven of 56 patients (12.5%) had local recurrence or lymph node metastasis during that period. The recurrence rates of the patients with submucosal or lymphovascular invasion, diameter above 2 cm, and positive lateral margin were 25% (5/20), 14.3% (1/6) and 0% (0/5) respectively. On the other hand, Among 24 patients who achieved curative resection without risk factors as above, no recurrence occurred. All of 7 patients with recurrence underwent surgery and 1 of them died of advanced gastric cancer. The mean duration of recurrence after ESD was 27.1 (12 – 69) months.

**Conclusions** Surgical resection is the definite curative treatment in undifferentiated EGC with risk factors, such as submucosal invasion, lymphovascular invasion, larger than 2 cm in diameter after endoscopic resection. But in undifferentiated EGC without such risk factors after endoscopic resection, follow up or secondary endoscopic resection can be an alternative modality even in lateral margin positive patients.

**OP115 WHAT IS THE OPTIMAL DOSE OF PROTON PUMP INHIBITOR AFTER ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION FOR GASTRIC EPITHELIAL NEOPLASM?**

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**Aims** Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) has become a widely accepted treatment for the en bloc resection of large superficial tumors in the gastrointestinal tract. ESD is less invasive when compared to surgery but complications such as bleeding, perforation and pain can be associated. Proton pump inhibitor (PPI) is frequently used to prevent post ESD bleeding but unlike the bleeding from peptic ulcers, proper dosing for post ESD period is still questionable. We can speculate that high dose PPI infusion would be more effective to ameliorate the post ESD pain. Therefore, this study was conducted to find out optimal dose of PPI in terms of minimizing complications after ESD.

**Methods** We randomly assigned patient as high dose PPI infusion group (Esomeprazole 80 mg i.v. loading ~ 8 mg/hr for 48 hours) and standard dose PPI group (Esomeprazole 40 mg i.v. daily). After first 48 hours, single dose of oral esomeprazole 40 mg was given to both groups. Prospective analysis was conducted in terms of clinical, endoscopic, and pathologic results from January 2015 to September 2017 at a tertiary teaching hospital.

The primary outcome was rebleeding rate and the use of painkillers such as tramadol and pethidine.

**Results** 214 patients were randomly assigned as high dose PPI group and 215 patients were assigned to infuse regular dose PPI. Clinicopathological characteristics of enrolled patients were similar between two groups except location of the tumor. Rebleeding was observed for 13 patients (5.0%) in high dose PPI group and 11 patients (4.5%) for non high dose PPI group respectively. Use of painkiller and maximal VAS (Visual analogue scale) score between two treatment groups also didn’t showed significant difference.

**Conclusions** Bleeding rate and post procedural pain reduction was not associated with the use of high dose PPI. Therefore, we concluded that the effect of standard dose PPI is comparable to that of high dose PPI.
Eighty-nine patients underwent CR and 31 patients underwent non-CR. Of the non-CR cases, 6 underwent total gastrectomy of the remnant stomach and none of them was found to have lymph node metastasis. The remaining 25 non-CR cases included 2 patients who underwent additional argon plasma coagulation and 23 patients placed under follow-up observation. The 5-year survival rate was 92.3% (95% confidence interval: 83.4–96.5) in the entire population, 93.3% (82.9–97.5) in the CR group, and 89.5% (63.6–97.3) in the non-CR group. No patient experienced metastasis or recurrence or died of gastric cancer. Death due to other causes was reported in 8 and 3 patients in the CR and non-CR groups, respectively (cancer in other organs in 5 and 2 patients, respectively).

Conclusions Despite its technical complexity, ESD in the remnant stomach provided good outcomes, with a 5-year survival of 92.3% (89.5% even in the non-CR group). However, other organs need to be carefully monitored as well because of the relatively frequent occurrence of metachronous cancer in other organs.

OP118 COMPARING THE REVISED EUROPEAN, AGA AND IAP GUIDELINES ONPancreatic CYSTIC NEOPLASMS: ACCURACY IN IDENTIFYING ADVANCED NEOPLASIA IN IPMN

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Aims Accurate detection of advanced neoplasia (AN; high-grade dysplasia/carcinoma) in pancreatic cystic neoplasms (PCN) will improve outcome while minimizing unnecessary surgery. The European, American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) and International Association of Pancreatology (IAP) guidelines provide recommendations on surveillance and surgical intervention for PCN based on symptoms and risk of malignancy. We aimed to identify which guideline is the most accurate in predicting AN in IPMN.

Methods Patients who underwent surgery for PCN were extracted from our prospective database (2006-august 2018). We considered surgery justified for AN, pseudopapillary and neuroendocrine tumors and when symptoms improved. Patients with IPMN were evaluated separately. The final histopathological diagnosis was compared with the indication for surgery stated by different guidelines. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were calculated and compared to measure diagnostic value.

Results Overall, 210 patients underwent pancreatic resection for PCN. In hindsight, surgery was justified in 91 (43%) patients, based on histopathological outcomes and symptom improvement. Finally, 115 patients with IPMN were included in the analysis to identify accuracy of different guidelines for predicting AN. Of the 46 patients with AN, 44 (96%) and 37 (80%) were correctly recommended for surgery according to European and AGA guidelines. The AGA guideline would have missed 29/46 (63%) patients with AN, including 16 with cancer. Of those without AN, 51 (74%), 56 (81%) and 5 (7%) patients would have been incorrectly recommended for surgery by the European, IAP and AGA guidelines. The ROC analysis showed that the European was superior to IAP guideline (p = 0.021), versus no difference between European and AGA guideline (p = 0.392).

Conclusions ROC comparison analysis showed that the European guideline was superior in identifying AN in IPMN compared to IAP guideline, versus no difference between European and AGA guideline. Although fewer patients undergo unnecessary surgery based on AGA guideline, the risk of missing AN with this guideline is unacceptable high.
This multicenter prospective study evaluates the feasibility and safety of nCLE during EUS-FNA of pancreatic cystic lesions.

Methods 59 patients presenting for EUS-FNA of pancreatic cyst were enrolled for nCLE examination. The nCLE procedures were performed using the AQ-Flex 19 preloaded in a 19G EUS FNA needle. After IV injection of fluorescein, (2.5 mL of 10% fluorescein) confocal images were acquired then the probe was retrieved from the needle, and fluid acquisition was performed as appropriate for cytology and tumor markers (CEA, Amylase). Adverse events were recorded either during or after the procedure (immediate, within 24 hours and delayed) and classified in mild, severe (according to the requirement of specific care) and fatal.

Results 59 cases were enrolled, including 23 cysts located in head/uncinate (40%) of pancreas and in 53% of cases the cyst was unilocular. In 56 cases (95%) the procedure was technically feasible and in 81% was considered “easy” by operator. 3 cases were considered as procedure’s failure, one case due to device malfunction and 2 cases due to impossibility to retrieve the probe at the end of nCLE imaging acquisition. 6 (10%) adverse events occurred after the procedure: 3 severe (acute pancreatitis), 3 mild (2 intracystic self-limiting bleeding and 1 cyst infection); the cases of acute pancreatitis only required patient hospitalization.

Conclusions Our study demonstrates an excellent feasibility rate and an acceptable safety profile for nCLE in the pancreatic cysts via a 19G needle under EUS guidance.

OP120 RISK SCORE FOR EARLY PREDICTION OF INVASIVE CANCER OF BD-IPMN ACCORDING TO MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION IN EUS IN PATIENTS WHO UNDERWENT TO Pancreatic SURGERY

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Aims To develop a risk score for early prediction of invasive cancer of BD-IPMN according to morphological characterization in EUS, using the surgical specimens as gold standard.

Methods Retrospective multicenter observational study in patients with BD-IPMN who underwent EUS and a surgical treatment between 2005 and 2017. Morphological features by EUS were evaluated. A score using a logistic regression model was performed to assess the risk of invasive cancer.

Results One-hundred and thirty-one patients (50% men, mean age: 66 ± 11 years) were included. The presentation was incidental in 40% of cases and contrast enhancement was performed in 34.6%. The low-intermediate grade dysplasia, high grade dysplasia and invasive cancer rates were and 51.9%, 24.4% and 23.7% respectively. Size ≥ 10 mm (p = 0.011), enhancing nodules (p < 0.001), pancreatic duct ≥ 10 mm (p < 0.001), lymph nodes (p < 0.001) and abrupt change (p < 0.001) were associated with cancer in univariable analysis. By multivariable analysis, the Nagelkerke index of the model was 0.539. The Area under the curve was 0.857 (p < 0.001) with a sensitivity and specificity of 84% and 70% respectively in an internal validation of the model. The following categories of the score (0 – 8.5 points): A (0 – 1), B (1.5 – 3), C (3.5 – 5), D (5.5 – 8.5 points) presented a positive predictive value of 8.5%, 42.1%, 57.1% and 100% rates of invasive cancer.

Conclusions This EUS predictive score estimates the risk of invasive cancer in patients with BD-IPMN with a high accuracy.

OP121 NEEDLE-BASED CONFOCAL LASER ENDOMICROSCOPY FINDINGS IN 101 CONSECUTIVE UNDIFFERENTIATED PANCREATIC CYSTS: DOES ROUTINE USE OF CYTOPATHOLOGY CHANGE MANAGEMENT?

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Aims Pancreatic cysts are common and cyst fluid cytology lacks sensitivity. We aimed to describe needle-based confocal laser endomicroscopy findings (nCLE) and measure the yield of cytology after successful nCLE.

Methods Review of 100 consecutive patients undergoing nCLE (CellVizio, Mauna Kea, Paris, France) of undifferentiated pancreatic cystic lesions (PCLs) in a French referral centre between April 2016 and August 2018. Data was analysed retrospectively from a prospectively collated database. Descriptive statistics and x2 were employed.

Results 101 lesions were examined in 100 patients after administration of fluorescein and prophylactic antibiotics. Seven patients were excluded from analysis for technical failure (n = 1) or findings of rare cysts (cystic lymphangioma, n = 6). nCLE and cytology findings were concordant in 32 PCLs (4 operated and 2 were concordant) and nCLE was diagnostic in the setting of non-contributory cytology in a further 40 PCLs (4 operated and 3 were concordant). Two PCL diagnosed as MCN by nCLE were reported as benign inflammatory cyst by cytology, both were confirmed MCN on surgical specimens (one with high grade dysplasia). The resultant diagnostic yield for nCLE was 77% (72/94). There were 9 PCL in which cytology was positive after non-diagnostic nCLE (4/6 excluded cystic lymphangiomas; serous cystadenomas (SCA), n = 1; mucinous cystic neoplasm (MCN), n = 1; and neuroendocrine tumour, n = 1) (2 operated and concordant). Fifteen PCL were not diagnosed by either modality (none operated). For the diagnosis of serous cystadenoma, nCLE had a sensitivity of 88% and specificity of 100%. There were 3 complications (pancreatitis, n = 2; and infected cyst, n = 1).

Conclusions Our data did not show a benefit for cytology when nCLE was diagnostic; there were two cases where relying on cytology would have missed two MCN. Cytology altered the diagnosis in 37.5% of patients where nCLE was non-diagnostic. Complications were rare.

OP122 DIFFERENTIATION OF Pancreatic CYST TYPES BY ANALYSIS OF RHEOLOGICAL BEHAVIOR OF Pancreatic CYST FLUID

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Aims Differentiation between mucinous and non-mucinous pancreatic cysts (PC) is exceedingly important, yet remains difficult. The relative viscosity of PC fluid has proved useful for distinguishing mucinous from non-mucinous cysts.
We aimed to assess the utility of the rheological properties (measured by a rheometer) of PC fluid, as compared with standard-of-care analysis in differentiating PC types.

Methods Consecutive subjects with PC’s underwent EUS-FNA. In addition to routine cyst fluid, a rheological behavior curve of the cyst fluid was generated. PCs were classified as mucinous or non-mucinous based on surgical and/or clinical findings (presentation, imaging, fluid analyses and follow-up).

Results A total of 22 patients with PC underwent EUS-FNA. Overall, 10 lesions (45.4%) were classified as mucinous, while 12 (54.5%) were classified as non-mucinous, 5 of which (22.7%) were considered pseudocysts.

For the rheological assessment, flow curves were drawn up, with the viscosity, \( \eta \), plotted against the shear rate, \( \gamma \).

Three types of rheologic curves were identified, where two types correlated with non-mucinous cysts, and the third type corresponding to mucinous cysts. Using the optimal cutoff value, the sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy of cyst fluid viscosity – based diagnosis of mucinous versus non-mucinous were 70%, 91.7%, and 81.8%, respectively. In comparison, string-sign test showed a sensitivity, specificity and accuracy of 50%, 66.7%, and 59.1%, respectively. The overall accuracy of the viscosity-based technique (81.8%) was greater than that of CEA (72.7%), cytology (72.7%) and string-sign (59.1%). When considering cyst fluid viscosity, jointly with patient age, the sensitivity and the accuracy increased to 100% and 95.5%, respectively, but the specificity remained 91.7%.

Conclusions Cyst fluid rheological analysis appears to accurately differentiate pancreatic cyst types. This simple and rapid diagnostic tool can be implemented on-site and provides for a low variability rate compared to the commonly used, subjective string sign technique.

### OP123 ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED FINE-NEEDLE ASPIRATION FOR PANCREATIC SOLID LESIONS: CYTOLOGY, HISTOLOGY OR BOTH?

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**Aims** Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration (EUS-FNA) is the gold standard procedure for obtaining pathological diagnosis of pancreatic solid lesions. The specimen obtained by EUS-FNA can be prepared for either cytological or histological (cellblock) examinations. The aim of our study was to compare diagnostic accuracy of cytology, cellblock and both, in the absence of on-site pathologist.

**Methods** We performed a retrospective study including all patients submitted to EUS-FNA of pancreatic solid lesions at an oncology centre between January 2006 and October 2018. Data were collected from electronic medical reports. Final diagnosis was based on surgical pathology or clinical follow-up. Patients with either cytology or cellblock specimen considered ‘insufficient for diagnosis’ were excluded.

**Results** A total of 129 patients were included (median age: 67 ± 17 years, male:70 (54.3%)). The median size of lesions was 32.0 ± 14.5 mm; a 22G needle was used in 91.5% and median number of passages was 3 ± 1. Most lesions were adenocarcinoma (58 (45%)) and neuroendocrine tumours (23 (17.8%)) and were mostly located in the pancreatic head (54 (41.9%)) and body (32 (24.8%)). Three (2.3%) procedures were complicated with self-limited bleeding. Sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive values and accuracy, for the diagnosis of malignancy were 92.3%, 82.4%, 97.0%, 63.6% and 90.9% for cytology; 96.9%, 75.0%, 97.9%, 66.7% and 95.2% for cellblock and 98.2%, 76.5%, 96.5%, 86.7% and 95.3% for both, respectively. All values obtained were statistically significant. No differences were found in diagnostic accuracy between different needle sizes (p = 0.235) or number of passages (p = 0.465).

**Conclusions** Combined cytological and histological analysis for diagnosing pancreatic solid lesions may increase the diagnostic yield of conventional EUS-FNA without on-site cytology. These results are similar to rates reported in the literature.

### OP124 ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND-THROUGH-THE-NEEDLE MICROFORCEPS BIOPSY IN PANCREATIC CYSTIC LESIONS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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**Aims** The Moray microforceps biopsy device (MFB) is a disposable tissue acquisition device that can be passed through a 19-gauge needle and it has been recently introduced to facilitate the EUS-guided biopsy of pancreatic cystic lesions (PCL). Our aim was to perform a systematic review of studies evaluating the technical aspects, safety and efficacy of the EUS-guided microforceps biopsy for PCLs.

**Methods** A literature search was performed in three major databases, PubMed, Embase and Web of Science in October, 2018. The search terms used were: “through-the-needle”, “biopsy forceps”, “microforceps”, “endoscopic ultrasound”, and “endosonography”. Case reports and case series with less than 15 patients were excluded from the analysis.

**Results** Altogether 7 retrospective studies reporting on 269 patients were included. Mean age of the patients was 66.3 years, with a slight female predominance (59.5%). The size of the PCLs ranged from 11 to 88 mm and most of them were located in the head or body of the pancreas (69%). Technical success of EUS-guided MFB was reported in 258/269 cases (96%). Main reasons for technical difficulties were inability to access the cyst while the echoendoscope was fully flexed, difficulty to push the instrument through the needle, and difficulty to visualize the forceps on EUS scan. The tissue acquisition yield reported was 88% (171/194). EUS-guided MFB was able to establish the correct final diagnosis in 151 PCLs out of 212 (diagnostic accuracy, 71%).

Nineteen cases with adverse events (7%) were reported: abdominal pain (1.8%), intracystic hemorrhage (3%), mild acute pancreatitis (1.5%), postprocedural infection (0.7%) and atrial fibrillation after procedure (0.3%).

**Conclusions** EUS-guided MFB is technically feasible, safe and has a high diagnostic accuracy for PCLs. These results should be, however, interpreted with caution. Given the novelty of EUS-guided MFB, further ongoing studies are expected to offer a better understanding of its safety profile and diagnostic accuracy.
OP125 ENDOCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION CYTOMETRY VS FINE NEEDLE BIOPSY FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF PANCREATIC NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOURS

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Aims Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration (EUS-FNA) as a method of obtaining preoperative diagnosis of pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours (PNETs) has been reported in several series. Fine needle biopsies (FNB) are increasingly employed to obtain core specimens during EUS. However, the differences in efficacy between these sampling methods in the diagnosis of PNETs still needs to be defined.

Methods Over a 12-year period, all patients who underwent EUS-guided tissue sampling of suspicious pancreatic lesions identified by pancreatic protocol CT or MRI, with clinical, endoscopic and pathologic details were entered into an electronic database. Lesions underwent EUS-FNA or FNB sampling, or a combination of the two, if feasible. The accuracy and safety of different EUS guided sampling methods for confirmed PNETs were investigated.

Results A total of 91 patients (M/F: 42/49, median age: 57 years, range: 26–87 years), who underwent a 102 EUS procedures, had a final diagnosis of PNET confirmed by histopathological examination as well as multidisciplinary review and clinical follow up. Preoperatively, both EUS-guided sampling modalities were used in 28 procedures, EUS-FNA alone was used in 61 cases, while EUS-FNB alone in 13 cases. The diagnostic yield of EUS-FNA and EUS-FNB alone, including the inadequate specimens, was 77.5% (95% CI: 68.9 – 86.2%) and 85.4% (95% CI: 74.6 – 96.2%), respectively. The combination of both sampling modalities established the diagnosis in 96.4% (95% CI: 89.6 – 100%) of cases (27/28), and was significantly superior to EUS-FNA alone. The diagnostic accuracy among the adequate samples for EUS-FNA, EUS-FNB and for the combination of the two, if feasible remained at 100%. There was one reported complication, a post-FNA bleeding, treated conservatively.

Conclusions EUS-FNB improves the diagnostic accuracy and confers additional information to cytological assessment of PNETs.

OP126 PANCREATIC CANCER ANGIogenesis ASSESSMENT BY CONFOCAL LASER ENDOMICROSCOPY AND ANTI-CD 105 ANTIBODY IN PANCREATIC CANCER – A PILOT STUDY

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Aims Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) remains one of the most aggressive types of cancer with a limited number of therapeutic options. Confocal laser endomicroscopy (CLE), with various miniprobes available is accessible tool for different lesions providing a live diagnosis. To assess neoangiogenesis PDAC diagnosed patients by two fluorescently labeled antibodies on fresh biopsy samples imaged with CLE.

Methods Ten consecutive patients diagnosed with PDAC following FNA -endoscopic ultrasound underwent curative therapy with tumor resection. Fresh specimens were washed in saline solution and incubated for one hour in the dark at 37°C with Alexa-Flour 488 anti-CD-105 (Endoglin antibody (mouse anti-human IgG2a, Exbio Prague, Czech Republic). We also tested mesothelin as positive for PDAC. CLE imaging was performed to assess the microvascularization in an ex vivo setting by direct contact with the specimen. All acquired images were assessed with a dedicated processing software to obtain a 2 projection of confocal serial stacks. Next we measured the vascular density and vessel diameters within 50 μm × 475 μm rectangular regions previously chosen. We also compared the results with classic immunohistochemistry technique.

Results CD105 expression on CLE was present within PDAC samples with a microvascular density of 13.56 ± 6.88 compared to normal pancreatic tissue 1.1 ± 0.857 (p < 0.001). Mesothelin was clearly proved to be present in every PDAC samples suggesting a potential direct target for future oncologic therapies.

Conclusions This pilot study proves that CLE targeted CD105 for tumoral vascular network might represent a potential tool for future studies regarding PDAC neoangiogenesis and future therapies.

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OP127V ENDOCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED BIOPSY OF SUBEPITHELIAL GASTROINTESTINAL LESIONS – JUST WET-IT

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Introduction Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration biopsy (EUS-FNAB) is the main method for acquisition of tissue from gastrointestinal subepithelial lesions (SELS). Despite the development of new needles, diagnostic yield remains low. The reason may be an ineffective transmission of negative pressure with the dry technique, as these lesions often have high cellular cohesion. A new method of aspiration has been described, where the needle is filled with saline (wet suction technique, WST), with promising results in pancreatic lesions. This method hasn’t been tested in SELs.

Aims and Methods Prospective single centre study to assess the diagnostic yield of EUSFNAB+WST in the diagnosis of SELs, without the use of rapid onsite evaluation. In mesenchymal tumours, the diagnosis was considered positive only when immunohistochemistry (IHC) could differentiate between gastrointestinal stromal tumour (GIST) and leiomyoma. The diagnostic yield of this prospective cohort between July 2015 and December 2017 was compared with a retrospective cohort using dry technique from the same institution.

Results Seventy-one patients with SELs were included (49% male, mean age 66 years). Mean SEL size was 32 mm (min 10, max 120 mm), mean number of passages was 3 ± 0.7. A 22G needle was used in 58 patients (82%), 19 G in 8 (12%) and 25 G in 5 (7%). We obtained a conclusive cytopathological diagnosis in 60 cases (diagnostic yield of 85%) and IHC was performed in 58 cases (82%). The most frequent diagnoses were GIST (37%), leiomyoma (14%) and metastases (13%). When compared with a retrospective cohort of 56 cases, diagnostic yield was significantly higher (85% versus 25%, p < 0.0001).

Conclusion Wet suction technique allowed an excellent diagnostic yield in the EUS-guided evaluation of SELs. We suggest that, after proper replication of these results, WST may become the first-line method in the management of these lesions.
OP128V  EUS GUIDED LUMINAL REMODELING AS A NOVEL TECHNIQUE TO RESTORE GASTRODUODENAL CONTINuity

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Background  Pyloric closure is a method of treatment for duodenal injury. Surgery is usually needed to restore digestive continuity in due time, yet a new surgical procedure can be challenging due to fibrotic adhesion development.

Methods  We present here a retrospective case series of three patients with pyloric exclusion who underwent EUS guided duodenal perforation using metallic stents. IRB approval was not needed for this paper, written informed consent was obtained from all patients before the procedures.

Results  All procedures were successful with no complication and allowed regular feeding.

Conclusion  This case series shows that EUS guided recanalization is a feasible and safe procedure that can help avoid surgery.

OP129V  SINGLE-SESSION EUS-GUIDED CHOLECYSTODUODENOSTOMY AND TRANSCYSTIC RENDEZVOUS AS RESCUE OF FAILED ERCP BILIARY ACCESS

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Introduction  EUS-guided rendez-vous (EUS-RV) carries a 30% failure rate. Several transluminal endoscopic interventions within the gallbladder (GB) via EUS-guided anastomoses have recently been reported in non-surgical patients with prior EUS-guided GB drainage (EUS-GBD). We report single-session EUS-guided cholecystoduodenostomy and transduodenal cholecystoscopy aiming at transcystic RV to overcome failed ERCP.

Description  An elderly male with multiple comorbidities and Billroth-I gastrectomy presented with cholangitis and CBD and GB stones. The papilla could barely be seen, hidden among redundant folds so EUS-RV was chosen for biliary access. After EUS-guided puncture of the CBD, echoendoscope instability resulted in guidewire dislodgment and contrast extravasation. Interposed vessels, decompressed CBD and US artifact precluded a second CBD puncture, whereas lack of intrahepatic bile duct dilation ruled out transhepatic EUS-RV.

We decided to perform EUS-GBD to obtain a portal for transcystic antegrade cholecystostomy with prior EUS-guided GB drainage (EUS-GBD). We report single-session EUS-guided cholecystoduodenostomy and transduodenal cholecystoscopy aiming at transcystic RV to overcome failed ERCP.

Conclusion  This case series shows that EUS guided recanalization is a feasible and safe procedure that can help avoid surgery.

OP130V  NOVEL EUS GUIDED TREATMENT OF GASTRIC VARICES WITH A LIQUID NON-ADHESIVE NEUROVASCULAR EMBOLIZATION AGENT

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Aims  Endoscopic injection of adhesive agents as N-Butyl-2-Cyanoacrylate (NBC) is used for the management of gastric varices. Recently the combination of NBC and coils has been used with endoscopic ultrasound assistance. Adhesive properties can blockage instrumentation material and damage endoscopes. Adverse events include ulcers, vascular necrosis, rebleeding and distal embolism. We describe a novel gastric varices embolization therapy with EUS injection of a composite non-adhesive endovascular liquid agent: Ethylene-vinyl alcohol (EVOH), Tantalum as contrast media and Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) as primer. It has been extensively used in interventional radiology to treat cerebral arteriovenous malformations. Has the advantages of being radiopaque and immediate polimerization.

Methods 3 men and 2 women, 50–65 years with gastric fundus varices, portal hypertension and Child-B hepatic cirrhosis who presented previous bleeding were treated. Two patients had previously been treated with NBC and rebleding. The ecosendoscope was advanced to the gastroesophageal junction. The selected gastric varix punctured using a 22 Gauge needle. EVOH volume ranged between 1.5 and 3cc. Vascular flow obliteration was real-time monitored by EUS.

Results  Patients were discharged on the same day. The mean follow-up was 12 months. Endoscopic and radiological control was performed at 1 and 3 months.

The average procedure time was 15 min. All patients presented mild epigastric pain effectively managed with oral analgesics. The obliteration of variceal flow was achieved in all patients in a single session. There were no new episodes of bleeding or complications related to the technique.

Conclusions  EUS guided embolization of gastric varices with EVOH can be considered as efficient alternative. The procedure promises advantages in terms of number of sessions required, local or systemic adverse events and endoscopy volume. Prospective multicenter study with greater number of cases and cost evaluation against coils alone or combined are required.

OP131V  EUS-GUIDED DOUBLE BILIARY DRAINAGE FOR COMPLEX MALIGNANT HILAR BILIARY OBSTRUCTION

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Introduction  Endoscopic ultrasound guided biliary drainage (EUS BD) is a novel technique to rescue patients who had failed ERCP biliary drainage due to significant stenosis or because of surgically altered anatomy.

The situation would be more challenging in the patient who had failed ERCP or incomplete drainage due to high grade malignant hilar biliary obstruction (MHBO). In those patient percutaneous biliary drainage (PTBD) or EUS BD would be the only options.

For high grade hilar obstruction, the efficacy of EUS hepatobiliary drainage (HGS) for the left intrahepatic duct (IHBD) and hepaticocholedochostomy (HDS) for the right IHBD drainage were demonstrated in different studies. However number of cases and studies in particular for the right IHBD drainage are...
OP132V ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND (EUS)-GUIDED SINGLE-STEP MULTIPLE GATEWAY DRAINAGE OF COMPLEX WALLED-OFF NECROSIS (WON) WITH LUMEN APPOSING METAL STENT (LAMS): A PRELIMINARY EXPERIENCE

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Background EUS-guided drainage is suggested as the first approach in the management of symptomatic, complicated WON. A step-up approach is proposed in case of either refractory or complex collections. Recently, a new LAMS with an integrated electrocautery delivery system have been developed, facilitating drainage, reducing procedural timing and hospital stay. Although a single transluminal access is preferred, multiple step-up gateway technique is proposed in case of multiple, large or low-responding WON.

Methods We present our preliminary experience on patients with symptomatic complex WON, defined as large (>12 mm), septated or multiple, drained with a single-step, multiple gateway technique using EC-LAMS. All procedures were performed after 4 weeks from the onset and conservative treatment failure. Patients demographic, technical and clinical success, procedure time, necrosectomy sessions, further treatment needed, adverse events and post-procedure hospitalization were recorded and statistically analyzed.

Results This is a retrospective analysis of prospective collected data of five consecutive patients with symptomatic complex WON. WON were single with sepsis in 3 patients, multiple in 2 patients. 10 EC-LAMS were deployed with both transgastric and transduodenal approach. Technical success was 100%. The mean time for procedure was 29 min. Necrosectomy was completed in up to 3 sessions, achieving clinical success in 3 cases (80%), with no recurrence in all the patients. One patient required a concomitant percutaneous drainage. We reported one moderate bleeding, in the first post-operative day (POD) treated endoscopically and one severe bleeding, on 14th POD, requiring embolization and surgery with concomitant necrosectomy.

Conclusion Patients affected by multiple, septated, large WON can be considered “hard-to-treat-patients” and a single gateway could represent an insufficient treatment. Our case series showed that a single-step multiple gateway technique using EC-LAMS is safe and feasible. However further prospective, randomized, controlled studies are needed to define the long-term outcomes of this approach.

OP133V SALVAGING EUS GUIDED GASTROJEJUNOSTOMY PERFORMED TO TREAT SMA SYNDROME BY "CONTROLLING THE TWO ENDS OF THE WIRE" TECHNIQUE

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60 year old male presented with vomiting and weight loss. Abdominal CT was consistent with SMA syndrome. EGD showed extrinsic compression at D3.

He declined surgery or tube feeding and agreed to endoscopic treatment. An overtube was mounted on an endoscope. A wire was advanced to the jejunum. The endoscope was removed, CRE balloon catheter was advanced over the wire inside the overtube. The CRE balloon was positioned past the narrowing opposing the gastric silhouette.

The balloon was inflated. An Echoendoscope with hot axios was advanced to the stomach opposing the balloon. The Axios catheter was advanced using electrocautery inside the balloon causing balloon rupture. A long wire was advanced inside the jejunum. The distal flange slipped outside the jejunum during deployment. The proximal flange was deployed. The echoendoscope was removed, keeping the wire in place.

A pediatric colonoscope was advanced to the proximal jejunum. The distal end of the wire was pulled back to the mouth as the colonoscope was removed. Both ends of the wire were controlled. The deployed axios was retrieved. A therapeutic gastroscope was advanced over the proximal end of the wire to the gastrojejunostomy site.

A 15 mm axios was advanced over the wire through the gastrojejunostomy to the small bowel. A pediatric Endoscope was advanced on the side of the therapeutic endoscope to the second part of the duodenum confirming the position of axios catheter in the small bowel.

The distal flange of the stent was deployed under endoscopic visualization in the small bowel.

The proximal flange was then deployed in the stomach. The stent was dilated to 18 mm.

The patient had no adverse events and tolerated soft diet. Postoperative CT showed gastrojejunostomy with decompression of the stomach.

In a follow-up visit, he was asymptomatic and gaining weight.

OP134V GASTROJEJUNOSTOMY AND COLEDOCODUODENOSTOMY FOR BILIARY DRAINAGE IN PATIENT WITH DUODENAL AND BILIARY STENOSIS DUE TO PANCREATIC NEOPLASM

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Introduction We describe a case of a 62-year-old man with a history of cholecystectomy due to repetitive biliary colic. The patient was diagnosed with locally advanced pancreatic adenocarcinoma cT4cN1M0, in the context of constitutional syndrome and obstructive jaundice. The pancreatic mass...
produced dilation of the intra and extrahepatic bile duct, as well as Wirsung (6.5 mm) and stenosis of the third duodenal portion. For this reason, we decided to do an endoscopic derivation of the bile and duodenal stenosis.

Short Description of the Technique: Due to the impossibility of passage the guidewire to the distal duodenum we could not put a duodenal prosthesis. Because of that we decided to perform an endoscopic gastrojejunalostomy and endoscopic biliary duct derivation, at the same procedure.

Firstly, we introduced the endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) in order to identify a loop of small intestine close to the stomach. Then, the bowel was punctured with a 19 G needle so as to introduce contrast and methylene blue in order to distend the loop. The endoscopic gastrojejunalostomy was performed using lumen-apposing metal stent (LAMS) (HOT Axios 15 × 10 mm) by the “free-hand” technique. After that, we verified the correct position in the jejunum by direct vision and seeing the exit of methylene blue to the stomach. For the derivation of the biliary stenosis, we identified the dilated bile duct (2.6 cm) at the duodenal bulb level. Subsequently, we punctured it with a 19 G needle and passed a guidewire to the common bile duct. Finally, we performed a choledochoduodenostomy with 8 × 8 mm HOT Axios and verified its correct placement.

Conclusions The EUS allows the performing of the drainage of the biliary tract and the boston stenosis at the same procedure, using lumen-apposing metal stent without complications.

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OP135V EARLY GASTRIC ADENOCARCINOMA OF THE FUNDIC GLAND (CHIEF CELL PREDOMINANT TYPE): A NEW CHALLENGE FOR AN ENDOSCOPIST AND A PATHOLOGIST

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A 65-year-old female patient was referred to Yaroslavl Regional Cancer Hospital for screening upper gastrointestinal endoscopy. A 6 mm elevated lesion at the greater curvature of the upper part of gastric body was detected. The lesion had a poorly demarcated border and a whitish regular surface with dilated branching vessels by conventional white light imaging (WLI) endoscopy. Magnifying narrow-band imaging (M-NBI) observation of the lesion identified the indistinct demarcation line with a regular microsurface and a microvessel pattern. No atrophic changes were confirmed at the background gastric mucosa, Helicobacter pylori infection was not detected. Target forceps biopsy was taken for histological assessment of the lesion. Histology showed carcinoma mimicking the normal gastric fundic glands with an irregular branching structure. Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) was performed for en-bloc resection of the lesion. Histological examination of the post-ESD specimen showed well-differentiated gastric adenocarcinoma of fundic gland (GAFG) with submucosal invasion < 500 micrometers (sm1). The tumor was located in the deep region of the fundic gland and was totally covered by non-neoplastic foveolar epithelium. Immunohistochemically, the lesion had diffuse positivity for pepsinogen I (chief cell differentiation), and focal positivity for H1/K(+)-ATPase (parietal cell differentiation) suggesting a chief cell-predominant type of a cancer. Endoscopic resection was assessed as complete (R0) with negative horizontal and vertical margins of the specimen, no lymphatic and venous infiltration were found. GAFG is a rarely diagnosed gastric neoplasm of oxyntic mucosa which is considered to be a limitation for M-NBI diagnosis and therefore should be identified by careful WLI endoscopy only [Ueyama et al., 2014]. A recent literature search through PubMed was conducted to obtain 111 cases of GAFG (mainly from Japan) [Benedict et al., 2018]. To the best of our knowledge this is the first report of this type of gastric cancer in Russia and Europe.

OP136V ENDOSCOPIC BAND LIGATION WITHOUT RESECTION OF SMALL-SIZED SUBMUCOSAL TUMOURS: RESULTS IN SHORT-MEDIUM FOLLOW-UP TERM OF A MULTICENTER PROSPECTIVE STUDY (BANDING-SMT)

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Aims The endoscopic-band-ligation (EBL) without resection combined with a single-incision-needle-knife (SINK) biopsy is a little reported option in the management of submucosal-tumours (SMT). The main aim was to determine the efficacy of this technique. Secondary aims: to evaluate its safety and the diagnostic yield of biopsy.


Results Sixty-four cases (44% of the sample calculation); EUS-control 4–6 weeks n = 51. Esophagus n = 3, stomach n = 49, duodenum n = 11, rectum n = 1. SMT medium-size: 9.5 mm (4.5–15 mm). EBL technical success: 87.5% (n = 56/64). Clinical success at 4–6 weeks: 92.2% (n = 47/51), overall clinical success: 79.7% (n = 47/59). SMT dependence of superficial vs. deep layer subanalysis: technical success 93% vs. 75%; overall clinical success 87% vs. 65%. SMTs ≤10 mm vs. > 10 mm: technical success 100% vs. 68%; overall clinical success 97% vs. 54%. Pathological diagnosis: 62.5% (30/48); no difference between SMT-size, SMT-layer, or number or biopsies. Two mild adverse events (3%): bleeding, pain. Incidences: epigastralgia (6 h: 33%; 24 h: 20%); 4 weeks n = 51. Esophagus n = 3, stomach n = 49, duodenum n = 11, rectum n = 1. SMT medium-size: 9.5 mm (4.5–15 mm). EBL technical success: 100% (n = 56/56). Clinical success: 100% (n = 56/56). Clinical controls: recovery at first 6-hours, calling at 48-hours and 7-days, EUS control at 4–6 weeks and 12 months. Clinical-Trials.gov register: NCT03247231.

Table 1. Technical and clinical success subanalysis

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Conclusions Preliminary results in the short-medium follow-up term indicate that EBL of small SMT, supplemented with SINK biopsy, seems to be a feasible and safe technique. The limitations of its technical and clinical success seem to be associated with the SMT size and deep layers dependance.
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OP137V ENDOSCOPIC PERORAL DRAINAGE (EPOD) OF PERITONEAL POST BARIATRIC SURGERY COLLECTION AND ABSCESSES

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Aims Pancreatic collections endodrainage is a rationale for Endoscopic Peroral Drainage (EPOD) in cases of peritoneal abscess after Bariatric surgery leaks. Reoperation has a high morbidity and CTDraiange has limitations.

Methods We included 80 consecutive patients from 2007 to 2015 (48 Sleeve gastrectomy, 32 gastric bypass) with post operative leaks between 5 to 21 days. Patients Heart rate was over 120 bpm. Tomography showed left subphrenic, peri-gastric or free abdominal collections. Upper CO2 endoscopy allowed through the leak access to peritoneum (9,8 or 5,8 mm diameter gastroscope). In patients with orifices < 5.8 mm balloon distention of the leak was performed. The abscess content was suctioned out (100 to 700 ml) and sample taken for bacterial culture. Cavity was flushed and cleaned with sterile saline (200 – 2000 ml). If needed surgical drains were repositioned or replaced using endoscopic forceps and snare by one of the following approaches: 1) advancing endoscopes to the skin orifice, pulling the drains tubes into the peritoneum and leave them close to the leak. 2) searching for one laparoscopic port inside peritoneum, re-opening it under endoscopic vision, advancing through it drainage catheters and pulling back to place them close to the leak. In 8 patients forcess or knives endoscopic liberation of adhesions was required. Drains were placed with SEMS.

Results Heart rate returned to normal within 24 hours. In 50% of patients it happened immediately after drainage. Average time was 55 minutes. Abdominal catheters were removed between 7 and 18 days once full resolution of the debit was achieved. Twenty patients were discharged within the first 24 hours and the rest between within 8 days. SEMS were placed for 6 to 8 weeks leading to complete closure of leaks. There were no adverse events.

Conclusion EPOD for peritoneal abscesses secondary to Bariatric surgery leaks is feasible, safe and highly effective.

OP138V PERCUTANEOUS ENDOSCOPIC GASTROSTOMY – “REMOVAL UNEXPECTED COMPLICATION”

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Description Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube removal is recommended after patients resume oral intake. There are three main techniques described to remove a PEG tube: (1) external traction at the skin level, (2) the cut and push technique, and (3) retrograde esophageal exteriorization under endoscopic control. The choice depends mainly on endoscopist’s preferences and local guidelines.

Several risk factors for tube deterioration have been described, such as heat and fungal colonization. We report the case of an 83-year-old patient with a PEG inserted 2 years ago, due to dysphagia in the context of Parkinson’s disease. After placement, patient missed all booked appointments. Two years later, the patient’s relatives contacted our Department to inform that the patient had resumed oral intake one year ago, and that they weren’t using the feeding tube ever since. Initially, we tried to remove the tube endoscopically through the mouth as is standard practice in our department. During the procedure an esophageal laceration occurred at the lower esophageal sphincter due to the rigidity of the bumper. Given the risk of attempting to remove through the esophagus, we decided to remove the PEG tube through the gastroscopy tract. Given the rigidity of the bumper, we performed multiple radial incisions on the bumper using laparoscopic scissors inserted through the gastroscopy tract, to facilitate its collapse when extracting it through the stoma. At the end of the procedure we confirmed that the PEG tube was rigid, demonstrating marked decrease in its elasticity. Culture of the PEG material showed fungal colonization (hyphae growth).

Motivation We highlight this case by the possibility of using the gastroscopy as an alternative gateway. Moreover, endoscopists who remove PEG tubes through the oral route, should be aware that several factors can modify the tubes’ original properties and therefore hinder the exteriorization using the oral route.

OP139V ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION USING THE SHORT TYPE CLUTCH CUTTER FOR SUPERFICIAL NON-AMPULLARY DUODENAL EPITHELIAL TUMORS

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Background and study aim Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) using conventional knives for superficial non-ampullary duodenal epithelial tumors (SNADET) is technically demanding and the reported perforation rate was 25%. The aim of this study was to evaluate the efficacy and safety of ESD using the short type CC for SNADET.

Patients and methods From September 2009 to March 2018, 15 consecutive patients (6 men, 9 women; mean age 60 years, range 52 – 91) with a diagnosis of SNADET confirmed by preliminary endoscopy, EUS, and endoscopic biopsies, were enrolled into this prospective study. The short type CC (blade length 3.5 mm) was used for all steps of ESD (mucosal incision, submucosal dissection, and hemostatic treatment). The therapeutic efficacy and safety were assessed.

Results Tumor location included 2 lesions in the bulbus, 10 lesions in the 2nd portion, and 3 lesions in the 3rd portion. The final histopathological diagnoses of the resected specimens were 5 cases of adenocarcinoma, 9 cases of adenoma, and 1 case of heterotopic gastric mucosa. The mean sizes of the SNADETs and resected specimens were 19 ± 11 mm and 28 ± 11 mm respectively. The mean operating time was 119 ± 80 minutes. The rates of en-bloc resection and R0 resection were 93% (14/15) and 67% (10/15), respectively. We encountered intraoperative perforation in 1 case (7%), which was successfully treated by following endoscopic clipping and conservative treatment. There were no perforations or bleeding after ESD using the short type CC.

Conclusions ESD using the short type CC appears to be a relatively safe and technically efficient method for resecting SNADET.

OP140V ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF INTRALUMINAL DUODENAL (“WINDSOCK”) DIVERTICULUM WITH DIVERTICULOTOMY

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Motivation We highlight this case by the possibility of using the gastroscopy as an alternative gateway. Moreover, endoscopists who remove PEG tubes through the oral route, should be aware that several factors can modify the tubes’ original properties and therefore hinder the exteriorization using the oral route.
Aims Intraluminal duodenal diverticulum (IDD), also known as windsock’s diverticulum is a rare congenital anomaly, which results from an incomplete recanalization of the forset in the embryonic formation. Although most patients are asymptomatic, the most frequent symptoms are nausea, vomit, early satiety and epigastric discomfort. Complications are rare and include gastrointestinal bleeding, obstruction, pancreatitis and cholangitis. Endoscopic therapeutic can be used as an alternative treatment in symptomatic cases.

Methods Case report of endoscopic treatment of IDD in a Brazilian tertiary reference center.

Results A 19-year-old female with uncontrollable nausea, vomit and weight loss with twenty-days evolution. Laboratory tests and abdominal ultrasonography showed no alterations. Symptoms worsened during hospitalization with refractoriness to the clinical treatment. Introduction of total parenteral nutrition was necessary. Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy revealed a large IDD in the second duodenal portion partially occupying the lumen and with a small orifice in distal portion. The duodenal papilla was identified proximal to the diverticulum. Endoscopic diverticulotomy was recommended after multidisciplinary discussion. The septotomy was performed with needle-knife from the proximal to the distal portion, pulling the catheter in a contralateral direction to the wall of the diverticulum and thermal hemostasis was done with a coagrasper, with complete diverticulotomy and allowing easy passage of the endoscope. A laceration area was observed in the second duodenal portion, contralateral to the diverticulotomy, and metal clips were placed. Patient presented massive hematemesis, one day after the procedure, which was resolved with placement of metal clips and injection of adrenaline solution. Oral diet was started without new intercurrences.

Conclusions IDD are rare and generally asymptomatic. New minimally invasive techniques have been described for the treatment of symptomatic cases. The endoscopic approach by diverticulotomy may be the treatment of choice, with good success rates as described in the literature.

OP141V   ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE DESINVAGINATION WITH DOUBLE BALLOON ENTEROSCOPE: A NEW ENDOSCOPY TREATMENT FOR SMALL BOWEL

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Introduction Symptomatic intussusception of a long ileal segment in the colon has surgical treatment. Large-channel double balloon enteroscopy (DBE) (3.2 mm) is providing new therapeutic solutions.

Case report During a colonoscopy in a 42-year-old patient with rectal bleeding and symptoms of subocclusion, an invaginated mass was identified through Bahuin. A DBE (via anal) identified the head of the same (large polyp) by cecal retroversion. After optimal positioning aligned with terminal ileum, the invaginated segment is reintroduced, pushing the lesion with the distal portion, contralateral to the diverticulotomy, and metal clips were placed. Patient had an uncomplicated postoperative course and was discharged from the hospital 2 days after surgery. He remains healthy without any recurrence to date two months after surgery.

OP143V   TUNNEL DISSECTION FOR ESOPHAGEAL GLOMUS TUMOR

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Aim To present a case with a large esophageal tumor successfully removed through a proximal esophageal tunnel via endoscopic approach. The conventional surgery has a high rate of morbidity and mortality for large-volume tumors, and the endoscopic procedure is a new, less invasive treatment option.

Methods A 67-year-old man presented with a large esophageal tumor. After multidisciplinary discussion, a decision was made to perform a tunnel dissection via endoscopic approach.

Results The tumor was successfully removed through the esophageal tunnel. The patient had an uncomplicated postoperative course and was discharged from the hospital 2 days after surgery. He remains healthy without any recurrence to date two months after surgery.

Bariatric Endoscopic techniques (BET) have emerged to provide a treatment option for weight loss and associated comorbidities, in obese patients. A novel bariatric endoscopy gastroplasty, fully automated, more operator independent, minimally-invasive suturing system, called Endozip, enables to create multiple internal gastric walls segmentations by forming wall-wall full thickness suture of the stomach. A prospective First in human open label single center study was carried out to assess Endozip procedure in terms of safety, feasibility and efficacy.

Methods 13 patients (61.5% male; mean age 41 y, mean initial BMI 36.1 kg/m² (range 30 – 39)] underwent Endozip procedure between May and November 2018, in the Bariatric Endoscopy Unit of Madrid HM Sanchinarro University Hospital. Durability of the procedure was scheduled for endoscopic assessment at 1 and 6 months postprocedure. The primary outcome was the procedure safety and feasibility. The secondary outcomes were weight loss out-
comes, measured by TBWL (total body weight loss), % TBWL and % excess weight loss (% EWL).

Results There were no intra-procedural nor early serious adverse events. All patients were discharged the day after the procedure. The average procedure time evolved from 120 min for the first 3 patients to 35 min for the last 3 patients. The average number of full thickness automatic sutures placed was 2.6 (range 2 – 3).

TBWL, % TBWL and % EWL were: at 1 month (n = 10): 9.3 kg, 8.9% and 33.4% respectively; at 3 month (n = 6): 11.8 kg, 11.5% and 46.1% respectively and at 6 month (n = 2): 20.9 kg, 20.9% and 95.3%. At 1 month endoscopic control showed that sutures were in place. The study is ongoing.

Conclusions EndoZip procedure allows a minimally invasive automated suturing of the stomach. First in human results showed safety, feasibility and effectiveness in a short duration procedure. Some procedure in navigation and visibility will be key to include this procedure in the available BET.

OP144 SAFETY PROFILE OF THE POSE PROCEDURE

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Aims Bariatric surgery, diet and lifestyle modifications, and non-exogenous drugs, have not managed to stop obesity worldwide expansion. Several bariatric endoscopic techniques emerge as safe and cost-effective promising alternatives. Our aim was to evaluate the security of the POSE (Primary Obesity Surgery Endolumenal) procedure.

Methods Prospective registry of intraoperative incidents, and adverse effects in a consecutive cohort of 518 obese patients (BMI 30 – 44.9) subjected to POSE method within a multidisciplinary program of lifestyle changes. Interventions were carried out by two endoscopists between June-2012 and June-2017. All patients signed the consent informed. Interventions were performed under general anesthesia, antibiotics, and CO2, inserting an ultrathin gastro-scope in the incisionless operating platform (IOP), performing 12 – 18 transmural plications in fundus and distal body, in an inpatient basis. Intraoperative incidents, symptomatology, and adverse effects were described.

Results The procedure could be performed in 515 patients (99.4%), failing to pass the IOP through the esophagus in 3. Average surgical time: 25 minutes.

Minor events: anesthetic mild complications: 2%; intraoperative submucosal bruising: 24.8%, without clinical impact; mucosal snagging with IOP or forceps were infrequent, and 100% survivable. In 5 we treated hemorrhagic points. Symptomatology: most patients had to mild to moderate epigastric pain lasting 24 – 72 hours, requiring opioids in 3.5%; slight cervical pain: 62%; chest pain: 4.8%; low fever: 1.5%; postoperative vomiting: 5%; Major events: 2 gastric bleedings, one within 24 hours, resolved with adrenaline/clips. Another after 3 weeks in context of NSAIADs due to gout in a thrombocytopenia-HIV patient, requiring transfusions. There was an asymptomatic pneumoperitoneum. Up to 97% of patients were discharged in <24 hours.

Conclusions The POSE method is safe and feasible in a short surgical time. Its commonest symptom is mild epigastric pain, being its biggest drawback is asymptomatic mural bruises production. Only three major complications were registered.

OP145 EUROPEAN ENDOscopic SUTURING REGISTRY FOR BARIATRIC PATIENTS

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Aims Full-thickness endoscopic suturing has demonstrated multiple uses, including endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty (ESG) as a primary bariatric procedure and a reduction of distal gastrectomy anastomosis (TORe: transoral outlet reduction) in patients who have weight regain after bariatric surgery. This prospective observational multicenter registry allows monitoring feasibility, safety and weight loss of patients that underwent endoscopic suturing with Overstitch system (Apollo Endosurgery).

The aim of this Registry is to determine practice patterns, complications and weight loss results in the use of this device.

Methods Multicenter, longitudinal, data repository for ESG and TORe. We expect to include a representative collection of European centers performing these procedures without a hard target goal of patients for each procedure (estimated 240 – 300 per year). Demographic, procedural and follow-up outcomes will be recovered. Longitudinal data collection will extend up to 2 years. Eight centers are enabled to enroll consecutive patients from April 2018. The study is ongoing.

Results To date of December 1st a total of 175 procedures were included. These included 139 ESG (117 Primary Obesity Therapy and 22 Bridge to other bariatric techniques) and 36 TORe (trans endoscopic outlet reduction) procedures. For TORe procedure, the mean number of sutures placed for outlet reduction was 1.94 ± 1.2 (66.6% interrupted and 33.3% running sutures) and 1.3 ± 0.6 sutures were placed for pouch volume reduction (70.8% interrupted and 29.1% running sutures). At ESG patients the suturing pattern used was 60.8% U or triangular pattern and 39.2% Zeta suture pattern.

There was only 1 complication, 1 gastric perforation in a Primary obesity ESG, solved successfully with full endoscopic treatment. No patients required surgical intervention.

Conclusions Data collection for mid/long term efficacy, suturing patterns and safety is still ongoing, and accumulating a significant body of evidence on endoscopic full thickness suturing for bariatric patients of different European countries.

OP146 TRANSORAL OUTLET REDUCTION FOR WEIGHT REGAIN AFTER GASTRIC BYPASS: ONE YEAR FOLLOW-UP

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Aims Enlargement of gastrojejunal anastomosis is associated with weight regain in patients with Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB). Endoscopic transoral outlet reduction (TORe) has proven safe and effective for treatment of weight regain. The objective of this study was to evaluate the safety and the efficacy in weight loss and quality of life after TORe.

Methods Patients with at least 50% of weight regain and enlarged gastric outlet after RYGB treated at our centre were retrospectively identified from a prospectively collected database. Endoscopic outlet reduction was performed with Overstitch (Apollo-Endosurgery). Before suturing the outlet rims were cauterized with pulsed Argon Plasma Coagulation on 40 Watts,1 l/min (VIO 300D, ERBE Elektromedizin GmbH). Follow-up was done at 1.3, 6 and 12 months. The quality of life was evaluated according to the Quality Of Life Scale (QOLS).

Results Thirty-three patients (29 female, mean age 43.7) underwent TORe from January 2015 to April 2017. Baseline mean BMI was 37.9 (range 31 – 50). Mean number of 2.3 stitches per patient were placed (range 2 – 4) on the level of the gastric outlet. After suturing the patency of the redone outlet was tested with a standard gastroscopy. There were 2 (6%) complications: one patient developed fever due to a small retrogastric collection and was treated
with antibiotics, while one patient had a gastric perforation that required urgent surgery. Mean hospital stay was 2.4 days (range 1 – 10). Thirty patients completed the follow up at 12 months. Three patients were lost during the follow-up. Mean weight loss at 12 months was 14.8 kg. Mean BMI was 32 and the % EWL was 34.5 at 1 year. Only two patients regained weight compared to baseline. All the patients reported satiety after 1 month, which was confirmed by 37.3% after 12 months follow up. In addition, over 50% of the study population had an improvement quality of life in terms of physical activity, relationships and dietary habits.

**Conclusions**
In our experience TORre was a safe and effective procedure in patients with weight regain after RYGB, with stable promising results even in the long-term follow-up.

**OP147 ENDOSCOPIC SLEEVE Plication (ESP) for Treatment of Obese I-I. Preliminary Results of 2 sites with the New Pattern for Gastrointestinal Emptying Delay**

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**Aims**
Obesity is major disease in our society. Intragastric balloon is the endoscopic gold standard on short time weight loss. Endoscopic plication can offer us better middle long term results than balloon for its durability.

**Methods**
This is a multi-center, prospective pilot study intended to evaluate the safety and efficacy of the Endoscopic Sleeve Plication procedure (mid & distal body plications) (ESP).

Study was Ethics approved at institutions. Written consent obtained. Indications have been obesity grade II. Use of the Incisionless Operating Platform (IOP)™ (USGI Medical, San Clemente, CA, USA) with a defined new pattern of disposition of the transmural plications with the g-cath EZ suture anchors in the greater curvature shortening and tubulizing the stomach to potentially delay gastric emptying and reduce gastric volume/accommodation for an enhanced physiological effect.

Follow up data will be obtained prospectively every 2 weeks initially for the first 2 months and then monthly for the next 10 months on as part of our long-term follow-up program that also emphasized changes in unhealthy eating/lifestyle habits.

**Results**
17 operations in 17 patients were successfully performed (M: 9 F: 8). Mean age was 44.1 (25 – 59). Mean BMI 37.4 (Range 35.2 – 40.0). Mean number of anchors placed was 18.6 (range 14 – 21). All patients were discharged ≤ 24 hours. There were no serious adverse events (SAE). % Mean Total body weight loss at 2 months for the 17 patients was 11.17 ± 2.33 Kg and the % Excess Weight loss at 2 months was 34.26 ± 8.23%. All patients reported less hunger and earlier satiety post-procedure.

**Conclusions**
The ESP procedure seems to be a safe intervention without significant adverse effects to date. Initial results in weight loss are encouraging. However, long term follow-up and further study remains necessary to assess its value in treating the multi-factorial etiology of obesity.

**OP148 Bariatric Endoscopy: Comparison of 962 Patients of 4 Different Techniques with Same Endoscopist and Same Follow up Team**

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**Aims**
New bariatric endoscopic techniques (BET) have been developed for the obesity treatment. Most centers tend to specialize in one procedure, such as Endoscopic sleeve gastropasty (APOLLO gastropasty), Primary Obesity Surgery Endolumenal (POSE method) or Intragastric Balloon (IGB) (Orbera or Dual), so it is difficult to compare different techniques results. The objective of this study is to evaluate different BET performed by the same endoscopist and same follow up team.

**Methods**
Prospective single-center study over 962 patients (28.2% men) that underwent a BET between March 2012 and January 2017, in the Bariatric Endoscopy Unit of Madrid HM Sanchinarro University Hospital, with at least 1 year of follow-up. Distribution of techniques was: Orbera IGB 389, Dual IGB 92, APOLLO gastropasty 247 and POS method 234. Mean initial BMI and age were 37.8 kg/m² and 45.3 years. The same multidisciplinary team (nutritionist and psychologist) carried out the follow up. Linear regression analysis was used to evaluate the % TBWL at 1 year adjusted by gender, age, initial BMI, procedure type and % of attendance at concerted visits with the team.

**Results**
At 1 year of follow up, mean TBWL, % TBWL and %BWL were 18 kg, 16.3% and 51% respectively Analyzing responding rates: 2/3 of the sample reached >10% and 1/3 > 20% of % TBWL. APOLLO gastropasty patients obtained higher TBWL, %TBWL and %BWL> 20%. Predictive variables of higher %TBWL were: higher % of attendance (B = 0.082. p < 0.001) and higher initial BMI (B = 0.495. p < 0.001).

**Conclusions**
BET can be considered an effective treatment with high rate of responders weight loss. Adequate follow-up and selection of patients, should be one of the main objectives as it is closely related to achieving better results.

**OP149 TRANSORAL OUTLET REDUCTION WITH SEMI-CIRCUMFERENTIAL ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSA DISSECTION IS SUPERIOR TO ARGON PLASMA COAGULATION**

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**Aims**
Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) is a standard bariatric and metabolic procedure to induce weight-loss. Years after the intervention, a dilated gastrojejunal anastomosis (GJA) leads to weight regain or dumping syndrome. Recently, transoral outlet reduction (TOR) to GJA diminution has been established by endoscopic suturing after tissue ablation with argon plasma coagulation (APC). However, rupture of sutures before scarring can lead to recurrent dilatation of GJA. In this study, we compared a semi-circulated endoscopic submucosa dissection (ESD) as a novel approach for its superiority over APC before TOR.

**Methods**
Data of patients who underwent APC-TOR or ESD-TOR were prospectively collected and retrospectively analyzed. The main objectives were reduction in GJA diameter and ruptured sutures. Technical success, complications, total weight loss (TWL), percent of total and excess weight loss (%TWL and %EWL) at 3 and 12 months, were assessed. Fisher’s exact test, Student’s t-test, Chi-Square-test and regression analyses were performed.

**Results**
Forty-one patients with comparable baseline characteristics were enrolled (APC-TOR: 26, ESD-TOR: 15). ESD-TOR resulted in significantly fewer ruptured sutures (20% vs. 69%, p = 0.004) and a higher reduction of GJA (major: 20% vs. 0%, minor: 54% vs. 37%, no: 13% vs. 58%, p = 0.015) after 3 months. ESD-TOR was also identified as prediction parameter for fewer broken sutures and larger GJA reduction. TWL, %TWL or %EWL revealed no significant differences between both groups. Technical efficacy, examination time and rate of complications were comparable.
Conclusions ESD-TOR resulted in a significantly higher reduction in GJA diameter and lower risk of ruptured sutures compared to APC-TOR.

OP150 DUODENO-JEJUNAL BYPASS LINER FOR THE TREATMENT OF DIABETES MELLITUS IN OBESE PATIENTS: COMPLETENESS OF DUODENAL BLINDING AS THE KEY FACTOR FOR EFFICACY

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Aims The global increase in obesity incidence results in an increase of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM). Surgical treatment has proven to be effective, however it carries a high risk of complications. The duodenal-jejunal bypass liner (EndoBarrier, Gl Dynamics, EB) is an endoscopic implant that mimics the intestinal bypass portion of the Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass. It results in weight loss and improvements in glucose control in obese patients with T2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM). We aimed to identify factors associated with an outcome of EB for T2DM.

Methods This is a analysis of a prospective, controlled, multicentre study.

Results Seventy subjects (45 with an implant, 25 controls) were included in the study. The groups were comparable with respect to age, gender, BMI (mean 41.7 vs. 39.5 kg/m2), T2DM duration (7.8 vs. 8.3 years), HbA1c level (88 vs. 86 mmol/mol) and T2DM treatment. In the EB group, all devices were successfully implanted. Only 6 devices had to be explanted prior to the end of the 10 months study period (bleeding, dislocation and need for ERCP because of cholelithiasis). At 10 months there was significantly greater weight loss and % EWL (19% vs. 7% and 43 vs. 12) and significantly improved long term compensation of T2DM marker HbA1c (decreased by 25 vs. 10 mmol/mol) in the EB group. T2DM medicinal treatment could be reduced in more device subjects than controls. There was no serious adverse event. Deepness of anchor ingrow, lower initial BMI and lower body height were identified as positive factors for efficacy of EB for T2DM compensation.

Conclusions The EB is safe when implanted for 10 months, and results in significant weight loss and HbA1c reduction. Deepness of anchor ingrow, lower initial BMI and lower body height could be positive factors for efficacy.

OP151 THE ROLE OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH IN ENDOSCOPIC SLEEVES GASTROPLASTY

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Aims Endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty (ESG) is a relatively novel endoscopic procedure that reduces the gastric lumen with proven less complications and less 6 months weight loss compared to laparoscopic sleeve gastropasty. At present there are no studies investigating the role of multidisciplinary approach in ESG. The aims of the present study were to evaluate the role of multidisciplinary assessment (MA) prior ESG, weight loss outcomes and quality of live improvements.

Methods From May 2016 to May 2018 all pts that underwent ESG were retrospectively evaluated from a prospective database. Until September 2017 before ESG only psychiatric evaluation was requested, while after this date all patients were evaluated on a multidisciplinary fashion prior ESG, composed by: gastroenterologist, surgeon, psychiatrist, endocrinologist and dietitian. Pts were divided in 2 groups: group 1 were pts with ESG before MA and group 2 were pts with ESG after MA. We compared this 2 groups in terms of weight loss outcomes and quality of live improvements (BAROS scale). All procedures were done with the Apollo Overstitch suturing system (Apollo Endosurgery) and a double channel gastroscope Olympus 2TGF-160 (Olympus Japan). All procedures were done in general anesthesia and with CO2 insufflation. All patients had ambulatory visit at 1,3 and 6-months after ESG and the outcomes were measured in terms of Excess Weight Loss (% EWL), Total Body Weight Loss (% TBWL) and BAROS scale. Statistical analysis was done with chi-square test and <0.05 value was considered significant.

Results 31 pts were identified (20 f;mean age 45.4, range 23 – 73). Mean BMI at inclusion was 41.6 (range 31.6 – 62.4). Mean % EWL and % TBWL at 6-months was 37.1 and 16.7 respectively. No procedure related complications were observed. Comparing the two groups there was significant (P<0.05) difference in terms of % EWL (26.5% vs.42.2%) and % TBWL (14.7% vs.18.8%), with better results in group 2. There was also a significant improvement in the BAROS scale in the patients in group 2 (2.5 Vs. 5.7).

Conclusions MA before ESG has a fundamental role in terms of better procedure outcomes for both weight loss and quality of live in obese pts.

OP152 BODY COMPOSITION ALTERATIONS WITH THE ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF OBESITY WITH INTRAGASTRIC BALLOON (IGB). IS IT THE BEST FOLLOW UP STRATEGY?

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Aims IGBs are part of the therapeutic arsenal in the fight against obesity. Body mass index (BMI) is the most widespread method used worldwide to classify the degree of obesity. Since BMI is an imprecise method for analyzing body composition, there is an urgent need to adopt more objective methods for patient follow-up and the treatment of obesity, helping in the adoption of strategies for maintaining weight after withdrawal of the accessory.

Methods We retrospectively analyzed the results obtained after endoscopic treatment of obesity with IGB. The sample consisted of 46 patients. The variables considered were the decrease in TBWL, BMI, changes in body composition and metabolic rate. Subgroup analysis was done according to the degree of obesity. We used means and standard deviation, Wilcoxon and the T-test. In order to analyze the difference between the groups, the Kruskal-Wallis and the Dunn test were used.

Results The initial mean weight was 90.6 ± 16.1 kg and after removal of the IGB was 75.7 ± 12.5 kg, and the BMI ranged from 34.1 ± 4.8 to 28.6 ± 3.7 p<0.05. The percentage of fat free mass presented an increase of 9.4%, from 61.5 ± 4.2 to 67.3 ± 5.8 p<0.05. The percentage of body fat ranged from 38.5 ± 4.2 to 32.6 ± 5.8 p<0.05. The metabolic rate decreased from 1731 ± 303 to 1589 ± 268. Patients with grade 2 and 3 obesity presented higher total body weight loss, decreased BMI, and greater loss of fat free mass. Regarding the metabolic rate, the grade 2 and 3 obesity groups presented a statistically greater reduction.

Conclusions Treatment with IGBs presents consistent results in weight loss, changes in body composition and metabolic rate. Follow-up considering changes in body composition and metabolic rate is efficient and may suggest different strategies for each result obtained.
OP153 MORE DETECTED POLYPS PER PATIENT WITH 1L NER1006 VERSUS STANDARD BOWEL PREPARATIONS: META-ANALYSIS OF 1749 PATIENTS IN THREE RANDOMISED PHASE 3 CLINICAL TRIALS

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Aims Effective colonoscopy requires adequate bowel cleansing to detect polyps of 5 mm or more in size. The 1L polyethylene glycol (PEG) NER1006 recently demonstrated superior high-quality colon cleansing efficacy over standard bowel preparations with, between them, comparable cleansing efficacies on validated cleansing scales. To explore the clinical value of improved high-quality cleansing, this meta-analysis of three randomised clinical trials assessed the mean lesion detection rates per patient for NER1006 versus standard treatments.

Methods Colon cleansing efficacy of split-dosing NER1006 was assessed as either overnight dosing (N2D) versus 2L PEG + ascorbate (2LPEG; MORA trial) or oral sulfate solution (OSS; NOCT trial), or as day before dosing (NDB) versus sodium picosulfate + magnesium citrate (SPMC; DAYB trial). Morning only dosing of NER1006 (N1D) was also assessed in MORA. Polyp- and adenoma detection were key secondary endpoints and these lesions were detected by site endoscopists as per usual clinical practice. Per-patient averages of overall colon polyps and adenomas were calculated for NER1006 versus comparators, per treatment and at an aggregate phase 3 level.

Results From 1985 randomised patients, 1749 with available lesion counts were included (Table). At the aggregate level, NER1006 demonstrated a significantly higher mean polyp detection per patient than the comparators (Mean [SD]: 1.23 [2.69] vs. 1.00 [1.73]; P = 0.014). Within each trial, NER1006 also demonstrated numerically higher mean polyp detection per patient than its comparator.

Tab. 1 Mean number of overall colon polyps detected per patient with 1L PEG NER1006 versus older treatments.

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Conclusions Bowel preparation with the NER1006 (PLENVU) enables greater detection of overall colon polyps per patient than the pooled use of standard alternatives SPMC, 2LPEG or OSS.

OP154 MORE LESIONS PER PATIENT DETECTED WITH HIGH-QUALITY VERSUS ADEQUATE COLON CLEANING: A POST HOC ANALYSIS OF UNIFORM SEGMENTAL CLEANSING SCORES USING THE HAREFIELD CLEANSING SCALE

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Aims Effective colonoscopy requires colon cleansing success which is usually based on the least clean colon segment; one poorly cleansed segment triggers an overall failure. This complicates the analysis of cleansing quality versus lesion detection. We therefore analysed the relative lesion detection in patients who had the same cleansing score in all colon segments.

Methods Three similar phase 3 clinical trials assessed the colon cleansing efficacy of 1L NER1006 (PLENVU) versus standard bowel preparations. Cleansing quality assessment was standardised with treatment-blinded central readers using the validated Harefield Cleansing Scale (HCS). Lesions were detected by site endoscopists as per usual clinical practice. Trial results were pooled for this post hoc analysis. The mean number of polyps (MPP) and adenomas (MAP) per patient were calculated in patients with uniform segmental scores ranging from zero (failure) to four (high-quality). One-sided t-tests assuming equal variance assessed MPP and MAP of HCS 4+4+4+4+4 versus lower score groups.

Results Among 1749 patients included in this analysis, 469 had uniform segmental scores (Table). HCS 4+4+4+4+4 demonstrated a higher MAP vs. HCS 2+2+2+2+2 (1.18 vs. 0.51; P = 0.001) or HCS 1+1+1+1+1 (1.18 vs. 0.10; P = 0.034). MPP was improved with HCS 4+4+4+4+4 vs. HCS 1+1+1+1+1 (1.92 vs. 0.60; P = 0.048). Four patients had HCS uniform scores of zero; no lesions were detected in these patients.

Tab. 1 Uniform segmental HCS scores vs. lesion detection

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Conclusions Despite variable sample sizes, this analysis demonstrated a higher MAP for high-quality versus adequate cleansing success and a consistent trend towards improved lesion detection with higher cleansing quality.

OP155 RANDOMIZED STUDY SHOWS THAT SIMPLE, SPECIFIC VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF BOWEL PREPARATION IN INPATIENTS UNDERGOING COLONOSCOPY

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Aims Bowel preparation for colonoscopy is often inadequate in hospitalized patients. We aimed to explore the effect of specific verbal instructions on the quality of inpatients bowel preparation.

Methods Randomized (1:1), two strata (ambulatory vs. bedridden; 3:2) trial

Conclusions The simple, specific verbal instructions used in this randomized trial improved bowel preparation quality in hospitalized patients.
Results We enrolled 300 (180 ambulatory) inpatients; 155 (51.7%) men; aged 71.7 ± 15.1 years. 151 (50.3%) patients were randomized to the SI and 149 (49.7%) to the SSVI groups, respectively. We excluded 39 incomplete examinations due to bowel obstruction or patient intolerance. Overall, the mean BBPS score was significantly higher in the intervention group (6.7 ± 2.3 vs. 6.07 ± 2.4; p = 0.02), significantly more patients in the SSVI group achieved adequate bowel preparation (75/129 (58.1%) vs. 57/132 (43.2%); OR (95% CI): 1.83 (1.12–2.89)) and more patients in the SSVI group achieved adequate colon preparation (90/129 (69.8%) vs. 82/132 (62.1%); OR (95% CI): 1.36 (0.81 – 2.28)) compared to those of SI. Among ambulatory patients, the mean BBPS score (7.2 ± 1.9 vs. 6.4 ± 2.1; p = 0.02), the rates of very good bowel preparation (75/129 (58.1%) vs. 57/132 (43.2%); OR (95% CI): 1.83 (1.12–2.89)) and adequate bowel preparation were significantly higher in the SSVI group. Among bedridden patients the benefit of provision of SSVI was not observed either on the mean BBPS score (6.06 ± 2.1 vs. 5.52 ± 2.8; p = 0.5) or on the rate of very good (67.9% vs. 45%; OR (95% CI): 2.59 (1.36 – 4.91)) and adequate (81.5% vs. 66.3%; OR (95% CI): 2.12 (1.02 – 4.39)) bowel preparations were significantly higher in the SSVI group. Among bedridden patients the benefit of provision of SSVI was not observed either on the mean BBPS score (6.06 ± 2.1 vs. 5.52 ± 2.8; p = 0.5) or on the rate of very good (41.7% vs. 40.4%; OR (95% CI): 1.05 (0.47 – 2.34)).

Conclusions The quality of bowel preparation significantly increases by providing SSVI to inpatients. However, this effect is restricted among the ambulatory patients, while bedridden patients do not benefit from this intervention.

OP156 IMPLICATIONS OF REINFORCED EDUCATION IN HIGH QUALITY COLONOSCOPY PREPARATION USING A SMARTPHONE APPLICATION: RESULTS FROM THE COLOPRAPP-STUDY

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Aims Sufficient bowel preparation is crucial for successful screening and surveillance colonoscopy. We investigated the effects of reinforced patient education using a smartphone application for colonoscopy preparation.

Methods In this prospective, endoscopist-blinded, multi-center study, standard instructions pertaining to split-dose preparation were provided orally and in a written format to all patients during the initial appointment. Patients were then randomly assigned (1:1) to a group that received reinforced education starting 3 days before the colonoscopy (APP group) or a control group without further education. The primary outcome was quality of bowel preparation according to the Boston Bowel Preparation Scale (BBPS). The secondary outcomes included adenoma detection rates (ADR), patients’ perceived discomfort of the preparation procedure and complete implementation of laxative intake and diet assessed by a self-reporting questionnaire.

Results So far, 440 patients have been included. Indication for colonoscopy was CRC-screening (n = 212) or surveillance after previous polypectomy (n = 228). Mean BBPS score was significantly higher in the APP group (7.5 ± 0.1) than in the control group (6.3 ± 0.2) (P < 0.0001). The ADR was significantly higher in the APP group (39% vs. 28%) (P = 0.0084) showing that ADR correlates with BBPS. Patients randomized for the APP group reported a lower level of discomfort during preparation 7.5 vs. 7.1 (NRS) (P < 0.0001) and a higher rate of complete ingestion of recommended amount of laxatives 95% vs. 86% (P < 0.001).

Conclusions Reinforced patient education using a smartphone application increased bowel cleanliness. Furthermore, using an APP for instruction was associated with an increase in adenoma detection rate and patients’ acceptance.

OP157 PLAN-DO-STUDY-ACT APPROACH FOR IMPLEMENTING SPLIT REGIMEN OVER SINGLE DOSE (IMPROVES STUDY)

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Aims Split-dose regimen for colonoscopy is recommended by international guidelines, but its adoption is still suboptimal. The Plan-Do-Study-Act approach (PDSA) is a scientific method used to promote continuous quality improvement of complex processes. The aim of this study was to assess whether PDSA is able to improve adherence to split-dose regimen.

Methods According to a PDSA approach, split-dose regimen adoption was assessed in two periods separated by data analysis and tailored interventions, namely: 1) Cycle1: assessment of split dose adherence in consecutive out-patients and inpatients undergoing colonoscopies in 74 Italian centres; 2) Educational intervention: two mandatory meetings with literature review, analysis of Cycle1 data and discussion of hypothetical corrective measures; 3) Cycle2: final assessment of post-interventional adoption of split-dose regimen. Demographic, clinical and procedural variables were systematically collected. Multivariate logistic regression was used to identify predictors of split-dose regimen adoption.

Results 8,213 patients (mean age 60.29 (SD 13.58), men 54%, outpatients 88.4%) were enrolled between 2013 and 2016 (4,189 in Cycle1 and 4,024 in Cycle2). The Split-dose regimen adoption raised from 29.1% of Cycle1 to 51.1% of Cycle2 (p < 0.0001), and being enrolled in Cycle2 was an independent predictor of Split-dose regimen adoption (OR 2.9; 95% C.I. 2.6 – 3.3). The adoption improved in all time slots, including colonoscopies scheduled before 9:30 am. The main corrective measures were: rescheduling of colonoscopies between 9:30 and 11:30 am (OR 2.6; 95% CI 2.3 – 3.1) and after 11:30 am (OR 7; 95% CI 5.9 – 8.4), the cleansing regimen communicated by the Endoscopy Unit (via form: OR 1.6 95% CI 1.3 – 1.9; via visit: OR 2.1 95% CI 1.7 – 2.5) and by more than one modality (OR 2.8; 95% CI 2.3 – 3.3), a decrease in the use of deep sedation (OR 2; 95% CI 1.7 – 2.5).

Conclusions An educational intervention with observation-driven corrections according to a PDSA approach was able to substantially increase the adoption of the split-dose regimen.
Cleansing quality was assessed by treatment-blinded central readers using the BBPS. This pooled analysis excluded patients with missing segmental cleansing score or lesion count data. Polypl- (PDR) and adenoma (ADR) detection rates plus the mean number of polyps (MP) and adenomas (MAP) per patient were calculated. One-sided t-tests assuming equal variance compared the lesion detection in BBPS 7–9 (high-quality) versus lower score groups.

**Results**

Out of 1985 randomised patients, 1749 were included (Table). High-quality cleansing improved lesion detection versus adequate cleansing for PDR (52% vs. 42%; \( P < 0.001 \)), ADR (36% vs. 26%; \( P < 0.001 \)), MP (1.38 vs. 1.02; \( P = 0.003 \)) and MAP (0.81 vs. 0.52; \( P = 0.001 \)). High-quality cleansing also increased lesion detection versus cleansing failures for PDR (52% vs. 41%; \( P = 0.002 \)), ADR (36% vs. 28%; \( P = 0.008 \)), and MAP (0.81 vs. 0.51; \( P = 0.011 \)).

**Tab. 1** Overall colon cleansing quality vs. lesion detection using the BBPS; P-values vs. high-quality cleansing (BBPS 7–9)

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<th>Overall BBPS scores assessed by treatment-blinded central readers</th>
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**Conclusions**

High-quality cleansing on the BBPS enables a greater real-world detection of polyps, adenomas, mean number of polyps per patient, and mean number of adenomas per patient than adequate-only cleansing quality.

**OP159 FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH ADEQUATE BOWEL PREPARATION: OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EUROPEAN COLONOSCOPY QUALITY INVESTIGATION (ECQI) QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**Aims**

To investigate the factors associated with adequate bowel preparation using questionnaire responses from across Europe.

**Methods**

The development of the procedure questionnaire, by the European Colonoscopy Quality Investigation (ECQI) Group, has been previously described in posters presented at UEGW, 2015 and 2016. Data collection is an ongoing process. We analysed data collected between 2/6/16 and 30/4/18.

A stepwise multivariable logistic regression analysis was performed to investigate which factors are associated with achievement of adequate bowel preparation, defined as a Boston Bowel Preparation Scale (BBPS) score ≥ 6. Analysis was performed on the following variables: age over or under 50; gender; body mass index (BMI) categories; inpatient/outpatient status; reason for procedure; use of bowel preparation; whether the patient followed instructions; proportion of bowel preparation consumed; total volume of fluid consumed; time period since last dose of bowel preparation; dosing regimen; time of day colonoscopy was performed.

**Results**

Data were collected on 6455 procedures, of which whether bowel preparation was adequate (BBPS 6) or not could be determined in 6236. Of these, there were 2884 procedures where the results of all selected variables were known: adequate bowel preparation was achieved in 86.96% of these procedures. The first five variables most associated with adequate bowel clearance were, in order:

1. Patient following instructions (89.1% vs. 54.3%, \( p < 0.0001 \)).
2. Split-dosing or same-day regimen (89.5% split-dosing and 90.8% same-day vs. 77.9% evening, \( p = 0.004 \)).
3. Outpatient status (88.4% vs. 77.3% inpatient, \( p < 0.0001 \)).
4. Age < 50 years (93.3% vs. 85.3% > 50 years, \( p < 0.0001 \)).
5. Lower time period between procedure and last intake of bowel preparation (mean 6.1 hours vs. 8.0 hours in those with inadequate bowel preparation, \( p = 0.0030 \)).

**Conclusions**

Patients following instructions is the most important factor associated with achieving adequate bowel clearance followed by using a split-dosing or same-day regimen.

**OP160 COMPARISON OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FOUR BOWEL CLEANSING PREPARATIONS BEFORE COLONOSCOPY – RANDOMIZED, SINGLE – BLIND STUDY**

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**Aims**

The aim of the study is to compare the effectiveness of bowel cleansing preparations. Polyethylene glycol (PEG) as a gold standard of bowel cleansing and low – volume solutions: sulphate-based solution (SBS), low-volume PEG + ascorbic acid (2L-PEG/Asc) and sodium picosulfate + magnesium citric-acid solution (SP/MC).

**Methods**

Randomized, single-blind study. Patients with colonoscopy from all indications (except planned therapeutic procedure) have been recruited. Instructions have been provided orally and in printed version with split-dose regimen recommended. The bowel cleansing quality has been evaluated by the experienced endoscopists blinded to the type of a bowel preparation. The effectiveness has been assessed by the degree of bowel cleansing according to Boston Bowel Preparation Scale (BBPS) and polyp detection rate (PDR). Interim analysis presented.

**Results**

In the period 09/2017 till 09/2018 304 individuals were included. Split-dose regimen was respected in 84.2%. Adequate bowel cleansing (BBPS total score ≥ 6 and sub score ≥ 2 in each colonic segment) was comparable for all groups (96,1% PEG; 94,5% SBS; 93,5% 2L-PEG/Asc; 93,6% SP/MC; \( p = 0.912 \)). Excellent bowel cleansing (BBPS total score ≥ 8 and sub score ≥ 2 in each colonic segment) was significantly often in PEG and SBS group (90,8% PEG; 86,3% SBS; 75,3% 2L-PEG/Asc; 76,9% SP/MC; \( p = 0.031 \)). Polyp detection rate was comparable for all groups (48,7% PEG; 48,0% SBS group; 40,3% 2L-PEG/Asc; 41,0% SP/MC; \( p = 0.610 \)).
**Conclusions** The interim results show the comparable efficiency of bowel preparation for all four tested solutions. Low volume solutions could be appropriate alternative of polyethylene glycol. The results need to be verified on larger set of individuals. Target number of individuals for the study is 400. Supported by the projects MO1012 a Progres Q28/LF1. The study is registered on ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT03242369).

**OP161 THE IMPACT OF ADDITIONAL ORAL PREPARATION ON THE QUALITY OF BOWEL PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY**

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**Aims** The data on the salvage option for patients whose bowel preparation is predicted to be inadequate are limited. This study aimed to evaluate the impact of additional oral preparation at the same day of colonoscopy on the quality of bowel preparation in patients showing opaque yellow with particles or brown effluent.

**Methods** Between September 2015 and June 2018, a multicenter, prospective endoscopist-blinded randomized controlled trial was conducted. Patients reporting their last effluent as opaque yellow with particles or brown at the time of arrival to the endoscopy unit were randomized to additional oral preparation (further preparation with 1L of PEG+Asc) group vs. Control (strongly recommend walking without taking additional purgative) group. All colonoscopies were performed on the afternoon. Bowel preparation was considered to be adequate if total Boston Bowel Preparation Scale (BBPS) ≥ 5 points in per-protocol analysis.

**Results** A total of 157 patients were enrolled (male, 53.5%, 61.4 ± 13.9 years old). Adequate bowel preparation was significantly higher in patients assigned to additional oral preparation group compared with control (83.3% vs. 61.0%, p = 0.002). More patients allocated to additional oral preparation group showed nausea during the preparation compared with those in control. There were no difference in willingness to repeat bowel preparation between two groups.

**Conclusions** Additional oral preparation could be considered in patients who is predicted to be inadequate bowel preparation before colonoscopy. ClinicalTrial.gov (NCT02540031).

**OP162 EVALUATION OF THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF SPLIT VS. DAY BEFORE AND LOW RESIDUE VS. CLEAR FLUID REGIMEN ON THE COLONOSCOPY PREPARATION**

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**Aims** Colonscopy is widely used to diagnose and treat colonic diseases. Its' accuracy and quality depends on the colonoscopy preparation. Split dosage of Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) has been shown to improve the colonoscopy preparation in comparison to the “day before” prescription. Also, using low residue diet can improve the patient’s tolerance and satisfaction and therefore, his/her co-operation in preparation steps. In this study we have combined and assessed these two concepts on four groups of patients.

**Methods** Four hundred and seventy individuals with a variety of indications for colonoscopy were randomly allocated in 4 groups:

- **Group A** 115 patients receiving PEG in the day before + eating low residue diet;
- **Group B** 110 patients using PEG the day before + liquid diet only;
- **Group C** split doses of PEG + low residue diet: 118 patients;
- **Group D** split doses of PEG + liquids only: 11 patients.

Quality of the colon cleaning was evaluated with Boston Bowel Preparation Scale.

**Results** There was no significant difference between the four groups in their age, sex, body mass index, usual bowel habit and indications for colonoscopy. Comparing the low residue versus liquid only regimens, mean Boston scores for left, transverse, right and total colon were higher for liquid only patients (2.22, 2.30, 2.12 and 6.11 vs. 2.36, 2.35, 2.38 and 7.11, respectively) (P < 0.05); however, we did not detect any significant difference in split versus day before colon preparations. Also, success in cecal intubation and total colonoscopy times were not different comparing split versus day before regimens.

**Conclusions** According to our results, these regimens can be used interchangeably with each other; however, the clear fluid induces a better colon preparation in comparison to low residue protocol.

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OP164 ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND GUIDED RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION OF INSULINOMAS IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE

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Aims Insulinomas can produce symptomatic hypoglycemia and life threatening events. Complex surgical procedures with morbidity and occasional mortality are the treatment of choice. We aim to present our experience using a minimally invasive approach with a new, through-the-echoendoscope radiofrequency ablation (RFA) device.

Methods We used a Pentax EG-3870UTK linear echoendoscope with a Hitachi Preirus or Noblus Ultrasound console and a 150 cm, 19 gauge needle-electrode (EUSRAA-Taewoong medical) with RF delivery in the distal 10 mm, connected to a RF generator (VIVA RF STARmed, Korea) settled to deliver 50w.

Results Since March 2017, 8 patients (4 females) were treated; all presented with recurrent hypoglycemic events. Median age was 58 (IQR 42.2–65). Seven patients refused surgery and one was referred after a failed surgical attempt. Lesions were located in the uncinate process, head, body and tail in 3, 2, 2, and 1 patient respectively. The median lesion size was 16 mm (IQR 13.37–17.25). The tumor was completely ablated in 7 of the 8 patients during a single session with a median of 6 (IQR 2.75–7.25) RF applications (impedance 100–130 Ohms) during 5–12 seconds. No severe adverse events occurred. After a median follow up of 9.25 (range 1.5–21) months, all patients had excellent clinical response, judged by normalization of glycaemia, by their ability to return to a normal diet and by the absence of symptoms during overnight fast. None of the patients required additional treatment.

Conclusions EUS-guided RFA is feasible, safe and effective for the treatment of insulinomas. It represents a promising, less invasive and more cost-effective alternative to surgery.

OP165 LUMEN-APPOSING METAL STENTS VERSUS DOUBLE PIGTAIL PLASTIC STENTS FOR ENDOSCOPIC DRAINAGE OF PERIPANCREATIC FLUID COLLECTIONS: RESULTS FROM A MULTICENTER EUROPEAN STUDY

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Aims Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided drainage is used to treat symptomatic peripancreatic fluid collections (PFCs). We performed a retrospective cohort study to compare the technical/clinical outcomes and adverse events of drainage with lumen-apposing metal stents (LAMSs) and double pigtail plastic stents (DPSs).

Methods Data from patients with PFCs managed either with LAMSs (Hot Axios, Boston Scientific, Marlborough, MA, USA) or DPSs in 8 tertiary European centers were collected. Technical success (ability to place), clinical success (ability to drain), early adverse events, ease of placement (1–10, 1 = extremely difficult), intervention duration, drainage duration and complications on removal were evaluated.

Results 97 patients (71 male; mean age, 59.1 years) with PFCs (63 pseudocysts, 33 walled-off necroses-WON, 1 gallbladder empyema) underwent drainage using LAMSs (n = 84, group 1) and DPSs (n = 13, group 2). Groups were matched for gender, collection type and location. Collection diameter was smaller in group 1 (mean, 10.6 cm vs. 16.5 cm, p = 0.007) and group 1 patients were older (mean, 60.5 vs. 50.4 years, p = 0.002). DPSs were placed with transgastric approach, while 13.1% of LAMSs transduodenally. No differences were noticed regarding technical success (96.4% vs. 100%, p = 1.00), clinical success (95.1% vs. 92.3%, p = 1.00) or ease of placement (8 vs. 8, p = 0.913), whereas LAMSs placement lasted shorter (mean, 9.2 vs. 46.1 min, p < 0.001). Early complications occurred in 15.6% of group 1 patients (6% bleeding, 4.8% obstruction, 2.4% migration, 2.4% perforation) and in 7.7% of group 2 patients (7.7% perforation), p = 1.00. Drainage duration was shorter in group 1 (mean, 51.5 vs. 101.5 days, p = 0.004). Complications on removal occurred in 10.7% of group 1 patients (7.1% buried stent, 3.6% bleeding) and in none of group 2.

Conclusions PFCs drainage with LAMSs equals DPSs regarding technical success, clinical success and early adverse events. LAMSs placement is faster and requires a shorter drainage period. LAMS removal may be accompanied with serious complications.

OP166 ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED HYBRIDTERM ABLATION (EUS-HTP) IN PATIENTS (PTS) WITH LOCALLY ADVANCED (LA) PANCREATIC DUCTAL ADENOCARCINOMA (PDAC): A CASE-CONTROL COMPARATIVE SURVIVAL ANALYSIS

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Aims Aim of the study was to assess the survival outcomes of pts with LA PDAC treated with chemotherapy ± radiotherapy (CT ± RT) plus endosonography-guided HybridTherm ablation (EUS-HTP) vs. those receiving only CT ± RT.

Methods Pts with LA PDAC, with local disease progression (PD) after first-line CT ± RT or unfit for CT (cases), prospectively treated by HTP (2010–2016), were retrospectively compared to similar pts not treated by HTP (controls). HTP (ERBE, Germany) is a bipolar probe combining radiofrequency with cryogenic cooling. Parametric/non-parametric tests and Log-rank Mantel-Cox tests for group differences were used (p ≤ 0.05 as significant).
Results 19/19 cases/controls were included. Five cases did not receive CT ± RT before EUS-HTP due to concomitant comorbidity. The 2 groups had no difference regarding features at diagnosis (sex, age, lesion site and size, serum CA19.9, CT scheme and duration) and after first-line treatment (lesion size, serum Ca 19–9, progression-free survival time). EUS-HTP was performed ≥2 times in 7 cases. OS in cases vs. controls from diagnosis, first-line CT ± RT onset and local PD was similar (p = 0.22; p = 0.82; p = 0.54), as well as in the group of pts treated with further CT ± RT (p = 0.12; p = 0.68; p = 0.94). OS was significantly longer from local PD in cases compared to controls who did not undergo second-line CT ± RT (p = 0.05). OS in cases from EUS-HTP was 6 months, with no difference between pts treated with HT alone and those receiving concomitant CT ± RT (p = 0.18), and OS significantly longer in pts treated with ≥2 sessions vs. 1 session (p = 0.007).

Conclusions In pts with LA PDAC and local PD after first-line CT ± RT and unfit for a second-line treatment, EUS-HTP may obtain longer OS compared to palliative care. The increase of OS in pts treated by ≥2 EUS-HTP may suggest that repeated sessions can achieve a better disease control. A randomized controlled study comparing EUS-HTP plus CT ± RT vs. CT ± RT is ongoing and will better assess EUS-HTP efficacy.

OP167 EUS-GUIDED RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION PLUS CHEMOTHERAPY VERSUS CHEMOTHERAPY ALONE FOR UNRESECTABLE PANCREATIC CANCER (ERAP): PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A PROSPECTIVE COMPARATIVE STUDY

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Aims To compare EUS-RFA plus chemotherapy versus chemotherapy (CMT) alone as a primary treatment of unresectable pancreatic cancer (UPC) in a prospective comparative cohort study.

Methods Since July 2017 until August 2018, 20 Patients (mean age 65.2 ± 11.5 years; M: F = 1: 3) at King Chulalongkorn Memorial hospital with UPC were recruited. Patients treated with EUS-RFA plus concurrent CMT (n = 10) versus CMT alone (n = 10) were classified as group A and B, respectively.

Results 29 EUS-RFA procedures were performed with median number of procedure at 3 times (1 – 4 times), median total ablation time at 400 seconds (37 – 518 seconds), and complication rate at 10.3% (3/29). Three complications were post-procedure infection treated with intravenous antibiotic (length of stay (LOS) 7 days), bleeding from gastric wall at puncture site requiring a hemo-clip (LOS 7 days), and mild pancreatitis managed with conservative treatment (LOS 2 days). No delay of scheduled chemotherapy. Dosage reduction of morphine equivalent analgesia was significantly better in group A, 15 mg/day (0–60) versus 0 mg/day (-20 to 30) (p = 0.005), respectively, as well as median percentage of dosage reduction (50% (37.5 to 100) versus 0% (-100 to -42.9), p = 0.007), respectively. No enlargement of tumor measured by maximal target lesion after intervention in group A whereas in group B, both mean maximal target lesion diameter (mm) and tumor volume (ml) were statically increased after treatment (before vs. after; 53.0 ± 20.7 mm vs. 59.2 ± 16.6 mm (P = 0.039), respectively, and 76.3 ± 77.0 ml vs. 91.1 ± 83.6 ml (P = 0.014), respectively). No significant difference of 6-month survival rate between both groups.

Conclusions In UPC patients, EUS-RFA plus concurrent CMT could significantly reduce morphine dosage requirement for pain controlled than just given CMT. RFA additionally stabilized the tumor measured by maximal target lesion diameter and tumor volume whereas only CMT failed to halt tumor progression.

OP168 SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION (EUS-RFA) OF PANCREATIC CYSTIC NEOPLASMS (PCNS) AND PANCREATIC NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS (PNETS): PRELIMINARY REPORT OF A PROSPECTIVE COHORT

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Aims To assess the safety and efficacy of EUS guided RFA for the treatment of pancreatic lesions, initial experience of a prospective cohort.

Methods Patients with intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm (IPMN) or mucinous cysts with worrisome features who were not eligible or refused surgery, as well as patients with grade 1 PNETs less than 2 cm were offered the option of RFA. Ablation was performed using a 19-gauge dedicated needle with a 1 cm long active cooled tip. The volume of PCNs was reduced with a FNA needle before the procedure. The delivery of energy was monitored by continuously monitoring tissue conductivity, and the formation of bubbles on the ultrasound image.

Results Eight patients were treated so far, 2 males and 6 females, average age was 73.5. Five had PCNs with a mean size of 36 mm (12 – 60) and three were treated for non-secreting PNETs with a mean size of 10 mm (7 – 16). Average CEA levels in PCNs was 1731, and average chromogranin levels was 234 in PNETs. Three patients reported abdominal pain after the procedure and median serum amylase level was 99 a day after the procedure. Of the 5 patients with PCNs 2 had complete resolution of their cysts at 6 months, 1 needed another RFA intervention, and had complete resolution of his cyst after 9 months. 2 have not reached 6 months follow-up yet. Six months follow-up for PNETs is not yet available.

Conclusions Nine ablations in 8 patients were performed since November 2017. Safety profile was excellent with only mild post-procedural abdominal pain reported, and only one patient with biochemical pancreatitis treated conservatively. Three patients had complete resolution of their cysts so far. EUS guided RFA seems to be a safe method for the treatment of pancreatic lesions, and efficacious for the treatment PCNs.

OP169 DOES CO-AXIAL PLASTIC DOUBLE PIG TAIL STENT PLACEMENT INTO LUMEN-APPOSING METAL STENTS REDUCE RISKS IN EUS-GUIDED DRAINAGE OF PANCREATIC FLUID COLLECTIONS?

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Aims Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided lumen-apposing metal stents (LAMS) placement may facilitate pancreatic fluid collections (PFC) drainages but data on related-adverse events, particularly bleeding, are limited. Few data suggest that a co-axial plastic double pig tail stent (DPS) might reduce bleeding risk. Primary aim was the feasibility, efficacy and safety of Hot Axios
Aims Preclinical research is recently advanced for in vitro drug testing using cancer cell lines and xenograft tissues. However, obtaining tumor cells from patients with pancreatic cancer are limited. Recently, methods to culture and/or propagate tumor tissue using specimens obtained from endoscopic ultrasound-guided tissue sampling (EUS-TS) were introduced. The aim of our study was to evaluate the feasibility of a three-dimensional (3D) spheroid culture using EUS-TS in pancreatic cancer.

Methods Patients with locally advanced or distant metastasis were prospectively enrolled. After the acquisition of tissue specimen for pathologic diagnosis by EUS-TS, additional EUS-TS was performed for 3D spheroid culture. The acquired specimens were processed to cultivate in culture media. Matrigel and observed serially by phase contrast microscopy to evaluate the growth of tumor cells. After appropriate growth of tumor cells, the specimen was examined to compare the similarity of histology between human cancer tissue and 3D spheroid tumor.

Results A total of 21 patients with suspected pancreatic mass lesions were enrolled between June 2017 and March 2018. After excluding five patients, EUS-TS specimen for 3D culture was obtained from 16 patients, who were diagnosed as ductal adenocarcinoma. Formation and maintenance of 3D spheroid culture at 2nd week was successfully constructed in 13 cases (81.3%) and successful tumor growth with double size was established in 6 cases (37.5%). Establishment of spheroid culture for over 2nd passages was noted in 3 cases (18.8%). The histology of 3D culture specimen was similar to that of human tumor tissue.

Conclusion This model, which is successfully created by means of EUS-guided core biopsy at the time of initial tumor diagnosis, can be a promising method for construction of in vitro models in the process of drug development and testing for pancreatic cancer.

OP171 EUS-GUIDED DRAINAGE OF PERIPANCREATIC FLUID COLLECTIONS USING FULLY COVERED METAL AND PLASTIC STENTS

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Aims Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided drainage of peripancreatic fluid collections (PFCs) by using double-pigtail plastic stents (DPPSs) requires placement of multiple stents for favorable outcomes. EUS-guided drainage PFC with fully covered metal stents (FCSEMs) has become increasingly used. We aim to evaluate the technical, clinical outcomes, and adverse events of EUS-guided drainage of PFC with DPPSs and FCSEMs.

Methods The data of patients who had undergone EUS-guided drainage of PFC with DPPSs and FCSEMs between January 2005 and December 2017 were retrospectively analyzed. Data of EUS-guided PFC drainage is obtained from prospective collected EUS database of our institute and reviewed of patients’ clinical parameters based on electrical medical record.

Results 133 patients (79 in FCSEMs group and 54 in DPPSs group) were enrolled in this study. There was no difference in technical success rate between FCSEMs and DPPSs groups (98.7% vs. 96.1%, P=0.35). The procedure time was significantly shorter in FCSEMs group than in DPPSs group (FCSEMs vs. DPPSs; 13.7±6.35 vs. 25.5±11.2, P<0.05). FCSEMs showed a significantly higher clinical success rate (96.2% vs. 81.5%, P=0.005). Procedure-related adverse events occurred significantly less in the FCSEMs group (3.8% vs. 6.7%, P=0.01). Late adverse events also occurred significantly less in the FCSEMs groups (3.8% in FCSEMs group vs. 14.8% in DPPSs group, P=0.02).

Conclusions Both EUS-guided drainage of PFC with DPPSs and FCSEMs might be good methods for drainage. However, EUS-guided drainage of PFC with FCSEMs might be more likely to achieve clinical success and reduce procedure-related and late adverse events.

OP172 EUS-GUIDED, RFA ABLATION OF BENIGN AND MALIGNANT PANCREATIC NEOPLASMS AND EXTRA PANCREATIC METASTASIS IS FEASIBLE AND SAFE

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Aims New therapeutic alternatives are needed for patients with pancreatic tumors not suitable for surgery or in order to avoid surgical morbidity. We present our data on the use of a new, through-the-echoendoscope radiofrequency ablation (RFA) device.

Methods A 150 cm, 19gauge needle-electrode (EUSRA- Taewoong medical) with RF delivery in the distal 10 mm, connected to a RF generator (VIVA RF STARmed, Korea) settled to deliver 50w was used.

Results Since March 2017, 22 patients (median age 63 (28-87) with 36 lesions were treated: seven pancreatic malignant lesions (5 adenocarcinoma), sixteen benign pancreatic lesions (15 neuroendocrine), eight liver metastases, 4 lymph nodes and 1 retroperitoneal metastasis. The pancreatic lesions were located in head, neck, body, tail and uncinate process in 6, 1, 3, 3 and 5 patients. Median size of main lesion was 22 (7–55) mm. RFA was performed close to blood vessel or MPD in 7 and 10 times respectively without linked
complication except for thrombosis of a small intrahepatic vein and mild delayed pancreatitis in 1 patient each. Other adverse events included: abdominal pain and intrahepatic bile duct stenosis in 2 patients each. Median ablation number per lesion was 5 (1 – 16). Imaging showed complete or partial ablation in 15 and 7 patients respectively. After a median follow up of 6 (1 – 21) months no additional related complications were detected.

Conclusions EUS-guided RFA of pancreatic tumors and in chosen cases of extrapancreatic metastases is feasible and safe. It represents a promising alternative when surgery is not possible. Larger and longer studies are necessary.

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OP173 OPTIMAL TIMING OF RESUMPTION OF WARFARIN AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES AFTER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING IN PATIENTS WITH ATRIAL FIBRILLATION
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Aims According to the 2018 official statement of the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology about management of patients on warfarin, early resumption can be considered, once primary endoscopic hemostasis was done well.

Methods We reviewed charts of 250 consecutive AF patients with objectively verified Gl bleeding (GIB) by endoscopy from 2011 to 2017 at tertiary centers. We assessed the risk of thromboembolism, all-cause mortality, recurrent GIB in the 3 groups stratified by interruption periods of warfarin.

Tab. 1 Hazard Ratios stratified by duration of interruption of warfarin for various outcomes

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Conclusions Restarting warfarin after 7 days increased the risk of thromboembolism by more than a factor of 3.35 (HR 3.35; 95% CI, 0.95 – 11.88; P = 0.06), whereas the risk of recurrent GIB event was reduced insignificantly by 64% (HR 0.36; 95% CI, 0.09 – 1.49; P = 0.16).

OP174 THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BLEEDING RISK SCORE SYSTEM IS A USEFUL PREDICTOR OF MORTALITY IN PATIENTS WITH NON-VARICEAL UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING
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Aims To validate the use of the new international bleeding score for prediction of mortality in patients with non-variceal upper gastrointestinal bleeding and to assess whether a high new score can predict re-bleeding or an extended hospital stay.

Methods This was a 5-year, single-center, retrospective study performed in Korea. Non-variceal upper gastrointestinal bleeding was assessed using the new international bleeding risk score, Rockall, AIMS65, CBS, and PfED scores. Scores for mortality were assessed by calculating the area under the receiver-operating characteristic curves (AUROC). Data regarding patients’ characteristics, endoscopic evidence of bleeding, re-bleeding, duration of hospital stay, and mortality at day 30 were collected. The predictive value of factors for mortality at day 30 was identified using multivariate logistic regression analysis of variables identified by univariate logistic regression. A Chi-square test was used to further analyze the relationship between the high and the low new score group with reference to re-bleeding and duration of hospital stay.

Results Of 1000 hospital patients who presented with upper gastrointestinal bleeding, 905 patients with non-variceal bleeding were analyzed and 95 patients with variceal bleeding were excluded.

The new score is a weighted risk score based on the patients’ ages, comorbidities and results of blood tests. The new score showed a higher discriminative ability compared to the other scores by AUROC (0.958, p < 0.000), when predicting mortality. A comparison of the high-risk new score and the low risk groups revealed significant differences in the duration of hospitalization (p = 0.000) and re-bleeding (p = 0.000).

Conclusions The new international bleeding score appears to be a better predictor of the 30-day mortality rate than the scores previously mentioned. Screening for high-risk groups using the new score can predict mortality, long-term hospital admission and re-bleeding. Use of this scoring system can improve outcomes through appropriate management and intervention.

OP175 IMPACT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING-CODE IN PATIENTS AT EMERGENCY ROOM WITH UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL NON-VARICEAL BLEEDING
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Aims Upper gastrointestinal bleeding (UGIB) is a common condition in the emergency room (ER), with high morbimortality. Nevertheless, there is no evidence about the impact of the implementation of an urgent intervention protocol (UGIB-CODE) for its management.

Our aims are: 1) Evaluate the impact of the UGIB-CODE implementation in patients with non-variceal upper bleeding (NV-UGIB) at the ER. 2) Identify the variables that are independently associated with the final success in patients with NV-UGIB. 3) Costs analysis.
Methods Observational cohort study including a retrospective cohort (RC) and a prospective cohort (PC), before and after the implementation of UGIB-CODE. We recruited adult patients attended at the ER with NV-UGIB during 2014 (RC) and 2016 (PC). Univariate and multivariate analysis were done to determine the impact of UGIB-CODE implementation and the variables associated with the final success (no mortality, no re-bleeding or re-bleeding controlled by endoscopy).

Results We included 66 patients in the RC (age 68 ± 1.87; 30.3% women) and 89 patients in the PC (age 69 ± 1.65; 42.7% women). The multivariate analysis showed a reduction of red blood cell concentrate (RBCC) administration (OR: 1.840; 95% CI 1.066–3.175; p = 0.028) and a decrease in hospital admission (OR: 4.729; 95% CI 1.306–17.114; p = 0.018). Regarding the final success no differences were found between the two cohorts (93.9% vs. 87.6%; p = 0.190). Blatchford Score < 12 (OR: 4.460; 95% CI 1.366–14.568; p = 0.013) and non-emergency endoscopy (>6 hours) (OR: 5.449; 95% CI 1.133–26.209; p = 0.034) were independently associated with the final success. The implementation of UGIB-CODE saved 24,780 € per 100 patients related to RBCC administration and hospital admission.

Conclusions The implementation of the UGIB-CODE is a cost-effective strategy, decreasing RBCC administration and hospital admission. We reaffirm that the implementation of the UGIB-CODE is a cost-effective strategy, decreasing RBCC administration and hospital admission. We reaffirm that the implementation of the UGIB-CODE is a cost-effective strategy, decreasing RBCC administration and hospital admission.

OP177 HEMOSPRAY FOR GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING: EFFECTIVENESS, PREDICTORS OF FAILURE AND SURVIVAL IN A NATIONWIDE STUDY


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Aims This study aimed to assess the effectiveness, safety and predictors of Hemospray failure in a large real-life cohort.

Methods This was a retrospective study conducted at 21 Spanish academic and community centers. All patients receiving Hemospray until September 2018 were included. The primary outcome was treatment failure, defined as failed intra-procedural hemostasis or rebleeding during the first 30 days. Secondary outcomes included safety and survival. Cumulative incidence and predictors of failure were assessed via competing-risks models.

Results A total of 261 patients were included, 219 (83.9%) of whom presented with upper gastrointestinal bleeding (CIB). The most common etiologies were peptic ulcer (73, 28%), malignancy (48, 18.4%) and therapeutic endoscopy-related CIB (46, 17.6%). Hemospray was used as salvage therapy in 191 (73.2%) patients and as monotherapy in 96 (36.8%). The rate of intra-procedural hemostasis was 94.1% (95% confidence interval [CI]: 90.5–96.4). The risk of Hemospray failure at 3, 7 and 30 days were 21.1% (95% CI: 16.4–26.2), 24.6% (95% CI: 19.5–29.9), and 27.4 (95% CI: 22.1–32.9), respectively. On multivariable analysis, spurring bleeding (P = 0.004), use of vasoactive drugs (P = 0.02), and hypotension (P = 0.008) were independent predictors of failure. Overall 30-day survival was 81.9% (95% CI: 76.5–86.1%) and intra-procedural hemostasis was associated with better prognosis (adjusted Hazard Rate: 0.27; P = 0.004). Two potentially-related severe adverse event were noted.

Conclusions Hemospray was effective for achieving intra-procedural hemostasis regardless of the etiology, location, and its use as rescue therapy. However, 30-day failure rate was 27.4%. Intra-procedural hemostasis provided a significant benefit on 30-day survival.

OP176 BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE: DOES ENDOSCOPIC BAND LIGATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF GAVE RESULT IN BETTER OUTCOMES COMPARED TO ARGON PHOTO COAGULATION?

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Aims Gastric antral vascular ectasia (GAVE) is a rare vascular malformation located primarily in the antrum. While Argon Photo Coagulation (APC) is the current standard of care, Endoscopic Band Ligation (EBL) is increasingly used. There is currently no consensus regarding the optimal treatment modality, as current available evidence is limited to small case series. We aimed to compare outcomes following each treatment modality.

Methods A retrospective cohort study was performed of patients with an endoscopic diagnosis of GAVE recorded in our tertiary referral University hospital (04/2013-present). All patients receiving endoscopic therapy for GAVE were included in the study.

Results In total, 117 diagnoses of GAVE were made during the study period. Of these, 68 patients (58%) required treatment, with a female preponderance (n = 39, 57%) and a mean age of 74.1 (range 45–95). A total of 220 procedures were performed, with an average of 3.2 treatment sessions per patient (range 1–20). Iron deficiency anaemia (n = 40, 59%) was the most common indication with melena (19%), previously untreated GAVE follow up (15%), varices surveillance (4%) and haematemesis (3%) also reported. APC was the most common procedure performed (n = 167, 74%) compared with EBL (n = 59, 26%). Patients treated with EBL as the index treatment required a mean of 2.1 subsequent treatments, compared to a mean of 3.5 treatment sessions in the APC group. The pooled mean rise in haemoglobin one month post procedure was higher in the EBL group (1.1 g/dL vs. 0.6 g/dL).

Conclusions We report our experience in the largest cohort to date of patients treated with EBL for GAVE. Patients treated with EBL at the index treatment required fewer subsequent treatment sessions and had a greater mean rise in haemoglobin post treatment, suggesting EBL as the initial treatment may lead to better outcomes.
OP178 CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS OF HEMOSPRAY IN UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING: EXPERIENCE FROM "REAL WORLD" CLINICAL PRACTICE IN A TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTRE

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Aims Hemospray is an useful endoscopic haemostatic powder for the management of gastrointestinal bleeding. Its role within the therapeutic algorithm of upper gastrointestinal bleeding (UGIB) is not well defined. Its usage is generally aimed at immediate but temporary control of UGIB to allow time for definitive therapy, spontaneous control or for palliation. We aimed to describe 1) indications and effectiveness of endoscopic haemostasis in UGIB. 2) To describe adverse events and re-bleeding rates.

Methods We collected data of all patients treated with Hemospray at our Institution for the management of UGIB between August 2013 to October 2018. Technical success was defined as the correct assembly of device and application. Immediate success was defined as bleeding cessation within 5 minutes after application. Combination therapy was its use with standard hemostatic methods and rescue therapy when standard methods have failed.

Results A total of 85 patients were included for analysis (54.7% male), mean age 68.3 ± 16.73 years. Hemospray was used for control of bleeding duodenal ulcers in 37.7% (n = 32), bleeding malignancy in 16.5% (n = 14) and post procedure bleeding in 14.1% (n = 12; 8 post-EMR; 2 post-biliary sphincterotomy; 1 post-ESD; 1 post-ampullectomy). Overall immediate haemostasis success was 89.6%. Haemospray was used as a rescue therapy in 38.8% (n = 33), single modality in 37.6% (n = 32) and combination therapy in 23.5% (n = 20) achieving immediate haemostasis in 87.8%; 85.7%; 85% respectively with no statistical differences between the three groups (p = 0.57). Overall technical success was 97.7%, in 2 cases blockage of 10F catheter occurred. No patient related side effects were seen. Global re-bleeding rate was 12.8%, (3.5% < 24h; 4.7% 24 – 72h; 4.8%>72 h), with no statistical differences related to treatment modalities (p = 0.86).

Conclusions In this ‘real world’ clinical practice, Hemospray is an effective and safe treatment for upper bleeding regardless its use as a single, combination or rescue therapy.

OP179 Efficacy of Endoscopic Treatments for Acute Esophageal Variceal Bleeding in Cirrhotics: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Aims Most guidelines recommend and consider the use of ligation and vasoactive drugs as the first line therapy and grade A evidence for acute variceal bleeding (AVB), although Western studies about this issue are lacking. We performed a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials (RCT) to evaluate the efficacy of endoscopic treatments for AVB.

Methods Systematic review and meta-analysis of RCT evaluating endoscopic treatments for AVB in adult patients with cirrhosis. Trials that included patients with hepatocellular carcinoma or other malignancies, use of portocaval shunts or esophageal resection, use of balloon tamponade as first bleeding control measure, or that received placebo or elective treatment in one study arm were excluded.

Results 8382 publications were searched, and 36 RCT with 3593 patients included. Ligation was associated with a significant improvement in bleeding control [relative risk (RR) 1.08; 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.02 – 1.15] when compared to sclerotherapy. Sclerotherapy combined with vasoactive drugs showed higher efficacy in active bleeding control compared to sclerotherapy alone [RR 1.17; 95% CI 1.10 – 1.25]. The combination of ligation and vasoactive drugs was not superior to ligation alone in terms of overall rebleeding [RR 2.21; 95% CI 0.35 – 8.92] and in-hospital mortality [RR 1.97; 95% CI 0.78 – 4.97]. Other treatments did not generate meta-analysis.

Conclusions This study showed that ligation is superior to sclerotherapy, although with moderate heterogeneity. The combination of sclerotherapy and vasoactive drugs was more effective than sclerotherapy alone. Although current guidelines recommend the combined use of ligation with vasoactive drugs in the treatment of esophageal variceal bleeding, this study failed to demonstrate the superiority of this combined treatment.

OP180 GLASGOW-BLACHFORD SCORE ACCURATELY PREDICTS THE NEED OF CLINICAL INTERVENTION IN ACUTE LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING. A DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY EVALUATION STUDY

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Aims The aim of this study was to compare the accuracy of Glasgow-Blachford score (GBS) with three risk scores (State, Velayos and Newman) for predicting the need of clinical intervention (endoscopic therapy, vascular embolization and surgery or transfusion) in patients admitted for acute LGB.

Methods Retrospective study from January 2013 to December 2015 in a university tertiary care hospital. Patients with acute LGB were identified using the International Classification of Diseases (9th Revision) and Clinical Modification codes for admission diagnosis. Scores were retrospectively calculated according to the clinical reports data. Area under the receiver operating characteristic (AUROC) curve, sensitivity, specificity and predictive values were calculated. Also the best cut-off of each score was chosen from using the AUROC curve values.

Results A total of 298 consecutive patients were identified. Median age was 76.1 years (range 25.4 – 96.5), 201 (67.4%) of patients were older than 70 years, and 51% were men. Five patients (1.7%) died, 18 (6%) developed recurrent bleeding, 89 (29.9%) needed transfusion, 30 (12.1%) received endoscopic therapy, and 3 (1%) underwent transcatheater arterial embolization. GBS AUROC was 0.82 (95% CI 0.76 – 0.87) for the need clinical intervention. GBS was significantly more accurate than State score and similar for Newman y Velayos for predicting the need of clinical intervention. Accuracy values for each score are shown in table 1.

Tab. 1 CLINICAL INTERVENTION. Sensitivity, specificity and predictive values. *Best cut-off.
OP181 SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF THE THULIUM AND ERBIUM LASER SYSTEM ON BLEEDING VASCULAR LESIONS OF THE GI TRACT: A REAL-LIFE MULTI-CENTRE STUDY

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Aims Recent pilot studies assessed the feasibility of the Thulium and Erbium laser system (TELS) for endoscopic haemostasis, ablation and resection. Herein, we investigated for the first time ever, the safety and efficacy of endoscopic treatment with TELS in patients with gastrointestinal bleeding due to vascular lesions.

Methods Consecutive patients treated with TELS for chronic gastrointestinal bleeding with moderate/severe anaemia due to vascular lesions were enrolled in two Italian centres between March 2016 and October 2018. Technical success and safety as established by the ASGE Lexicon, were defined as primary endpoints.

As secondary endpoints, we assessed the biological success comparing the lowest haemoglobin values ± 1 month prior to and after treatment, along with the need of packed red blood cells (PRBC) transfusions ± 6 month prior to and after treatment. For gastric antral vascular ectasia (GAVE), a new scoring system was proposed to evaluate pre/post-treatment endoscopic severity by assessing both mucosal involvement (< 30% = +1, 30 – 50% = +2, > 50% = +3), and presence of bleeding (traces of blood = +1, active = +2). For each procedure, image/video documentations and TELS technical parameters (i.e., laser time, power output, energy employed) were digitally recorded. Student paired t-test was performed.

Results Twenty-six patients (20 men; range 48 – 91 years) underwent 32 endoscopic TELS sessions for the treatment of angioectasias (14/26), GAVE (9/26), and RP (3/26). All procedures resulted in a complication-free technical success, thereby reaching the primary study endpoints. Haemoglobin values showed a significant rise along with a decreased need of PRBC transfusions (Table 1). The median value of GAVE endoscopic severity remarkably improved within a six-month follow-up.

Conclusions This multicentre study conducted in real-life setting suggests that TELS is a safe and effective tool for the endoscopic treatment of patients with gastrointestinal bleeding caused by various types of superficial vascular lesions.

OP182 A MULTICENTRE VALIDATION STUDY OF A NOVEL LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING (LGIB) SCORE-THE BIRMINGHAM (BHAM) SCORE

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Aims LGIB is common and its incidence is increasing. There have been attempts to create new risk stratification scores to predict major clinical adverse events in LGIB, however none of are widely used. We aimed to identify risk factors associated with adverse outcomes from LGIB and develop and validate a novel scoring system.

Methods We retrospectively reviewed patients admitted with LGIB from three centres 2010 – 2017. Adverse outcomes recorded include blood transfusion, endoscopic intervention, CT angiography, surgery, re-bleeding and mortality. Regressional analysis within a machine learning technique identified risk factors for adverse outcomes. Area Under the Receiver Operating Curve (AUROC) were calculated and The BHAM Score was developed.

Results A total of 473 patients were included for the original dataset (Table). The BHAM score consists of: Blood pressure < 90 mm Hg (1 point), Haemoglobin (< 72 g/L: 14 points, 73 – 95 g/L: 10 points, 96 – 117 g/L: 7 points, 118 – 139 g/L: 4 points), Altered mental state (2 points) and Male (1 point). A total BHAM score gives probabilities of adverse outcomes: ≤ 12 points ± 90%, 11 points 70%, 9 – 10 points 45%, 8 points 30%, 6 – 7 points 15%, 5 points 6% and ≤ 4 points < 3%. 181 patients admitted with LGIB were included in validation (Table). BHAM score gives AUROC of 0.80 (95% CI 0.72 – 0.87), whilst the GBS gives AUROC of 0.76 (95% CI 0.69 – 0.84) (Figure).

Conclusions This validation study has shown that the BHAM score performs well at predicting adverse outcomes of LGIB. It outperforms the GBS and has the advantage of being more simple. A prospective multi-centre study is required to validate the BHAM score further before application in clinical practice.

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OP183V GEL IMMERSION ENDOSCOPY: INNOVATION IN SECURING THE VISUAL FIELD. CLINICAL EXPERIENCE OF 265 CONSECUTIVE CASES

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Aims During endoscopy, especially in patients with gastrointestinal bleeding, it is often difficult to secure the visual field during injection. Clear gel with an appropriate viscosity to prevent rapid mixing is injected through the accessory channel, instead of water. In the space occupied by the clear gel, it is easy to secure the visual field. We reported this method as “gel immersion endoscopy”. The safety and efficacy of this method were evaluated.

Methods From June 2012 until December 2017, 265 consecutive procedures were identified by searching the medical records. These records were retrospectively evaluated. After independent evaluation by 3 gastroenterologists, success in securing the visual field and occurrence of adverse events were judged.

Results Of 265 total procedures, the visual field was secured/not secured/undecided in 233/21/11, which included 11/2/0 of 13 in the esophagus, 35/5/4 of 44 in the stomach, 37/5/1 in the duodenum, 23/1/3 procedures in the jejunum, 10/0/0 procedures in the ileum, 106/7/2 procedures in the large intestine, 10/1/1 procedures in an afferent limb, and 1/0/0 procedures in the bice duct. Gel immersion endoscopy allowed the identification of bleeding lesions covered by clots, food debris and stool and achieving hemostasis. Of 265 procedures, adverse events occurred in four, including two with post-procedure abdominal pain, one with weight gain in a patient with chronic
renal failure and one extension of mediastinitis in a patient with hematoma due to spontaneous esophageal rupture which occurred before the procedure.

Conclusions Gel immersion endoscopy is safe and effective for securing the visual field in many locations in the gastrointestinal tract.

OP184V A PILOT STUDY OF NOVEL ENDOSCOPIC HAND-SUTURING FOR DEFECT CLOSURE AFTER COLORECTAL ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION

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Aims This study aimed to demonstrate the feasibility of endoscopic hand-suturing (EHS) and attainability of sustained closure after colorectal endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD).

Methods EHS was defined as an uninterrupted endoscopic suturing of the mucosal defect after colorectal ESD using an absorbable barbed suture and a through-the-scope type needle-holder. Two experienced endoscopists performed EHS, and prior to this study they individually received EHS training in 10 mucosal defects using ex vivo porcine colonic model. Second look colonoscopy was undertaken on the 3 or 4 days after ESD to observe the EHS site. Due to safety consideration, five patients with rectal neoplasm ≥ 20 mm were recruited for the first stage of the study. In the second stage, six more patients with colorectal neoplasm ≥ 20 mm in any location, inclusive of proximal colonic lesions, were enlisted.

Results A total of 11 lesions were included. Median size of the mucosa defect was 38 mm (25 – 55 mm) and the lesion characteristics were as follows: lower rectum/upper rectum/ascending colon/rectocele = 3/3/2/3, and 0-Ila/0-Ila/0-Ila/others = 5/4/2. One lesion in the cecum, and the other in the ascending colon were excluded from analysis because EHS was not attempted owing to difficulty in total colonoscopy after ESD and intraoperative perforation, respectively. EHS was performed for nine lesions, and complete closure was achieved in eight. Median procedure time for suturing was 56 min (30 – 120 min) and median number of stitches was 8 (6 – 12). Complete closure was maintained in all eight patients during second look endoscopy. Although delayed bleeding occurred in one patient in whom complete closure was not attainable, and another patient developed fever, they were successfully treated with endoscopic hemostasis and intravenous antibiotics respectively.

Conclusions EHS is a feasible procedure even in the proximal colon. It may facilitate safer and more refined colorectal ESD, allowing for the treatment to be executed in the outpatient setting.

OP185V THE GREAT MISTAKE: A COMPLETELY COLONICAL CLOSURE WITH AN OTSC CLIP PLACED FOR A COLO-RECTAL ANASTOMOTIC FISTULA

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Aims Colorectal postsurgical leaks and fistulas are severe complications that increase morbidity and mortality. The recent develop of the over-the-scope clip (OTSC) has dramatically decreased the number of surgical reinterventions.

Methods A 73 years-old man, with a history of anterior rectal resection for a T3N1 adenocarcinoma followed neoadjuvant chemotherapy, was referred to our unit because of a suspicion of a colo-rectal fistula, developed 30 days after the surgical intervention. A lower GI endoscopy showed, at 5 cm from the anorectal verge, the presence of a colo-rectal anastomosis with a 9 mm diameter fistula. We decided to close the defect with an 11/6t OTSC clip (Ovesco – Tubingen, Germany). With a gastroscope, suction technique and the aid of the anchor device, we placed an OTSC clip over the fistula but, after the clip release, we observed a completely colonic lumen closure, also justified from the absence of air coming from the bowel.

Results Because of the loss of memory of the nitinol under 4°C, we decided to irrigate the colonic lumen with cold water (< 4°C) for 10 min, until the white change of the color of the mucosa. With tooth-rat forceps we removed the OTSC clip, without any complication. After the clip removal, in the same session, we placed another 11/6t OTSC clip, with the aid of the anchor device, sealing the fistula.

Conclusion Endoscopic OTSC closure of colorectal postsurgical leaks and fistulas is a safe technique, with a high success rate in both acute and chronic cases but completely bowel closure is a rare adverse event that can be accidentally happen, especially in non-expert hands. The nitinol loss of memory at < 4°C water allow OTSC deformation, helping us its removal.

OP186V POLYP FINGERPRINT: AUTOMATED RECOGNITION OF UNIQUE FEATURES TO UNIVOCALLY IDENTIFY COLORECTAL POLYPS

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Aims Following human recognition by fingerprints, we propose to study the potential of computer systems in the definition and recognition of unique characteristics for each colorectal polyp. Polyp fingerprint can be used in two types of applications: assistance in polyp detection to ensure that a polyp observed during insertion is recognized during withdrawal and assistance in the in vivo prediction of the histology of those polyps sharing a similar appearance with one with known histology.

Methods Our system uses a color descriptor to characterize the image and applies Bag of Words technique to build a vocabulary univocally describing each image. To test the methodology, we used 225 images from 76 polyps acquired during routine explorations at Hospital Clinic of Barcelona using high definition OLYMPUS endoscopes. At least two images showing different views from the same polyp were used in the experiment. The automatic system provides for each image the closest match within the dataset.

Results The distribution of polyps according to Paris classification was: 40 of type 0-Ia (118 images), 31 of type 0-Iia (11 images) and 5 of type 0-Iip (96 images). Mean polyp size was of 11.60 mm. 61 out of 76 polyps were adenomas (80.26%, 173 images). In our experiment, 207 images (92%) matched another image of the same polyp. For those polyps with only two images, the system provided an accurate match in 31/33 cases (93.94%). In the subset of images where the polyp was represented with more than two images, the system provided an accurate match in 31/43 cases (97.67%). Furthermore, in this subset the system provided correct matches for all images of the same polyp in 31/43 cases (72.09%).

Conclusions A computational system can accurately recognize as a unique lesion a polyp observed in different views by describing the endoluminal scene using a color descriptor.

OP187V MUSCLE-RETRACTING SIGN WITH CONVERGENT NEOVASCULARISATION: AN OMINOUS FINDING AT ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION

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Aims To report a new sign – muscle-retracting sign with convergent neovascularisation – as an ominous finding at endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD).

Methods Using high-definition endoscopes, we observed an endoluminal scene of neovascularisation converging towards the muscle layer in a subset of colorectal polyps that were subsequently shown to be adenocarcinomas at histology. The muscle-retracting sign was defined as the appearance of a retracting muscular layer following the oesophageal resection (OR) technique, with the identification of a zone of neovascularisation converging towards the muscular layer (Fig. 1).

Results The muscle-retracting sign with convergent neovascularisation was observed in 18 polyps (66.66%) among the 27 adenocarcinomas captured during ESD. The most frequent locations of these polyps were the ascending colon (72.22%) and descending colon (22.22%). The polyp size was ≥ 20 mm in any location, inclusive of proximal colonic lesions, were enlisted.

Conclusions This finding may be useful in identifying high-risk colorectal polyps in the future.
Sessile serrated adenomas (SSA) are more difficult to detect in endoscopy. The endoscopic diagnosis is not follow the classical molecular pattern [2].

Malignant transformation has rarely been described within a SSA but appears as a conventional adenomatous malignancy. In those transformed lesions, two components are clearly identified. Endoscopic evaluation using NBI with dual focus magnification is very important, in order to decide for the best resection strategy based on the worst component after histology prediction.

**OP189V ENDOSCOPIC LINE-ASSISTED COMPLETE CLOSURE OF LARGE COLONIC PERFORATION DURING ENDOSCOPIC DEEP SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION**

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Complete closure of extra-large mucosal defects after endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) of wide colorectal lesions is a challenging procedure due to limited width-opening of the regular through-the-scope clips (TTSC). We report a case of successful management of a large perforation using the line-assisted complete closure (LACC) technique.

LACC technique, described by Kato et al, is performed introducing a TTSC with a long nylon line tied to one of its anchor blades and fixing it to about 5 cm from the distal edge of the perforation area. Subsequently another TTSC is inserted through the working channel and it grasps the line inside the lumen, close to the first clip, to be anchored to the proximal side of the perforation. Both sides of the wound are gathered by gently pulling the line from outside the patient. This allows complementary TTSC for the complete closure of the defect. The line is finally cut using scissors forceps.

A 78-year-old patient was found to have a 70 × 40 mm LST-NG (0-ia + Iib) in transverse colon, pit pattern Kudo type IV. Along the final phase of ESD a spontaneous 5–6 cm disruption of the muscular layer within the mucosal defect was noted. Due to its large size, a LACC technique was executed to facilitate the approaching and further clipping of the mucosal edges with additional 31 regular TTSC. Abdominal-CT with rectal contrast administration after the procedure showed no sign of leaking at the perforation site. The patient remained asymptomatic and was discharged uneventfully six days later.

Compared with other endoscopic devices such as over-the-scope clip (OTSC), LACC only requires the use of regular TTSC, a nylon line and endoscopic scissors. It can be an effective alternative in the management of large iatrogenic perforations, even in proximal colon, avoiding surgical treatment.

**OP190V SUCCESSFUL REPAIR OF WIDE TRAUMATIC RECTAL PERFORATION USING OVER-THE-SCOPE CLIP (OTSC)**

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The over-the-scope clip (OTSC, Ovesco Endoscopy GmbH, Tübingen, Germany), designed for tissue approximation, is already recommended as first-line endoscopic treatment for endoscopic acute iatrogenic perforation [1]. To the best of our knowledge, no data regarding gastrointestinal traumatic perforation are available.

A 16-year-old girl referred to emergency room for copious rectal bleeding and secondary syncope, due to violent trauma.
Computed tomography (CT) scan and subsequent colonoscopy revealed a voluminous pelvic hematoma and a 35 – 40 mm irregular full-thickness defect, located in the posterior rectal wall, about 30 mm from the dentate line. Because of the lesion's features and the acute setting, an OTSC was placed (12/6 mm, traumatic type) using the OTSC twin grasper (Ovesco Endoscopy GmbH, Tübingen, Germany). This auxiliary device has two jaws which can be opened separately, allowing better gaping edges approximation. The entire procedure was performed under deep sedation, using CO2 insufflation.

The endoscopic treatment was effective, as confirmed after contrast medium injection and CT scan. Few days later, second endoscopic look confirmed complete sealing of the defect and the patient was discharged home [video]. In conclusion, OTSC with twin grasper can successfully treat wide traumatic rectal perforation, avoiding major surgery with definitive or temporary stoma, especially in a young woman.

Reference

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OP191V ENDOscopic MANAGEMENT OF an INTRAPARIETAL Oesophageal HEMATOMA, SECONDARY COMPLICATION OF POEM IN A TYPE 1 ACHALASIA, PREVIOUSLY TREATED by HELLER MYOTOMY

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Achalasia is an idiopathic condition characterized by abnormally elevated pressure of the lower oesophageal sphincter (LES) and abnormal oesophageal peristalsis. Before per oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) the treatment was either by drugs (nitrates, calcium blockers), endoscopic pneumatic dilatation or by surgical myotomy.

Endoscopic myotomy is more and more popular in expert endoscopic centers because of high efficacy (90%) and low complication rate (5%). We report the case of a 56 years old patient with a type 1 Achalasia that was previously treated by Heller myotomy. He remained asymptomatic for 4 years after the procedure, but later restarted having dysphagia, odynophagia an alimentary regurgitations.

After multidisciplinary concertation, it was decided to propose long posterior POEM.

We performed a long submucosal tunnel followed by a selective circular incision of 13 cm with a Hookknife 620LR (Olympus Tokyo, Japon). We had no particular hemorrhagic complications during endoscopic procedure. Three hours after the procedure, the patient had post procedural severe retrosternal pain and nausea. The CT scan confirmed a 60 mm esophageal hematoma without leak with possible active intraparietal bleeding.

We decided for immediate endoscopic intervention because of the high risk of mediastinitis and the active bleeding.

We removed the clips that closed the mucosal defect and after access in the submucosal tunnel we removed the blood clots with polypectomy snare. There was active bleeding from a perforating intramural vessel that was treated with coagulation, using a hot forceps (Cook Medical, Bloomington, USA). We closed the tunnel incision with 6 clips Resolution 360 (Boston Scientific, USA). The patient felt immediately better and was finally discharged 5 days later. No other complication was reported after 4 months of follow up.

PO192V ENDOscopic treatment of Intramural Fistula e Mucosal tear occurred after peroral ENDoscopic Myotomy (POEM)

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Aims POEM is a safe procedure for the treatment of esophageal motility disorders. A correct closure of the esophageal mucosal incision (mucosotomy) and the integrity of the mucosal flap are crucial for the safety of the procedure, in order to prevent esophageal leakages and infections.

Methods We present the case of a POEM complicated by the dehiscence of the mucosotomy, multiple tears of the mucosal flap and the creation of intramural esophageal fistula.

A 72-year-old woman presented with severe dysphagia, regurgitation, pain and weight loss. A type III achalasia was diagnosed and a POEM was performed. Perioperative course was uneventful.

Two weeks later patient presented with chest pain and recurrent dysphagia for solids. An EGD showed a dehiscence of the mucosotomy with multiple openings on the mucosal flap, putting in communication the real esophageal lumen with the submucosal tunnel created during the POEM. No full thickness perforations were seen.

CT-scan did not reveal any leakage or periesophageal collection.

In order to avoid the entrapment of food into this false lumen, we decided to entirely cut the mucosal flap. A distal and a triangle-tip knife with Endocut mode was used for the mucosal incision.

Results The procedure was relatively easy, quick, and uncomplicated.

Conclusions Dehiscence of mucosotomy rarely complicates POEM, but can be theoretically responsible of mediastinitis and infections. The incision of the mucosal flap above the esophageal false lumen, a kind of fistotomy, guaranteed a quick and easy solution for an unusual clinical problem.

OP193V YEYUNAL PERFORATION WITH ACHALASIA BALLON in a PATIENT WITh RING SLippage and GASTRIC pouch outlet STEnOSIS AF TER BANDED GASTRIC byPASS

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Aims Banded gastric bypass (BGCB) has resulted in superior long-term weight loss compared with non-banded gastric bypass. Nevertheless occasional silastic ring slippage could result in gastric pouch outlet stenosis (CPOS). Conventional management has been ring removal through abdominal laparoscopic...
surgery. However, peritoneal adherences could make surgery challenging and increase the risk of complications.

Endoscopic dilatation of the slipped ring using achalasia balloon with high success and low morbidity has been described. We present a clinical case of 31-year-old female with previous BGBP in 2012 who experienced vomiting, abdominal pain and weight loss in 2016.

Methods Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy (UGE) showed retained food and GPOS. A 35-mm achalasia balloon was used to treat slippage of the ring. Immediately after balloon deflation, active bleeding of the anastomosis occurred. It was controlled by epinephrine injection and electrocautery forceps. At the jejunal side of the anastomosis a wide perforation was seen. A 21-cm-length and 30 mm diameter fully covered self-expanding esophageal metallic stent (SEMS) was immediately placed. CT scan showed septated neumoperitoneum and no evidence of liquid collections. The patient referred mild abdominal pain after the procedure. Oral feeding and hospital discharge was decided at 36 hours.

Results Clinical evolution was satisfactory. Three weeks later SEMS was removed over a plastic overtube retrieval system to avoid laceration of the previously injured area. Perforation was completely sealed. Contrast swallow confirmed absence of leakage. Furthermore silastic ring migrated to the reservoir lumen as result of SEMS local effect. Forceps removal of the ring was safely accomplished.

Conclusions The use of achalasia balloon to treat slippage of the ring slippage in gastric banded bypass could lead to yeyunal perforation. Immediate placement of the stent is an efficient option to manage the perforation and the ring slippage.

OP194V PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC SEPTOTOMY (POES): A NOVEL ENDOSCOPIC APPROACH TO ZENKER’S DIVERTICULUM

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Aims Zenker’s diverticulum (ZD) arises as a result of an increased intraluminal pressure in the esophagus caused by the impaired relaxation of the cricopharyngeal muscle. Treatments aim to dissect the muscle in order to remove the underlying dysfunctional condition. Patients with short septum (≤ 2 cm) diverticulum represent a difficult to be treated subgroup of patients because of the anatomical space limitations leading to reduced operation space either for rigid and flexible endoscopic treatments. The aim of this video is to report an alternative procedure, called Peroral endoscopic septotomy (POES) proposed to treat short-septum symptomatic ZD.

Methods The POES technique consisted of a 15 mm mucosotomy performed at the top of the diverticular septum, after submucosal injection.

Results A 68 year-old man was referred to our center for a 20 mm ZD. The procedure was carried out using a 9.3 mm diameter gastroscopy with cap (Video 1). After submucosal injection with saline and methylene blue, a 15 mm mucosal incision was performed at the top of the diverticular septum. The underlying submucosa was dissected to create an endoscopic window to visualize the muscular septum. The muscular septum was dissected along its entire length through the mucosal window, sparing the mucosa of both the luminal and the diverticular side. Finally, the mucosal incision was closed with clips. No intra nor post-procedural adverse events occurred. After the procedure, an esophagogram was performed showing no contrast stagnation or leak. No dysphagia nor regurgitation were referred at 1 months follow up.

Conclusions This approach may be considered an alternative for the treatment of short ZD.

OP195V A LARGE PERFORATION IN THE SINUS PIRIFORM DURING ZENKER DIVERTICULUM EFFECTIVELY CLOSED WITH “CLIPS-AND-RUBBER BAND” TECHNIQUE

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Endoscopic treatment of Zenker diverticulum (ZD) by diverticulotomy consists in cutting the septum between the esophageal lumen and the diverticulum, thus restoring bolus transit. This technique is increasingly preferred to surgical treatment as it is safe and minimizes the in-hospital stay, especially in patients with important comorbidities [1,2]. Nevertheless, endoscopic diverticulotomy carries a risk of perforation and delayed bleeding [1].

We report here the case of a 94-year-old woman referred for endoscopic treatment of a ZD caused by a large perforation during endoscopic treatment of Zenker diverticulum. Two days after the first endoscopy the patient experienced a cough during swallowing. We removed the diverticulotomy using the window technique[3]. After this, we tried to close the perforation but usual clipping appeared impossible, since it was difficult to catch the two edges of the defect. Therefore, as already described to close resected area after EMR [4], we placed the first clip with attached a rubber band on the lower edge of the perforation by folding the not perforated mucosa. Then, a second clip grasped the rubber band and was attached on the upper edge of the perforation. Due to elastic force, the margins of the defect were stretched and approached each other and the entire defect was closed with two additional clips. After 3 days of diet, patient feed again and was discharged at day seven. At one month after the operation, she was asymptomatic for dysphagia and no sepsis occurred.

In conclusion, the “clip-and-rubber band” technique allows to approach closely the edges of large perforation also in difficult positions such as the sinus piriform, thus facilitating the complete closure.

OP196V ‘POSTERIOR-LIKE’ ANTERIOR POEM

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Per Oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) can be performed via an anterior or posterior approach to the esophageal wall, depending on the operator’s preference. Recent data, however, show that posterior POEM is faster in accomplishing myotomy and in mucosal closure time with less risk for inadvertent mucosal injury. These advantages are attributed to the axis of the dissection plane which naturally parallels to the endoscope working channel. Conversely, anterior POEM has been associated with less esophageal acid exposure post myotomy. Moreover, the gravity-dependent pooling of liquids occurs away from the dissection plane. Therefore, we have recently introduced a modified version of anterior POEM, named ‘Posterior-Like’ anterior POEM, in which the operator simulates the experience of posterior POEM while performing anterior POEM, by means of ergonomic shifts. This is done through antclockwise rotation of the endoscope shaft, while simultaneously rotating the operator’s body to face another monitor placed by the patient’s feet. In this fashion, the tunnel and the myotomy axis are positioned at 6 o’clock, as in posterior POEM. The purpose of this video is to present step by step this technique in a case of type I Achalasia.
OP197V  GASTRIC POEM TO TREAT INCISURA ANGULARIS TORSION AFTER SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY

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Aims  Gastric torsion is an uncommon complication after sleeve gastrectomy leading to food intolerance and abdominal pain. The stabilized treatment is surgical adhesions resolution. Achalasia balloon dilatation or stenting has been described. We present an acalculous case of a patient with gastric torsion after 6 months of sleeve gastrectomy unresponsive to endoscopic treatment.

Methods  The proposed treatment was to perform a gastric POEM to cut the adhesions through a gastric submucosa tunnel. The critical area was incisura angularis. Submucosal long tunnel was confectioned from 8 cms above critical area. Total tunnel length was 14 cms. Suture gastric line scar tissue was liberated from submucosa and gastric muscle with an endoscopic knife entering peritoneal cavity.

Results  Resolution of the restriction was immediately achieved. Mucosotomy was close with clips. Evolution was excellent. The patient was discharged from the hospital 1 day after with peroral clear liquids. Diet was advanced to solid after 5 days. No adverse event occurred. Follow up is 10 months and the patient remains asymptomatic.

Conclusion  GPOEM could be considered as an alternative rescue therapy for gastric torsion after sleeve gastrectomy.

OP198V  PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC MYOTOMY AND SEPTOTOMY (POEM-S) FOR THE TREATMENT OF EPIPHRENIC ESOPHAGEAL DIVERTICULUM. A PILOT STUDY WITH VIDEO

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Background and aims  Esophageal diverticula are rare, frequently associated with esophageal dysmotility, and usually managed surgically with high morbidity. We report a series of 6 patients treated by peroral endoscopic submucosal myotomy and septotomy (POEM-S). The objectives were to describe the technique, document its feasibility, safety and clinical efficacy.

Patients and methods  Patients referred for endoscopic management of epiphrenic diverticulum by POEM-S were included. Procedures where performed in patients intubated with CO2 and regular scopes and using a Triangle knife (Olympus, Japan). The tunnel was started just above the diverticulum, on the posterior wall, passing nearby the diverticular septum and continued up to the stomach (if achalasia). Then an anterograde septotomy was performed continued by a myotomy. Finally the mucosal access was closed with clips. Patients were kept fasting during 12 hours and then resume oral intake (liquid then mixed) in absence of complication. The had a clinical assessment at 3 months with a esophagogram.

Results  6 patients were included (3 men and 3 women aged between 62 to 83 years). The main symptoms were dysphagia (n = 6), regurgitations (n = 4) and weight loss (n = 4), evolving for a mean of 15 years. Five of them had an achalasia and one a nutcracker esophagus at high resolution manometry. Two already benefited from a regular POEM with cardial myotomy, without success.

All the procedures were completed, without per or post-operative complications. Patients were discharged between 2 and 8 post-operative days. A t 3 months, 5 patients had a clinical resolution of symptoms and resumed a normal diet. All patients had improved their weight. All esophagograms showed a better esophageal clearance and a decreasing of the diverticula’s size.

Conclusion  The POEM-S for treating epiphrenic diverticulas with or without motility disorder is a safe and effective technique that should be considered instead of morbid surgery.

OP199 IMPROVED LESION DETECTION WITH HIGH-QUALITY VERSUS ADEQUATE CLEANSING SUCCESS: A POST HOC ANALYSIS OF 1749 PATIENTS IN RANDOMISED CLINICAL TRIALS USING THE HAREFIELD CLEANSING SCALE

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Aims  Lesion detection requires colon cleansing. On the Harefield Cleansing Scale (HCS), success equals a minimal segmental score of 2/4 in all five segments; cumulative 10/20. Benefits of high-quality cleansing are debated. This post hoc analysis of randomised clinical trials assessed lesion detection in cumulative segmental score groups permitting real-world segmental cleansing score variability in each patient.

Methods  Three similar phase 3 trials assessed the colon cleansing efficacy and safety of 1L NER1006 (PLENVU) versus standard bowel preparations. Cleansing quality assessment was standardised with treatment-blinded central readers using the HCS. Our treatment-independent analysis included all patients with fully documented segmental cleansing scores and lesion counts. Three cumulative HCS score groups 0 – 10 (failed to adequate), 11 – 13 (adequate with some high-quality), and 14 – 20 (mostly high-quality) were stratified for maximal samples with a comparable size. Polyp detection rates (PDR), adenoma detection rates (ADR) and the mean number of polyps (MPP) or adenomas (MAP) per patient were analysed. One-sided t-tests were used to identify any differences in lesion detection versus the highest cleansing quality group HCS 14 – 20.

Results  From 1985 randomised patients, 1749 were included (Table). The highest quality cleansing group HCS 14 – 20 (n = 551) was associated with a significantly higher ADR, MPP and MAP than the medium quality cleansing group HCS 11 – 13 (n = 581). HCS 14 – 20 was also associated with a significantly higher PDR, ADR, MPP and MAP than the failed to adequate group HCS 0 – 10 (n = 617).

Tab. 1 Cumulative HCS scores (0 – 20) versus lesion detection in the overall colon

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<tr>
<th>Cumulative HCS segmental scores 0 – 20</th>
<th>Mostly high-quality 14 – 20</th>
<th>Adequate with some high-quality 11 – 13</th>
<th>Failed to adequate 0 – 10</th>
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<tr>
<td>PDR, n/N (%) P-value vs. HCS 14 – 20</td>
<td>263/551 (0.48)</td>
<td>250/581 (0.43)</td>
<td>261/677 (0.42)</td>
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<td>ADR, n/N (%) P-value vs. HCS 14 – 20</td>
<td>189/551 (0.34)</td>
<td>156/581 (0.27)</td>
<td>164/677 (0.27)</td>
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<td>MPP, mean (SD); P-value vs. HCS 14 – 20</td>
<td>1.28 (2.81)</td>
<td>0.99 (1.72)</td>
<td>1.14 (2.35)</td>
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<td>MAP, mean (SD); P-value vs. HCS 14 – 20</td>
<td>0.75 (2.11)</td>
<td>0.54 (1.26)</td>
<td>0.52 (1.19)</td>
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Conclusions  In large and well-balanced sample sizes of clinical practice relevance, high-quality colon cleansing improves lesion detection over lower cleansing qualities.
OP200 EFFECTIVENESS AND TOLERABILITY OF VERY LOW VOLUME PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY: A PROSPECTIVE, MULTICENTER STUDY

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Aims Effectiveness and tolerability of bowel cleansing is essential for a quality colonoscopy. The aims of this study were to assess the effectiveness and tolerability of novel 1L PEG preparation compared to 4L and 2L PEG solutions and to evaluate factors associated with a bowel cleansing success.

Methods 605 consecutive outpatients undergoing colonoscopy after an afternoon-only or afternoon-morning PEG-based bowel cleansing were prospectively enrolled at 4 Sicilian hospitals from July to October 2018. Bowel cleansing was assessed through the Boston-Bowel-Preparation-Scale (BBPS) and cleansing success was defined as a total BBPS ≥ 6 with a partial BBPS≥2 in each colon segment. Tolerability was evaluated through a semi-quantitative scale with a score ranging from 0 to 10.

Results Overall, 229 patients performed a 4L-PEG preparation (Selgesse), 261 a 2L-PEG cleansing (Moviprep or Clessia) and 115 a 1L-PEG preparation (Plenvu). The 1L preparation was the most tolerant with an average rating score of 7.5 ± 1.9, 7.2 ± 2.0 and 7.8 ± 1.3 (p < 0.04) respectively for 4L, 2L and 1L-PEG solution in the absence of serious adverse events within any of the three groups. Overall, bowel cleansing by BBPS was 6.1 ± 1.6, 6.0 ± 1.6 and 6.7 ± 1.5 (p = 0.007). A successful preparation was achieved in 72% of patients. At multivariate analysis low-fiber diet for at least 3 days preceding colonoscopy (OR = 2.34, 95% CI = 1.29 – 4.22; P = 0.005) colonoscopy within 5 hours after the end of the preparation (OR = 2.20, 95% CI = 1.1 – 4.85; P = 0.04), absence of diabetes (OR = 1.68, 95% CI = 1.02 – 2.85; P = 0.05), and tolerability rating (OR = 1.19, 95% CI = 1.08 – 1.32; P = 0.001) were independently associated with a bowel cleansing success.

Conclusions The novel 1L PEG preparation presents a higher effectiveness compared to higher volume PEG solution in terms of overall and right colon cleansing, with the advantage of a better tolerability and a good safety profile. In the future, this new preparation will be useful to improve adherence to CRC screening and surveillance programs.

OP201 COLON CLEANSING EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF 1L NER1006 IN PATIENTS WITH MILD TO MODERATE RENAL IMPAIRMENT: POST HOC ANALYSIS OF RANDOMISED PHASE 3 CLINICAL TRIALS

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Aims Only polyethylene glycol (PEG) bowel preparations are recommended for patients with renal failure. This post hoc analysis of randomised phase 3 clinical trials assessed the colon cleansing efficacy of the first 1L PEG, NER1006, in renally impaired versus non-renally impaired patients.

Methods Patients received split dosing regimens of NER1006, either day-before (PM/PM), overnight (PM/AM), or morning-only (AM/AM). C Television efficacy was assessed by treatment blinded central readers using the Harefield Cleansing Scale (HCS). The efficacy analysis included patients with a documented renal status and colonoscopy data. Patients were stratified into creatinine clearance rate (CrCl) groups: normal renal function (≥ 90 mL/min), mild renal insufficiency (60 to < 90 mL/min), moderate renal insufficiency (30 to < 60 mL/min), Patients with severe renal insufficiency were excluded.

Results Among 1134 randomised patients, 1016 were assessed for efficacy (renal status; 692 mild/moderate, 324 normal). No significant difference was observed in the overall cleansing success rates in mild and moderate versus normal (Table). Safety was assessed in 1028 patients. The types of TEAEs were generally consistent between mild and moderate and normal. The most common TEAEs in all patient groups were gastrointestinal i.e. nausea, vomiting and dehydration. There were numerically more TEAEs in patients with moderate renal insufficiency versus normal. However, this may reflect the patients’ disease state.

Conclusions The current efficacy and safety findings support the use of NER1006 (PLENVU) as a bowel preparation in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment.

OP202 1L NER1006 IMPROVES HIGH-QUALITY COLON CLEANSING VERSUS STANDARD BOWEL PREPARATIONS: POST HOC ANALYSIS OF PHASE 3 CLINICAL TRIALS USING REAL-WORLD CLEANSING ASSESSMENT BY SITE ENDOSCOPISTS

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Aims Colonoscopy requires bowel cleansing; high-quality cleansing facilitates lesion detection. NER1006 is a 1L polyethylene glycol (PEG) bowel preparation. This post hoc analysis of three randomised trials investigated cleansing efficacy assessed, as in clinical practice, by site endoscopists.

Methods Patients received either a 2-day evening/morning regimen of NER1006 (N2D), 2L PEG+ascorbate (2LPEG), or oral sulfate solution (OSS); or day-before NER1006 (NDB) or sodium picosulfate plus magnesium citrate (SPMC). Morning-only NER1006 (N1D) dosing was also evaluated. Cleansing was assessed by treatment blinded site endoscopists using the Harefield Cleansing Scale (HCS). This analysis included only patients with self-reported 100% treatment adherence. Overall cleansing success (HCS grade A or B), overall high-quality cleansing success (HCS grade A), and the proportion of high-quality segments (HCS 3 – 4) per treatment population were analysed.

Results Among 1985 randomised patients, 1367 were included (Table). Overall cleansing success was higher with N2D than 2LPEG (97.5% vs. 93.0%) and more patients had overall high-quality cleansing with N2D and N1D than 2LPEG (72.1% and 68.4% vs. 56.0%). N2D delivered more high-quality cleansing than OSS (77.3% vs. 69.8%). Overall cleansing success was higher with than NDB than SPMC (74.5% vs. 62.9%) and more patients achieved HCS Grade A with NDB than SPMC (29.0% vs. 12.0%). More high-quality segments were demonstrated with N2D and N1D versus 2LPEG (87.1% and 84.4% vs. 76.3%), with N2D versus OSS (89.5% vs. 84.4%) and with NDB than SPMC (60.3% vs. 47.0%).
**Tab. 1.** High-quality colon cleansing as assessed by site endoscopists in patients with self-reported 100% treatment adherence

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<th>Cleansing success</th>
<th>N2D vs. 2LPEG</th>
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<td>Sample size</td>
<td>NER1006 vs. comparator, N</td>
<td>204 vs. 200</td>
<td>193 vs. 200</td>
<td>225 vs. 225</td>
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<td>Overall cleansing success HCS Grades A+B, n/N (%)</td>
<td>199/204 (97.0) vs. 186/200 (93.0)</td>
<td>180/193 (93.3) vs. 186/200 (93.0)</td>
<td>211/225 (93.8) vs. 210/225 (93.3)</td>
<td>108/145 (74.5) vs. 110/175 (62.9)</td>
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<td>P-value</td>
<td>P = 0.016</td>
<td>P = 0.459</td>
<td>P = 0.424</td>
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<td>Overall high-quality cleansing success HCS Grades A, n/N (%)</td>
<td>147/204 (72.1) vs. 112/200 (56.0)</td>
<td>132/193 (68.4) vs. 112/200 (56.0)</td>
<td>174/225 (77.3) vs. 157/225 (69.8)</td>
<td>42/145 (29.0) vs. 21/175 (12.0)</td>
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<td>P-value</td>
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<td>High-quality segments HCS 3–4, n/N (%)</td>
<td>888/1020 (87.1) vs. 763/1000 (76.3)</td>
<td>814/965 (84.4) vs. 763/1000 (76.3)</td>
<td>1007/1125 (89.5) vs. 950/1125 (84.4)</td>
<td>437/725 (60.3) vs. 411/785 (47.0)</td>
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**Conclusions** When assessed by site-endoscopists NER1006 (PLENVU) delivers greater high-quality, HCS grade A, cleansing than 2LPEG, OSS, or SPMC.

**OP203 EVALUATION OF A LOW VOLUME BOWEL CLEANSING PREPARATION (ORAL SULPHATE SOLUTION) VERSUS MACROGOL: A PHASE III, MULTICENTRE, RANDOMISED COMPARATIVE CLINICAL TRIAL**

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**Aims** This study aimed to demonstrate the non-inferiority of low-volume oral sulphate solution (OSS) to macrogol 4000+electrolytes for bowel preparation, and assess the efficacy, safety and acceptability of OSS.

**Methods** This prospective, randomised, investigator-blinded, parallel group, multicentre, non-inferiority phase III study (NCT023231462) was conducted at three centres in Russia between March and December 2015. Adults undergoing diagnostic colonoscopy were randomised to receive OSS or macrogol as a split dose. Anonymised videos of the examinations were centrally reviewed. The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients with successful overall bowel preparation, defined as Boston Bowl Preparation Scale (BBPS) global score ≥ 6. Secondary endpoints included patient compliance and safety.

**Results** 296 patients were randomised (OSS: 147, macrogol: 149): 294 in the Intention-to-Treat (ITT) population, 274 in the Per-Protocol (PP) population. 22 OSS patients and 21 macrogol patients had inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Bowel preparation success (BBPS ≥ 6) was high in both groups (OSS: 97.2% [95% CI: 89.5–99.3]; macrogol: 97.7% [95% CI: 90.7–99.4]; PP population). The adjusted difference between the groups was -0.5% (95% CI -4.2–3.3), demonstrating non-inferiority of OSS compared to macrogol (non-inferiority margin was -15%). Compliance was higher in the OSS group than the macrogol group (95.7% vs. 82.3%, respectively, \( P = 0.001 \), ITT population). Nausea was the most frequent adverse event (AE); more patients experienced nausea in the OSS group than in the macrogol group (25.2% vs. 10.2%, respectively \( P = 0.0088 \), after the first dose). Differences between treatment groups in the frequency of other preparation-related AEs (vomiting, abdominal distension, abdominal pain, abdominal discomfort) were not significant. AE intensity was generally mild. The safety profile of patients with IBD not in active phase was similar to the overall population.

**Conclusions** This study demonstrated that split-dose OSS was non-inferior to macrogol. Despite a higher incidence of nausea in the OSS group, compliance was better with OSS.

**OP204 COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF USE FOR ORAL SULPHATE SOLUTION, TOLERABILITY AND SAFETY IN A REAL-LIFE SETTING: A EUROPEAN MULTICENTRE POST-AUTHORISATION SAFETY STUDY**

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**Aims** Oral Sulphate Solution (OSS) is a low-volume bowel cleansing solution administered as 2 doses of 500 ml saline sulphate solution each followed by 1000 ml water or clear liquids (for hydration). The aim of this study was to assess non-compliance with hydration guidelines and describe the safety profile of OSS in routine practice.

**Methods** Consecutive eligible patients were included in this prospective, non-interventional, multicentre, European Post Authorisation Safety Study of OSS use in routine clinical practice (NCT02630680). Patients recorded adverse events (AEs) and compliance to hydration. Compliance to hydration was calculated as a ratio of actual volume taken versus the prescribed 2000 ml. Non-compliance was defined as taking < 75% of hydration. Missing volumes were imputed as not taken. Endpoints were also reported in predefined special populations (age ≥ 65 years, risk of electrolyte shifts).

**Results** 1281 patients were recruited in 16 centres in the Czech Republic, Germany, the Netherlands and Poland. 1206 patients took OSS and provided safety information (safety population); 1177 reported their compliance (registry population). 94.5% of patients were compliant to hydration guidelines. Subgroup analyses (age, gender, dosing regimen) revealed no differences in compliance. 329 patients (27.3%) experienced 758 related AEs, mostly gastrointestinal (82.9%). Most AEs were mild or moderate in intensity. AEs were similar in compliant versus non-compliant patients, and in younger versus elderly patients. Significantly more AEs occurred in females than male patients. No AEs suggestive of dehydration were noted in non-compliant patients. No acute AEs were observed in special populations. AEs did not differ from the known safety profile overall or in special populations.

**Conclusions** In this non-interventional study, treatment compliance to hydration guidelines was excellent or good in 94.5% of patients receiving OSS. The safety profile of OSS was similar to previous reports. This real-life study supports the benefit/risk profile seen in clinical trials.

**OP205 PLASMA ELECTROLYTE CONCENTRATIONS AFTER THE USE OF 1L POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL BOWEL PREPARATION NER1006: POST HOC ANALYSIS OF RANDOMISED CLINICAL TRIALS**

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Aims Bowel preparations contain electrolytes to maintain electrolyte homeostasis after diarrhoea. This post-hoc analysis of randomised, Phase 3 clinical trials assessed plasma sodium concentrations following treatment with the 1L NER1006.

Methods The safety of NER1006 was assessed in the studies NOCT, MORA and DAYB. This analysis included patients whose plasma sodium concentrations shifted from normal at baseline to above upper limit normal (ULN) at any subsequent visit. ULN was defined locally and ranged from 143–148mmol/L. Timing of blood sample collection was determined by the dosing schedule. Samples were collected at 4 visits: at baseline (1), day of colonoscopy (2), 1–4 days (3) and 8–10 days (4) post-colonoscopy.

Results Among 1134 randomised patients, 1028 had evaluable sodium data and 214 were included in this analysis (Table). A transient shift around shifts of only 2 mmol/L occurred predominantly at Visit 2, with 96.4–99.6% patients returning to normal levels by visit 3. More patients in NOCT compared to MORA and DAYB experienced elevated sodium levels. However, in NOCT the baseline value was high with > 50% patients at > 142mmol/L. For such patients, minor days (3) and 10 days (4) post-colonoscopy.

Tab. 1 Mean sodium plasma levels in NER1006 patients who were normal at baseline but above ULN at subsequent visit (safety set).

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<th>Study % patients with shift Normal baseline to ULN</th>
<th>Baseline Mean mmol/L (SD)</th>
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<td>MORA (n = 92) 17% (92/531)</td>
<td>142 (2.08)</td>
<td>148 (2.05)</td>
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<td>143 (2.56)</td>
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<td>DAYB (n = 17) 7% (17/235)</td>
<td>141 (1.87)</td>
<td>146 (2.26)</td>
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<td>NOCT (n = 105) 40% (105/262)</td>
<td>141 (1.82)</td>
<td>147 (1.61)</td>
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<td>Overall (n = 214)</td>
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Conclusions Mild, transient increases in plasma electrolyte levels were observed with NER1006 (PLENVU) on visit 2, these were not clinically significant.

OP206 OUTCOMES OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (ESD) DURING LIVE ENDOSCOPY EVENTS – A 12- YEAR FOLLOW-UP

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Aims Live endoscopy events (LEE) have increased considerably in the last 20 years. However, ethical and patient-related issues have been raised, especially concerning complications, patient outcome as well as success rate. There is no data showing the outcome of ESD during LEE. In this study, ESD procedures performed during the Augsburg Endo-Update LEE were compared with matched routine ESDs. The histological R0 resection rate was significantly higher in the LEE group as compared with the control group (82% vs. 59%; p < 0.05), the complication rate was significantly lower in the LEE group as compared with the control group (6% vs. 23%; p < 0.05) while the procedure time was similar in both groups (133 minutes vs. 130 minutes). However, the difference between both groups leveled out in the second half of the study period (2012–2017; R0 94% vs. 72%; complications 5.3% vs. 5.5%) as compared with the first half of the study period (2006–2011; R0 69% vs. 44%; complications 2.9% vs. 43%).

Conclusions ESD can be performed safely during LEE. The better outcome in the LEE group was probably because most LEE-ESDs were performed by Japanese experts. However, the learning curve of the local European endoscopists improved considerably over time.

OP207 PROSPECTIVE COMPARISON OF AN ADULT, AN INTERMEDIATE PEDIATRIC AND A LONG PEDIATRIC COLONOSCOPE IN THE TRAINING PROCESS OF GASTROINTESTINAL FELLOWS TO ACHIEVE HIGH-QUALITY COLONOSCOPIC PRACTICE

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Aims Few data are available on the influence of colonoscope length and diameter for trainees, which could affect both the training process and colonoscopy quality. We conducted this prospective observational cohort study to investigate which scope is more suitable for starting the colonoscopy training apropos technical competence, quality indicators and patient’s comfort during diagnostic colonoscopy.

Methods A total of 126 consecutive patients were enrolled in the study and assigned into three groups: adult colonoscope (AC, n = 41), intermediate length pediatric colonoscope (IPC, n = 43) and long length pediatric colonoscope (LPC, n = 42). Primary outcomes recorded were completeness to the procedure.

Results Cecal intubation rates were not statistically different between the groups: adult colonoscope (87.8%), intermediate pediatric colonoscope (81.4%) and long pediatric colonoscope (92.8%). On the contrary terminal ileal intubation rate differed significantly among the three groups (p = 0.015) with long pediatric colonoscope having the higher ileal intubation rate (66.7% vs. 60.9%/AC and 37.2%/IPC). There were significant differences in position change (fewer with LPC/1.36 vs. AC/2.15 and IPC/2.09 vs. 0.027) and midazolam administered mg-dose (lower with LPC/0.52 vs. AC/1.07 and IPC/0.93 vs. p = 0.032). Loop formation with subsequent resolution was confirmed to relate significantly with higher pain for the patient with all of the three colonoscope types.

Conclusions The long length pediatric colonoscope performs better in trainee hands than adult and intermediate length pediatric colonoscope in terms of reaching competency and quality indicators (ileal intubation) with lower discomfort for the patients during colonoscopic procedures (lower midazolam dose and fewer positional changes). It could be considered the most suitable scope for trainees to start a high-quality colonoscopy training.

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**OP208 IMPACT OF TRAINEE INVOLVEMENT ON TECHNICAL OUTCOME OF ERCP PROCEDURES AND PATIENT SAFETY: RESULTS OF A PROSPECTIVE MULTICENTER TRIAL**

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**Aims** Quality standards for the practice of ERCP have been recently updated; however there is limited data regarding the impact of trainee involvement on procedure-related outcomes and patient safety. We aimed to evaluate whether trainee involvement increases the risk of procedure failure or adverse events.

**Methods** We conducted a prospective, multicenter observational study of ERCP procedures. Participating endoscopists completed a standard form after each procedure, providing clinical data, technical aspects of the procedure, including the degree of involvement of trainees, technical success and procedure-related adverse events. Trainees were defined as endoscopists who had performed <200 ERCPs or were still working under supervision at the time of the study. Sample size was calculated to allow the detection with 90% power of a 5% increase in adverse event rates, from an estimated 10% in the control group to 15% in the trainee group.

**Results** Data from 1843 procedures performed by 18 independent operators and 22 endoscopists in training between October 2016 and October 2018 in 6 European centers were prospectively collected and analyzed. Common bile duct stones (46.8%) was the most frequent indication for ERCP. Trainees were involved in 822 (44.6%) procedures, including 543 native papilla cases, managing to complete their respective procedures without any assistance from their supervisor in 58.9% of the cases. The unassisted cannulation rate of a native papilla by trainees was 74.3%. Trainee involvement did not compromise cannulation rates (92.2% vs. 94.4%, p = 0.14), technical success rates (92.4% vs. 93.7%, p = 0.3) and did not increase the risk of procedure-related adverse events (14.8% vs. 13%, p = 0.3). On multivariate analysis, increased bilirubin levels and use of precut but not trainee involvement were identified as risk factors for procedure-related adverse events.

**Conclusions** Our study shows that trainee involvement in ERCP procedures does not compromise procedure outcome or patient safety.

**OP209 COLONOSCOPY WITH THE 3D NAVIGATION SYSTEM SCOPEPILOT VERSUS STANDARD COLONOSCOPY**

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**Aims** The successful coecal intubation is a challenge but also a quality indicator in colonoscopy. Loop formation can complicate the advancement of the endoscope or even prevent reaching the coecum. The 3D navigation system SCOPEPILOT by Pentax allows a real time position monitoring of the endoscope during colonoscopy and should facilitate the intubation of the coecum. The aim of this study was to compare the coecal intubation time with and without SCOPEPILOT.

**Methods** In 2017 we examined 204 patients with an indication for a colonoscopy and randomized them to either colonoscopy with SCOPEPILOT or standard colonoscopy. Five endoscopists (two learner and three experienced endoscopists) performed the examinations. The time until intubation of the coecum was measured, the quality of the bowel preparation rated and the subjective benefit for the endoscopist during the examination registered. In case of looping of the endoscope the type of loop was documented.

**Results** The average age was 61 years in both groups. The quality of bowel preparation was similar as well (2.49 vs. 2.76). The coecum was reached in all examinations. The time until successful intubation of the coecum was in the standard group 8.99 min (± 4.9) whereas with the SCOPEPILOT the coecum was reached in 6.33 min (± 3.86), which was significant faster (p < 0.005). Especially the two less experienced endoscopists reported an earlier recognition and easier characterization of looping. The sigma-N-loop was the most common loop followed by an alpha-loop.

**Conclusions** With the 3D navigation system SCOPEPILOT a significant faster intubation of the coecum is possible. An earlier recognition and characterization of looping which results in a more effective solving of the loop seems to be the reason. Especially for beginners and in technical difficult colonoscopy the SCOPEPILOT can be an useful tool and should be considered.

**OP210 IMPLEMENTATION OF A DIRECTLY OBSERVED POLYPECTOMY SKILLS (DOPYS) ASSESSMENT TOOL: A SURVEY STUDY FOR GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION**

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**Aims** Polypectomy is one of the most common lower gastrointestinal therapeutic procedures performed worldwide. Directly Observed Polypectomy Tool (DOPyS) is a validated assessment tool for assessing polypectomy skills1,2 used in the UK since 2009, but not globally implemented yet. The aim of the study was to evaluate the current experience of using DOPyS and barriers/drivers to its global implementation.

**Tab. 1 Barriers to implementing DOPyS**

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**Methods** A web-based survey was designed based on eight standardized implementation outcome variables3. This included 26 questions (incl. free-text) screened by two senior endoscopists and an implementation science expert. The survey was distributed globally to gastroenterology trainees and trainers through national societies, conferences, social media platforms and emails. Data collection and analysis was performed using SurveyMonkey software.

**Results** 121 responses were collected (Trainees 59: Trainees 62) from 8 countries, 52% (63) rated DOPyS as a high-quality tool. 62% (76) were satisfied with DOPyS and most (45%) felt that DOPyS “meets their needs”. Most respondents described it as “relevant to clinical practice” (64%) and a useful tool (59%). A large proportion (21%) felt it was “impractical”. We explored this further to assess barriers in sustainability of DOPyS. The majority (51%) felt DOPyS was “too time-consuming to use” with a similar distribution between trainers and trainees. Trainees additionally felt it “unappealing”.

**Conclusions** The study has identified barriers to implementation, explored ways to sustain UK implementation, increase implementability of DOPyS and ensure adoption of this educational tool for an international audience.
1. Gupta et al GIE 2011
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3. Proctor et al APMH 2011
OP211 EVALUATION OF OUR TRAINING PROGRAM OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION FOR GASTRIC CANCER IN EUROPE; TEACHING BY JAPANESE MENTOR

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Aims Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) has become established as a minimally invasive treatment for early gastric cancer (EGC) in Asian countries. Although training system has been reported in Asian countries, little was known about the training of European countries for ESD. The most important thing is to prevent a decline in clinical outcome during the introductory period. The aim of this study was to assess the learning curve for ESD of EGC in European countries.

Methods Between January 2017 to March 2018, a total of 30 gastric tumors in 30 patients underwent ESD by 2 European trainees over a period of 14 to 9 months. To evaluate the validity of our ESD training program, we analyzed the outcomes of gastric ESD performed by 2 Italian trainees who graduated from medical school 9 years ago. We have criteria which a trainee must meet before they are allowed to do gastric ESD.

Results Thirty cases treated with ESD from January 2017 to March 2018 were investigated. They consist of 13 lesions in the antrum; 9 lesions in the angle or lesser curvature in the body; 8 lesions in other locations. The en-bloc resection rate was 100%, the mean diameter of the resected specimens was 25.1 mm (± 12.8SD), the mean size of the lesions was 37.4 mm (± 11.0SD), the mean procedure time was 102.0 minutes (±55.6SD), and the late bleeding rate was 3.3% (1/30). Complication was controlled by endoscopic treatment. The trainees could complete the whole ESD procedures in all 30 cases (100%).

Conclusions Our ESD training program enabled ESD trainees to perform gastric ESD without decline the treatment outcome.

OP212 TRAINING IN PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC MYOTOMY IN AN ANIMAL MODEL

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Aims Per oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) is an effective treatment for achalasia. It is technically challenging and some authors advocate for preclinical training. However, there is a lack of data regarding the type of training needed and the previous expertise required.

We aimed to evaluate if training in an animal model could provide the necessary skills to perform POEM safely and effectively.

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Methods A single endoscopist performed POEM in swine live models from March 2017 to June 2018 following the standard technique, except for the use of air instead of CO2 to insufflate.

All total procedure time, creation of mucosal entry, creation of submucosal tunnel and myotomy were measured, as well as length of myotomy and length of mucosal entry. Adverse events (AE) rates were calculated: mucosotomy, pneumomediastinum, pneumoperitoneum, bleeding or death.

OP213 ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY IN CHILDREN

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Aims We wanted to examine our results regarding safety and outcomes in our paediatric patients at Oslo University Hospital.

Methods Patients younger than 18 years who underwent ERCP between April 1999 and November 2017 were identified using procedure codes. Medical records were examined. Descriptive statistics were prepared.

Results 244 procedures in 158 patients were performed. 56 of these were in 53 infants (age ≤ 1 year). The remaining 188 procedures were in 102 children.

The main indication was biliary atresia (n = 38); and findings at ERCP suggested biliary atresia in 21 cases of which 17 underwent surgery with portoenterostomy, two underwent liver transplantation, one underwent laparoscopic exploration that excluded biliary atresia, and in one patient other liver disease were found. Six of the procedures (10.7%) were therapeutic.

Conclusions Our ERCP procedures included 56 procedures in infants, which is one of the largest series presented. Complications in infants are rare, only 4%, and none post-ERCP pancreatitis were seen. 10.4% of children experienced post-ERCP pancreatitis.
OP214 GUIDE-WIRE AND CONTRAST INJECTION CANNULATION (MIXED TECHNIQUE) IS SUPERIOR TO EXCLUSIVE GUIDE-WIRE BILIARY CANNULATION FOR PREVENTION OF POST-ERCP PANCREATITIS (PEP): A DOUBLE-BLIND, CONTROLLED, RANDOMIZED TRIAL

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Aims PEP is the most common complication of ERCP. In the last few years, some studies have demonstrated that the use of guide-wire cannulation (GW-C) instead of contrast injection reduces the rate of PEP. Thus, the GW-C technique has become gold standard and contrast injection an almost proscribed technique, although the majority of studies favouring the GW-C technique has shown exaggerated rates of PEP in the contrast cannulation group or do not allow cross-over between both techniques. In this study, we intend to compare GW-C with the mixed technique (GW and/or contrast injection at endoscopist’s discretion).

Methods 727 consecutive patients referred to ERCP in our Department were prospectively evaluated. Of these, 588 naïve papilla patients [232 (39.5%) were men, 356 (60.5%) women; mean age 60.3 yrs, ranging from 18 – 90yrs] entered into the trial and were randomized to receive exclusive guide-wire cannulation (n = 299) or the mixed technique (n = 289) for selective bile duct cannulation.

Results Both groups were comparable in respect to sex, age, race (92% were white) and to diagnoses [75% had duct stones, n = 444; 18% had neoplasia (n = 106) and 38% (7%) had other diagnoses]. There were 24 cases of PEP [15 (5%) in GW-C group and 9 (3.1%) in the mixed technique group, p < 0.01]. Time to reach deep cannulation was also faster in the latter group (75% < 5 min vs. 50.2% < 5 min, p < 0.001). More than 10 minutes until cannulation was observed in 21% vs. 10% (groups GW-C and mixed technique, respectively, p < 0.001) of the ERCPs. Total ERCP time was also shorter in the mixed technique group (12 vs. 10 minutes; p < 0.001).

Conclusions Compared to exclusive G-W- assisted biliary cannulation, the mixed technique reduces the risk of post-ERCP pancreatitis and promotes a faster cannulation time and, consequently, reduces the total procedure time.

OP215 DOES THE MORPHOLOGY OF THE MAJOR PAPILLA INFLUENCE BILIARY CANNULATION? – A MULTICENTER PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims Selective biliary duct cannulation is an essential prerequisite for biliary ERCP. Some authors suggest that the difficulty of biliary cannulation and the use of rescue techniques (rT) can be conditioned, among other factors, by the papillary morphology. We intend to evaluate if the duration of biliary cannulation, the existence of a difficult cannulation and the use of rT are influenced by the papillary morphology.

Methods This was a multicenter (3) prospective cohort study, including consecutive patients referred for ERCP with naïve papilla between August 2017 and January 2018, performed by experienced endoscopists. The papillae were classified into 4 types: non-prominent/prominent/bulging/distorted (Lee’s classification). The transverse, longitudinal papilla diameters and the diameter of the distal bile duct were measured. Primary outcomes: duration of biliary cannulation (tbc), difficult cannulation and rT. The influence of papilla type/dimensions on outcomes was assessed by multiple linear and logistic regressions.

Results We included 106 patients, 43 men (40.57%), median age = 79 years (26 – 96). The main indication: suspected obstruction of the biliary tract in 83.02%. The success rate of biliary cannulation was 100%; 29.24% of the cannulations were considered difficult. Rescue access techniques were used in 28.3% of the non-prominent papillae, 41.18% of the prominent ones, 30.77% of the bulging and 16.67% of the distorted ones. In patients with non-prominent papillae (50%), tbc = 3.35 mins (iqr = 6.84); in the prominent papillae (32%), tbc = 5.08 mins (iqr = 8.53); in the bulging papillae (12.26%), the tbc = 2.25 mins (iqr = 5.66); in the distorted (5.66%), tbc = 2.025 mins (iqr = 7.51). In the multivariate analyzes the papilla type/dimensions did not show to be a predictor of the 3 outcomes evaluated.

Conclusions Contrary to what is stated in the literature, the type and dimensions of the papilla do not correlate with the difficulty of cannulation nor condition the techniques used.

OP216 GRADING SUCCESS AND COMPLICATIONS IN ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY (ERCP): THE AUSTRIAN SUCCESS AND COMPLICATION SCORE IN ERCP (ASCE – SCORE) A NOVEL GRADING SYSTEM

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Aims The need for standardized benchmarks in endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) has become a pressing matter in quality control and training supervision. The aim of this study was to evaluate and adapt the grading system for ERCP proposed by the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) 2011 by using a large-scale multicentre data set.

Methods Data of over 10.000 ERCPs was collected between 2013 and 2016 for the benchmarking project of the Austrian society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (web-based questionnaire). Interventions were ranked as suggested by the ASGE. Complications and success of the procedures were recorded. Multiple regression was applied to the ASGE classification in respect to success and complications. Further each procedure suggested by ASGE was tested.

Results 10917 ERCPs were documented in 28 different sites from primary to tertiary centres. ASGE grading of 1 – 4 were 14.5%; 51.3%; 28.0%; 6.2%. With overall success–complication-rates of 83.1%/68.8%; 89.3%/10.9%; 86.2%/8.5%; 73.4%/11.5%. The multiple regression showed different results than predicted by the ASGE classification for most of the indications. Easy success did not necessarily stand for less complications. A score splitting success and complication with three levels of difficulty/risk was designed.
Results Data were collected prospectively from five Hungarian centers and contains the main information about the ERCP’s and the 30-day follow-up periods.

Results In our cohort we found 1177 patients without (Group A) and 218 patients (Group B) with juxtapapillary diverticula. The mean age was 65 years vs. 72 years. The male-female ratio was 1:1.34 and 1:1.25. The main indications of ERCPs were almost the same in both groups (obstructive jaundice (29% vs. 23%), common bile duct stone (29% vs. 34%) and cholangitis (29% vs. 35%).) Cannulation failure was 4.74% vs. 5.22% in group A and B, which are acceptable based on the latest guidelines. There was only a minimal difference between the mean times of the whole ERCP procedures (18.64 min vs. 18.4 min). Surprisingly the mean cannulation time was shorter in the juxtapapillary group (3.16 min vs. 7.6 min). Intraprocedural bleeding that needed endoscopic intervention occurred in 4.74% vs. 3.36%, but only 0.87% vs. 0.75% required transfusion. The occurrence of perforation doesn’t differ between two groups, 1.47% vs. 1.12%. The rate of post-ERCP pancreatitis was 1.73% vs. 1.12%, respectively. Cholangitis (2.07% vs. 3.73%) and cholecystitis (0.73% vs. 0.37%) were observed in both groups. Minor intraprocedural cardiovascular events occurred 3.07% vs. 4.85%. There was no significant difference in the rate of adverse events. The 30-day mortality was slightly high in both groups (5.87% vs. 3.36%), but only one case can be connected to the procedure in both groups.

Conclusions Based on these results the juxtapapillary diverticula can’t be considered as a potential cause of cannulation failure or risk factor for complications.

OP218 THE ROLE OF THE JUXTAPAPILLARY DIVERTICULA IN ENDOCOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY – BASED ON THE HUNGARIAN ERCP REGISTRY

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Aims Contradictory data show that juxtapapillary diverticula could be frequently associated with bile duct stones, cannulation failure and higher rates of complications. In this study we compared success and complications of the ERCP’s in patients with and without juxtapapillary diverticula based on our national ERCP registry.

Methods Data were collected prospectively from five Hungarian centers and contains the main information about the ERCP’s and the 30-day follow-up periods.

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OP219 ANALYSIS OF BILIARY CANNULATION ALGORITHM IN HIGH-VOLUME HUNGARIAN ERCP CENTERS BASED ON PROSPECTIVELY COLLECTED REGISTRY DATA

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SELECTIVE BILIARY DUCT CANNULATION (BDC) WAS ANALYSED IN OUR CURRENT PRACTICE BASED ON THE DATA FROM FIVE TERTIARY CENTERS ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS. EVIDENCE-BASED ESGE ALGORITHM OF BILIARY ACCESS. METHODOLOGY: THE PROSPECTIVELY COLLECTED ERCP REGISTRY CONTAINED 1011 CASES OF INTACT PAPILLA WITH BILARY INDICATIONS. THE RATE OF DIFFICULT BILIARY ACCESS AND THE USAGE OF ADVANCED BILARY CANNULATION METHODS WERE ANALYSED.

RESULTS: SIMPLE CANNULATION (659 CASES, 65.2%): DEEP BDC WAS ACHIEVED WITH GUIDEWIRE IN 305 CASES (30.2%), WITH PAPILLITIS IN 312 CASES (30.9%), BUT FAILED IN 39 CASES (3.9%) DUE TO ANATOMICAL OBSTACLES. IN 3 (0.3%) CASES THE BDC WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL. THE AVERAGE CANNULATION TIME WAS 125 S, ONLY 6.1% OF THE PATIENT HAD LONGER THAN 300 S CANNULATION TIME. TWELVE (1.9%) POST-ERCPC PANCREATITIS (PEP) OCCURRED. PANCREATIC GUIDEWIRE (PGW) ASSISTED CANNULATION (134 CASES, 13.3%): BDC WAS ACHIEVED WITH DOUBLE GUIDEWIRE IN 27, WITH PAPILLITIS IN 3, WHILE AFTERTHERAPY ПEПССS STENT (PPS) INSERTION IN 12 CASES. PRE-CUTTING WAS USED AFTER PGW OR PPS INSERTION IN 12 AND 33 CASES, TVS WAS PERFORMED IN 47 CASES. THE AVERAGE CANNULATION TIME WAS 481 S. BILIARY ACCESS FAILED IN 18 PATIENTS (13.4%), WHILE PEP RATE WAS 2.2%. NEEDLE-KNIFE PRECUT (NKP) (160 PATIENTS, 15.8%): BDC FAILED IN 28 (17.5%), WHILE PEP DEVELOPED IN 7 CASES (4.4%). THE AVERAGE CANNULATION TIME WAS 514 S. NEEDLE-KNIFE FISTULOTOMY (NKF) (58 PATIENTS, 5.7%): BDC FAILED IN 4 (6.9%), PEP DEVELOPED IN 2 CASES (3.4%). ANGULAR CANNULATION TIME WAS 466 S. THE OVERALL FAILURE RATE OF BDC IN OUR COHORT WAS 5.2% (53/1011) EXCLUDING ANATOMICAL REASONS. 42 OUT OF 44 INITIALLY FAILED PROCEDURES WERE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED LATER ON.

CONCLUSIONS: ADVANCED BILIARY CANNULATION METHODS WERE USED IN OUR TERTIARY CENTERS IN MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE CASES. NKF HAD THE HIGHEST BDC RATE AND NKP HAD THE HIGHEST PEP RATE.

OP221 ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT VS. SURGERY IN PATIENTS WITH HIGH-RISK EARLY ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

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AIMS: ESOPHAGECTOMY IS A STANDARD TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH 'HIGH-RISK' EARLY ESOPHAGEAL CANCER (EEC) DESPITE A GROWING EVIDENCE THAT ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT COULD BE A SAFE ALTERNATIVE EVEN FOR THESE PATIENTS.


RESULTS: A TOTAL OF 71 PATIENTS WITH 'HIGH-RISK' EEC UNDERWENT ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT: 23 PATIENTS (32%) HAD T1A CANCER WITH 'HIGH-RISK' FEATURES AND 48 (68%) HAD T1B CANCER WITH SM INVASION; 53 HAD ADENOCARCINOMA (EAC), 18 HAD SQUAMOUS CARCINOMA (SCC); 24 PATIENTS (34%) WERE REFERRED FOR SURGERY AND 47 (66%) CONTINUED IN ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT.

ENDOSCOPY: COMPLETE LOCAL REMISSION (CLR) WAS ACHIEVED IN 45/47 PATIENTS (95.7%). TWO PATIENTS WITHOUT CLR CONTINUED ENDOSCOPIC THERAPY WITH A PALLIATIVE INTENT. TUMOR GENERALIZATION OCCURRED IN 2 PATIENTS (BOTH HAD SM3 INVASION, A+, L+ AND TCD3). ALL REMAINING PATIENTS WITH CLR (N = 43) HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED EITHER LOCAL RELAPSE OR GENERALIZATION. TUMOR-FREE SURVIVAL WAS 84 MONTHS.

SURGERY: AMONG 24 PATIENTS WHO WERE REFERRED FOR ESOPHAGECTOMY, ONE PATIENT HAD TUMOR GENERALIZATION. THE REMAINING 23 PATIENTS UNDERWENT ESOPHAGECTOMY; LOCAL RESIDUA OF MALIGNANCY WERE PRESENT IN 6/23 PATIENTS (26%). SURGERY RELATED MORTALITY WAS 4.4% (1/23).

CONCLUSIONS: ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT PROVIDES LONG-TERM REMISSION (OR CURE) IN CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS OF PATIENTS WITH HIGH RISK EAC AND IT MAY REPRESENT A VALID ALTERNATIVE TO SURGERY.
OP223 OUTCOMES OF ESOPHAGOTOMY FOR PATIENTS AFTER NON-CURATIVE ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION OF EARLY ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

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Aims To analyze the oncological outcomes and the safety of esophagectomy after non-curative endoscopic resection of a superficial esophageal cancer.

Methods A retrospective review from 2012 to 2018 was performed at four French tertiary referral centers. All patients had a non-curative endoscopic resection followed by esophagectomy after a multidisciplinary meeting decision. Outcomes measurements were the rates T0N0 specimens, postoperative morbidity and mortality, and overall, disease-free, and cancer specific survival.

Results Thirty patients (13 with squamous cell carcinoma and 17 with adenocarcinoma) with a median age of 65 years were included. The reasons of non-curative endoscopic resection were: positive vertical margins (n = 12), squamous cell carcinoma invading the muscularis mucosae (m3) or the submucosal layer (n = 3 and 9 respectively), adenocarcinoma with a deep submucosal invasion (n = 10), poor differentiation (n = 6) and lymphovascular invasion (n = 6). Two patients had lymph node involvement, and 10 had residual cancer on the surgical resection specimen. Overall, 63% of the esophaghi were T0N0. Half of the patients had one or more severe post-operative complications according to the Clavien-Dindo classification: IIA (n = 3), IIb (n = 4), IVa (n = 6) and V (n = 2). We diagnosed 2 distant recurrences during a median follow-up of 24 months. At the end of the follow-up, overall, disease-free and cancer specific survival were 83.3%, 75%, and 90% respectively.

Conclusions Esophagectomy after non-curative endoscopic resection of esophageal cancers allowed to resect residual cancer in 30% and lymph node metastases in 7% of cases, at the cost of 43% severe morbidity and 7% perioperative mortality. Esophagectomy in this setting has comparable morbidity and mortality to that of esophagectomy for larger tumors. Therefore, the risk of lymph node involvement of early esophageal cancer, as well as the possibility of chemoradiation therapy or close follow-up needs to be assessed in multidisciplinary meetings before indicating esophagectomy after endoscopic resection.

OP224 CLINICAL OUTCOME OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOUS DISSECTION FOR EARLY ESOPHAGEAL NEOPLASMS IN THE WEST: CAN WE REPRODUCE JAPANESE RESULTS?

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Aims Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is considered more challenging in the esophagus due thin wall and narrow lumen. The aim of this study is to present the clinical outcome of a ten-year experience with esophageal ESD in a Western center.

Methods Single-center retrospective review of prospectively collected data investigating consecutive patients that underwent esophageal ESD between 2009 and 2018, at an Academic Institution. A trained operator performed ESD procedures. Flush Knife BT 1.5 (Fujifilm Co., Japan) was utilized for submucosal dissection. The following data were analyzed: clinical-pathological features, en-bloc, R0 and curative resection rates, and clinical outcome.

Results 70 esophageal ESD procedures were performed in 66 patients (Male: 79%/mean age 63.5 years). Tumors were located mainly in the thoracic esophagus (64%) and classified as macroscopic type 0-IIb (54%). En-bloc resection rate and R0 resection rate were 97% and 88.5% respectively. Mean tumor size was 44 mm (range 15 to 120 mm). Mean ESD duration was 101 minutes (range: 40 – 230 minutes). Histological assessment revealed low-grade or high-grade dysplasia (M1) in 34 patients (48.5%), intramucosal carcinoma (M2) in 9 patients (13%) and M3 in 15 (21.4%) patients. Superficial (SM1) invasion was noted in 4 patients (5.7%) and deep invasion (SM2) in 8 patients (11.4%). Curative resection rate was 80%. Minor adverse events occurred in 7 cases (10%), all managed conservatively. In 12 patients circumferential resection over 75% of circumference was performed and oral corticoid protocol was instituted. Two patients (2.8%) developed stricture managed with dilation. During follow-up (mean: 35 months, range: 23 – 105), one patient, with positive vertical margins, developed local recurrence. No metastases were observed. Overall survival rate was 82%.

Conclusions Esophageal ESD is feasible and effective in the West, yielding favorable short and long-term outcomes, comparable to Japanese series.
OP225 NON-CELLULAR MATRIX FROM PORCINE DERMIS IN PREVENTION OF ESOPHAGEAL STRicture AFTER CIRCUMFERENTIAL ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION – AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY

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Aims To evaluate the effect of metallic or biodegradable (BD) stents covered with or without non-cellular matrix (Matrix, Xe-Derma) in preventing of esophageal stricture after circumferential endoscopic submucosal dissection (CESD) in experimental pigs.

Methods Pigs were randomized into 6 groups: A. control – CESD only (n = 6); B. CESD + systemic corticosteroids (SC) (n = 6); C. CESD + Self-Expandable Metal Stent (SEMS, Wallflex) + SC (n = 8); D. CESD + SEMS + Matrix + SC (n = 8); E. CESD + BD stent (ELLA-CS) + SC (n = 3); F. CESD + BD stent + Matrix + SC (n = 2).

Results A total of 33 pigs underwent CESD in the mid esophagus. All pigs with BD stent experienced macroscopic inflammation, massive hyper-granulation and food stagnation in the stent while stent biodegradation did not occur. Except one animal from group B significant strictures developed in all pigs (groups A and B) in 12.9 ± 0.1 days after CESD and in 13.9 ± 1.4 days after SEMS extraction (groups C and D). The longest strictures were observed in the group A (2.7 ± 1.3 cm) and the shortest in SEMS groups (C, D) (1.5 ± 0.8 cm and 1.6 ± 1.1 cm). The narrowest strictures occurred in groups A and C (0 ± 2.71 ± 0.99 mm and 2.8 ± 1.18 mm) vs. groups B and D (0 ± 4.46 ± 1.31 mm and 4.33 ± 2.45 mm).

Conclusions None of the tested methods resulted in the effective prevention of post-CESD esophageal stricture. The SEMS coverage with non-cellular matrix from porcine dermis resulted in reduced severity of stenosis and improved healing quality. The BD stent is inappropriate in this indication.

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OP226 ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION FOR BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS LARGE OR FIBROTIC VISIBLE LESIONS: A BICENTRIC WESTERN COUNTRY PROSPECTIVELY COLLECTED EXPERIENCE

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Aims Some suspected submucosal or fibrotic Barrett esophagus (BE) lesions, have been proposed by the ESGE to be treated by endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD). The aim of this study is to review two tertiary centers experience in the endoscopic treatment of early BE cancer by ESD.

Methods Clinical and technical data from Erasme Hospital (Brussels) and Westmead Hospital (Sydney) were prospectively collected from November 2013 to November 2018. Complete resection (R0) was defined as lateral and vertical margins clear of carcinoma while a curative resection was defined according to the ESGE guidelines.

Results Forty-nine patients, mostly women (58%), mean age of 73 years, presented a BE with a median circumference (C) of 1 (0 – 16) cm and maximal length (M) of 4.5 (0.5 – 18) cm. Each had a visible lesion of 30 (10 – 100) mm suitable for ESD. Median duration of the procedure was 90 minutes (IQR 60 – 122).

En-bloc resection was achieved in 100% of the patients and a complete endoscopic resection in 94% of cases. 29% had more than 50% circumference resected. Median specimen size was of 45 (2 – 110) mm.

Pathological examination showed the presence of carcinoma in 82% of lesions (63% pT1a) with an R0 achieved in 76% of carcinoma. Curative resection was obtained in 65% of cases. For non curative resection, 4 patients were treated surgically and the others followed endoscopically. This follow-up was available for 34 patients among who 29% received ablative therapy for remnant BE eradication. The only complications needing an intervention were strictures in 18% of patients occurring despite steroid preventive treatment for large resections.

A 6 months endoscopy follow-up was obtained in 22 patients, disclosing 72% of cases free of neoplasia and 45% free of intestinal metaplasia.

Conclusions ESD for large or fibrotic BE lesions is showing favorable results in term of safety and efficacy combined to ablative therapy.

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OP227 PERFORMANCE MEASURES IN IBD SURVEILLANCE COLONOSCOPY- IMPLEMENTING CHANGES TO PRACTICE IMPROVES PERFORMANCE

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Aims Currently dye-based chromoendoscopy (DCE) is recommended for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) surveillance. However DCE has not been widely adopted into clinical practice yet. We aimed to evaluate performance in IBD surveillance colonoscopy following introduction of structured changes in delivery of service.

Methods In August 2016 we introduced a number of changes in practice of surveillance colonoscopy in IBD. These included training/education using interactive videos and images in a structures module; DCE as standard; allocation of 45-minute procedure slot; targeted biopsies (except high risk patients); scoring of endoscopic disease activity; lesion detection and morphology characterisation. All IBD surveillance colonoscopies were allocated to a small team of experienced and expert endoscopists (n = 4 A-D).

We compared quality measures for surveillance procedures performed between 01/2014 – 07/2016 and 08/2016 – 10/2018. The two groups were compared using Chi-square statistics.

Results A total of 598 IBD surveillance procedures (277 pre-August 2016 and 321 post-August 2016) were performed. DCE increased (54.2% vs. 76.0% p < 0.0005) whilst random biopsy surveillance reduced (12.3% vs. 3.1% p < 0.0005). Adenoma detection rate increased (7.2% vs. 10.0%) although not reach statistical significance. Morphology assessments increased also with the use of Paris classification (26.1% vs. 57.0% p < 0.0005) and Kudo pit pattern (21.7% vs. 59.0% p < 0.0005). The total number of endoscopists performing IBD surveillance was reduced with the majority of procedures carried out by fewer endoscopists (81.9% by endoscopists A-D) which led to further
OP228 OUTCOME OF ENDOSCOPIC BALLOON DILATATION FOR SMALL BOWEL STRICTURES USING SINGLE-BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY IN PATIENTS WITH CROHN’S DISEASE

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Aims: Long standing and relapsing nature of CD, frequent surgeries should be avoided in order to reduce the risk of short bowel syndrome. Endoscopic balloon dilatation (EBD) in CD is minimally invasive bowel-length preserving method. Although most of strictures in CD were occurred in small bowels, a few small studies for the balloon-assisted enteroscopic balloon dilatation for small bowel strictures in patients with CD was reported. We evaluated the outcome of EBD for small bowel strictures using single-balloon enteroscopy (SBE) patients with CD.

Methods: This retrospective cohort study was performed on the patients who underwent EBD for small bowel strictures using SBE in patients with CD between 2013 and 2018 in the Samsung Medical Center, Seoul, Korea. A total of 30 consecutive patients with 66 procedures were included and analyzed. Retrograde approach was 54 procedures and antegrade approach was 12 procedures.

Results: The median follow-up duration was 8.9 (IQR, 3.4 to 20.1) months. Of the enrolled patients, failure to dilate all identified stenosis occurred in 9 patients [failure to reach (n = 4), stricture with deep ulceration (n = 3), acute angulation and tight stenosis (n = 2)]. During follow-up, nine patients were undergone subsequent surgery for bowel obstruction (30%). Cumulative surgery-free rates at 6 months, 12 months, and 60 months were 81.3%, 64.4%, and 42.9%, respectively. Estimated median surgery-free duration was 46.2 (IQR, 36.2 – 56.2) months in patients with technically successful dilation of all identified stenosis and 16.3 (IQR, 3.2 – 29.3) months in patients with failure to dilate all identified stenosis. On the cox regression, length of stricture ≥ 2 cm was a factor contributing to the success of EBD (HR, 8.6, 95% CI, 1.7 – 43.2, p = 0.009).

Conclusions: EBD using SBE for small bowel CD strictures was effective in case with the length of stricture < 2 cm.

OP229 MAGNIFICATION ENDOSCOPY WITH OPTICAL CHROMOENDOSCOPY FOR THE IN VIVO ASSESSMENT OF HISTOLOGICAL INFLAMMATION IN PATIENTS WITH INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

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Aims: Apart from mucosal healing as an established treatment goal in inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), recent evidence suggests that histologic healing is another key prognostic parameter in IBD patients. Herein we aimed to evaluate whether magnification endoscopy in combination with optical chromoendoscopy can accurately assess histologic inflammation in IBD patients.

Methods: In this prospective study, 82 IBD patients (30 UC, 52 CD) were included. The in vivo histologic inflammation was made with magnification endoscopy in combination with optical chromoendoscopy by three independent endoscopists using a novel magnification score. Targeted biopsies of the imaged areas were obtained and results were compared against two histological scores in UC (Robarts Histopathology Index, RHI; Nancy Histology Index, NHI) and one score in CD (modified Riley index, mRI). Moreover, interobserver agreement was calculated.

Results: Magnification endoscopy evaluating inflammatory activity based on the mucosal and vascular pattern showed strong correlation with histopathologic scoring in both UC (RHI: r = 0.83, NHI: r = 0.78, both p < 0.05) and CD (mRI: r = 0.74, p < 0.05) with high accuracy, sensitivity and specificity for assessing the histologic inflammation. Further, 25% of patients with mucosal healing on standard endoscopy showed signs of microinflammation on magnification endoscopy in combination with optical chromoendoscopy while none of the patients with mucosal and vascular healing under magnification endoscopy in combination with optical chromoendoscopy exhibited microscopic inflammation. Interobserver agreement for grading intestinal inflammation by magnification endoscopy with optical chromoendoscopy was substantial (κ > 0.7).

Conclusions: Magnification endoscopy in combination with optical chromoendoscopy allows for a precise real-time assessment of histologic inflammation in IBD patients. Therefore, this approach holds the potential to reduce the need of physical biopsies for monitoring of inflammatory activity in patients with IBD during colonoscopy.
cantly from baseline (166 to 58; p = 0.01). RD correlated moderate with clinical outcomes (r > 0.65, p < 0.001), and strong with both endoscopic (r > 0.75, p < 0.0001), and histological scores (r > 0.75, p < 0.0001). The standardized effect size for RD was 1.22.

Conclusions The automated digital endoscopic Red Density score demonstrates an excellent sensitivity to change after treatment escalation. Red Density is an ideal operator-independent digital tool for the evaluation of endoscopic and histologic disease activity in UC.

**OP231 CONFOCAL LASER ENDOMICROSCOPY CAN PREDICT MAJOR CLINICAL EVENTS WITH VERY HIGH SENSITIVITY IN PATIENTS WITH INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES**

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**Aims** Probe-based confocal laser endomicroscopy (pCLE) enables in vivo microscopic imaging during ongoing endoscopy. Further, pCLE enables visualization of mucosal barrier dysfunction (MBD) in patients with inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). With this, pCLE is the only technology allowing functional imaging within the GI tract in IBD patients. Here we evaluated whether assessment of MBD by pCLE can accurately predict major clinical events (MCE) in IBD patients.

**Methods** IBD patients in clinical and endoscopic remission were prospectively enrolled. pCLE was performed initially and subsequently patients were followed-up for at least 12 months. During follow-up, major clinical events (MCE: IBD-related hospitalization, need for surgery, need for initiation of systemic corticosteroids, immunosuppressants or biologics; escalation of existing biologic therapy) were recorded.

**Results** 60 patients were prospectively included (37 Crohn’s disease [CD], 23 ulcerative colitis [UC]) with a median age of 38 years (range 19–68). CLE-scoring showed strong correlation with histopathology (r = 0.75, p < 0.05) with an almost perfect interobserver agreement of pCLE findings among different readers (Kappa > 0.8). MBD as assessed with pCLE in the terminal ileum showed 100% sensitivity (95% CI, 77–100), 75% specificity (95% CI, 47–92) and 88% accuracy in CD patients and 83.3% sensitivity (95% CI, 50.8–97.1), 81.8% specificity (95% CI, 47.8–96.8) and 82.6% accuracy in UC patients for predicting MCEs during the 12 month follow-up. In those patients with MBD in the colon, sensitivity, specificity and accuracy for predicting MCEs with pCLE were 91.7% (95% CI, 59.8–99.6), 72.8% (95% CI, 39.3–92.7) and 82.6%, respectively.

**Conclusions** By assessing MBD in vivo, pCLE allows to predict MCE in IBD patients in clinical and endoscopic remission with very high sensitivity. Therefore, pCLE can be used to effectively time and personalize anti-inflammatory treatment in IBD patients.

**OP232 ENDOSCOPIC DIAGNOSIS OF NON-PEDUNCULATED DYSPLASIA DURING SURVEILLANCE IN THE ULCERATIVE COLITIS: A SURVEY-BASED, MULTINATIONAL STUDY**

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**Aims** We aimed to evaluate the accuracy of endoscopic diagnosis for “non-pedunculated” dysplasia or colitic cancer in the ulcerative colitis (UC) patients.

**Methods** Endoscopic images of 61 histologically confirmed dysplastic or non-dysplastic lesions were retrieved from UC registry database of Asan Medical Center. All lesions were detected during surveillance colonoscopy for the UC patients with 8 years or longer duration or with primary sclerosing cholangitis. The selected photos were distributed to the study participants (endoscopists) with 2 questionnaires: one for the endoscopist’s experience and the other for endoscopic diagnosis of the photos.

**Results** Ten staff endoscopists in the academic centers of 4 countries (Australia, Korea, Japan, and US) participated in this survey. The interobserver agreement on the intention to take biopsy was poor, given that its Fleiss’s generalized kappa was 0.169. The sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value (PPV), negative predictive value (NPV), and accuracy of the endoscopist’s intention to take biopsies for target lesions were 88.2%, 34.8%, 63.0%, 70.2%, and 64.6%, respectively. When limited to the high confident assessment, the sensitivity, specificity, PPV, NPV, and accuracy were 93.0%, 40.9%, 82.1%, 66.7%, and 79.7%, respectively. Experienced endoscopists were less specific in the endoscopic prediction for dysplasia than the less-experienced endoscopists. There was no difference in the sensitivity and specificity between Western and Asian endoscopists. Of three endoscopic characteristics of the target-biopsied lesions, including ulceration, distinctness of the borders, and pit patterns, neoplastic pit patterns (Kudo type III-V) were significantly predictive for dysplasia (Odds ratio = 3.710, 95% CI 2.001–6.881). The diagnostic sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy of neoplastic pit patterns were 68.2%, 63.3%, and 66.1%, respectively.

**Conclusions** The diagnostic performance of the endoscopist’s intention to take biopsies for non-pedunculate dysplasia in UC was suboptimal according to this survey-based study.

**OP233 DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM TO ASSESS MUCOSAL HEALING IN INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD) USING NARROW BAND IMAGING (NBI) WITHOUT OPTICAL MAGNIFICATION**

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**Aims** NBI is based on optical filters narrowing the red light therefore highlighting the vascular pattern morphology of the luminal gastrointestinal tract. Assessment of vascular changes in IBD is of pivotal importance for prediction of mucosal healing and for guidance of pharmaceutical therapies. To date, only limited data is available on the use of NBI for assessment of mucosal healing in IBD.

**Study objective** was to develop a classification system allowing for in vivo assessment of mucosal healing in IBD by using NBI without optical magnification.
Methods Consecutive patients with IBD underwent colonoscopy with high-definition endoscopes and NBI without optical magnification. The mucosal vascular and surface pattern morphology was recorded followed by targeted biopsies for subsequent histopathological diagnosis. Based on these findings a simplified classification was developed allowing for histologic prediction of the disease.

Results A simple classification system for assessment of mucosal healing by using NBI was developed. The classification system consists of 2 different parameters for the surface pattern morphology and 2 different parameters for the vascular pattern morphology. Sensitivity and specificity of the new classification for prediction of mucosal healing were calculated as 90% and 93%, respectively. Accuracy was calculated as 93% with positive and negative predictive values of 93% and 90%, respectively.

Conclusions We have proposed a new and simple classification system for in vivo assessment of mucosal healing in IBD with the NBI technology. The classification system allowed for adequate in vivo assessment of mucosal healing and might therefore be used for guidance of disease specific outcomes.

OP235 PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC MYOTOMY FOR ESOPHAGEAL ACHALASIA: OUTCOMES OF THE FIRST 500 PATIENTS WITH A MID- AND LONG-TERM FOLLOW-UP

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Aims Peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM), which combines the efficacy of surgical myotomy with the benefits of an endoscopic, minimally invasive, procedure, is considered now an effective treatment for achalasia. We report on the mid- and long-term outcomes of a large series of patients treated in a single European center.

Methods The first 500 adult patients successfully treated between May 2011 and January 2018 were retrospectively identified from a prospective database, and included in this study. Demographics, clinical, procedural and follow-up data were collected and analysed.

Results Mean age of patients was 51 years (18–85); the 50.1% were male. Treatment naïve patients were 79.4%: 14.4% had undergone pneumatic dilatation, 2.6% botulin toxin injection, 3.6% Heller-Dor. The 16.6% of patients had a type-I achalasia, 57.2% type-II, 13.8% type-III, 1.2% jackhammer esophagus, 0.8% distal esophageal spasm; in 10.4% of patients achalasia type was not adequately classified. Mean symptoms duration before POEM was 24 ± 64.1 months. Mean operative time was 62.6 (19 – 180) minutes. Mucosal healing rate was 96.4% (86.9% grade A/B; 13.1% grade C/D). Success was 96% in achalasia-patients and 81.8% in those with spastic motility disorders (p < 0.05).

Conclusions Our results confirm the efficacy of POEM in a large cohort of patients, with an adequate follow-up. Benefits of POEM seem durable, with acceptable incidence and severity of iatrogenic GERD.
cations. The Clavien-Dindo (C-D) classification was used to assess the severity of adverse events.

Results 243 POEM procedures in 231 patients were performed. 50/243 procedures (20.6%) passed uneventfully, in 193 procedures (79.4%) some adverse events occurred. The distribution in C-D categories was as follows: I - 180 (180/193, 93.3%), II - 2 (1%), IIIa - 3 (1.6%), IIIb - 6 (3.1%), IVb - 1 (0.5%) and V - 1 (0.5%). The periprocedural adverse events were: subcutaneous emphysema 79/243 (32.5%), capsoperitoneum puncture 141/243 (58%), allergic reaction to antibiotics 2/243 (0.8%) and anesthesia-related complications in 14/243 (5.8%) patients. Postoperatively, 158/243 patients (65%) experienced pain requiring analgesics, 20/243 patients (8.2%) had fever. In 5/243 patients (2%) the postoperative esophagogram revealed leakage. Severe adverse events (CD IV-V) occurred in 8/243 (3.3%) patients: 3x (1.2%) pneumonia, 2x (0.8%) pneumothorax, 1x (0.4%) fluidothorax, 1x (0.4%) lost of taste and smell, 1 periprocedural death (0.4%) due to sudden cardiac arrest. Pro- longed (≥4 days) hospitalization was required in 25 (17.4%) patients. In 172 patients ASA score was available: I - 44/172 (25.6%), II - 90 (52.3%), III- 36 (21%), IV- 2 (1.2%). From patients with ASA I, II, III no adverse events occurred in 18.2%, 17.8% and 16.7%. Serious complications occurred in patients with ASA I, II, III in 0%, 5.6% and 13.9%.

Conclusions Mild POEM-related adverse events (C-D I) are rather common. Although being rare, severe complications, and even fatal, may still occur. Risk of severe complications seems to rise with higher ASA score.

OP237 A NOVEL EX VIVO PORCINE SIMULATOR FOR PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC MYOTOMY TRAINING (POMOD)

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Aims POEM is a technically challenging procedure even for experienced endoscopists, thus special training is required. We developed an ex-vivo porcine model called POMOD, which aims to simulate an in-vivo human esophagus. POMOD is a plastic cylindrical container, designed to accommodate and hold still a porcine esophagus. It is equipped with a cable connection to an electrical generator unipolar output. Our study aims to demonstrate whether the use of POMOD improves training outcomes, in particular regarding safety and performance.

Methods A total of 15 POEM procedures were performed on porcine models. The timing of each step (creation of the tunnel, myotomy, myotomy closure), the length of the submucosal tunnel and the complication rates (mucosal burn or perforation) were recorded. A simple linear correlation between the training cases performed and the data acquired was calculated with Spearman’s rank correlation coefficient (rs). P values <0.05 were considered statistically significant.

After the training, 40 POEM procedures were performed on humans. Safety and short-term efficacy were analyzed.

Results POEM model training (POMOD) significantly decreased the length of time needed for each step. Spearman’s test demonstrated that this expedited speed was related to the number of procedures previously performed by the operator with a 95% CI. After the training period, 40 patients with esophageal motility disorder were treated with POEM. No mucosal perforation or mucosal burns were observed during the procedures on humans. Only minor complications occurred (pneumoperitoneum 7.5%, subcutaneous emphysema 10%, leakage 2.5%, pleural effusion 2.5%, pneumonia 5%).

OP238 ANTERIOR VERSUS POSTERIOR MYOTOMY DURING POEM FOR THE TREATMENT OF ACHALASIA: SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS OF RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIALS

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Aims The optimal orientation of the myotomy during peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) is unknown. This meta-analysis aims to compare anterior and posterior myotomy regarding clinical success and safety.

Methods Pubmed, Embase, the Cochrane Library, WOK, and clinicaltrials.gov were searched to identify randomized clinical trials (RCTs) comparing anterior and posterior myotomy during POEM for treatment of achalasia. The primary outcome was clinical success. Secondary outcomes included postprocedural gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), adverse events (AEs), manometric findings, and procedure-related parameters. Random-effects models were used for the primary analysis.

Results A total of four RCTs enrolling 488 patients were included. Overall clinical success 3 – 12 months after POEM was 97% (95% confidence interval [CI] 93 – 100%) and did not differ between anterior and posterior myotomy (Relative risk [RR] 0.98, 95% CI: 0.96 – 1.01; I2: 0%). Incidence of GERD after POEM based on 24-hour pH monitoring (RR 0.98, 95% CI: 0.75 – 1.28), endoscopy (RR 1.04, 95% CI: 0.78 – 1.38), and symptoms (RR 0.89, 95% CI: 0.55 – 1.42) was similar. Posterior myotomy was associated with fewer AEs (RR 0.63, 95% CI: 0.42 – 0.94), lower risk of mucosotomy (RR 0.42, 95% CI: 0.27 – 0.66) and shorter incision closure time (Mean difference: -2.28 minutes, 95% CI: -3.46 to -1.10). Anterior myotomy was associated with a shorter length of hospitalization (Mean difference: 0.31 days, 95% CI: 0.05 – 0.57), although the clinical relevance of this finding is negligible. No significant differences were found regarding manometric outcomes, total operation and myotomy time.

Conclusions Anterior and posterior myotomy are equally effective for the treatment of achalasia, without significant differences in postprocedural GERD. Posterior POEM was associated with fewer AEs and shorter incision closure time.

OP239 PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC MYOTOMY (POEM) FOR ACHALASIA: A EUROPEAN MULTICENTER SURVEY ABOUT CLINICAL PRACTICE

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Median pre-operative Eckardt score was 6 (2 – 12). Three months after the procedure, the median Eckardt was 1 (0 – 3). Endoscopic follow-up at 6 months was available for 24 patients and revealed a 30% esophagitis rate. Conclusions POMOD is an easy, inexpensive and reproducible animal model which is effective in training for the POEM procedure.
Aims POEM is an established treatment for achalasia. However, the peri-operative management remain heterogeneous. Thus, we propose this survey was to assess the clinical practice in various European expert centers.

Methods French and European centers performing POEM routinely were proposed a 4 parts online survey (Google Forms) about their practice around POEM for achalasia: 1/Pre-procedure evaluation; 2/Indications; 3/Procedural technique; 4/Follow-up.

Results Twenty-one centers responded, with a mean of 28 POEM/operator/year [8–70]. The pre-operative assessment always includes Eckardt score, gastroscopy and high resolution manometry (HRM), and BMI in 62%. POEM is indicated in 1st intention in 100% of centers for type III achalasia, 81% for type I, and 76% for type II. It is performed in 95% after failure of Heller, 81% in high Eckardt score and young men. After previous dilation, 45% indicate POEM after one session of any diameter. The two main contra-indications are paraneoplastic achalasia (71%) and systemic diseases (52%). All patients are hospitalized. Procedures are performed under anesthesia and intubation, in supine position (90%). Patients receive antibiotic prophylaxis in 86%. A regular endoscope is mostly used always with CO2. The most used knife is the Triangle (Olympus, Japan). The tunnel is likely posterior (86%) with a mean length of 13.6 cm [10–17]. The myotomy is anterograde in 81% (mean length: 10 cm [6–15]). The mean procedure time is 55 min [25–100]. Post-operatively, patients resume liquids from POD 1 in 81%. The mean hospital stay is 2.2 days [1–5]. Patients always have oral PPI, resume anticoagulants after 3 and 6 days, respectively. The median of reevaluation is 3 months (100% Eckardt score, 76%) BMI. A HRM is performed in 52%. Patients are mostly followed annually (71%).

Conclusions Despite its place in the treatment of esophageal motor disorders, the policy of management differs among European expert centers.

OP240 IMPACT OF ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS AND CONDITIONING MODALITIES DURING THE REALIZATION OF ENDOSCOPIC ORAL MYOTOMY FOR ESOPHAGEAL MOTOR DISORDERS

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Aims No guidelines regarding antibiotic prophylaxis, preparation and packaging are available in patients with esophageal motor disorders benefiting from per endoscopic oral myotomy (POEM). The main purpose of our study was to evaluate the impact of antibiotic prophylaxis on the POEM’s safety.

Methods This is a comparative and multicentric retrospective analysis of a database collected prospectively. The data were collected from December 2013 to June 2018 in four French academic hospitals. Patients over 18 year’s old with esophageal motor disorders confirmed by prior manometry, who underwent POEM were included. Patients were separated in two groups depending on the presence or absence of antibiotic prophylaxis. The primary endpoint was the occurrence of postoperative complications, as classified by Cotton, based on whether or not antibiotic prophylaxis was administered.

Results A total of 226 patients (median age 52.7 ± 19.57 years [18–105]) were included. The both groups of patients were comparable in terms of age, sex, BMI, antibiotic therapy administration in the month prior to POEM, pre-treatment, disease severity (pre-POEM Eckardt score), procedure duration, myotomy length and number of clips placed. Intraoperative antibiotic prophylaxis was administered to 170 patients (75.2%) for an average duration of 3.93 ± 3.46 days [1–21]. The overall complication rate was 13.8% (n = 31; 5 severe complications according to Cotton’s classification). No fatal issues were observed. The use of antibiotic prophylaxis had no impact on the peri or postoperatively occurrence (p = 0.809) and severity of complications (p = 0.113). Antibiotic prophylaxis did not influence the effectiveness of the procedure (1.26 ± 1.54 [0–9] vs. 1.50 ± 2.06 [0–9], p = 0.519).

Conclusions The systematic antibiotic prophylaxis during POEM has no impact on the occurrence and severity of complications and the efficacy of the procedure.
OP242 RADILOGICALLY VS ENDOSCOPICALLY-PLACED GASTROSTOMY FEEDING TUBES: AN AUDIT OF CURRENT PRACTICE AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES IN A LARGE, MULTI-SITE UK NHS TRUST

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Aims The optimum method for gastrostomy tube placement is unclear. A Cochrane review found insufficient evidence to promote either percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) or radiologically inserted gastrostomy (RIG). Here, we audit practice and clinical outcomes for gastrostomies across our three acute hospitals.

Methods We searched the electronic medical record for patients undergoing their first attempted PEG or RIG insertion between 01/01/17 and 31/12/17. Indications, procedure details and 30-day complications were identified retrospectively. Summary statistics, group comparisons (chi-squared test) and multivariate logistic regression were calculated in Stata 14.2.

Results 155 patients were identified; most had RIGs (85.2%). The median age was 64, and 5.8% had dementia; median pre-procedure CRP was 11.6 mg/l. The most common indications were unspecified dysphagia (45.2%), head or neck cancer (36.8%), and stroke (12.3%). 40.2% RIG patients had no documented contraindication to PEG. Patients seen by a nutrition specialist were significantly more likely to have a PEG (23.2% vs. 1.7%, p < 0.001).

Tab. 1 30-day complications after gastrostomy insertion

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<th>Complication</th>
<th>Total cohort % (n)</th>
<th>PEG % (n)</th>
<th>RIG % (n)</th>
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<td>Aspiration pneumonia</td>
<td>22.6% (35/155)</td>
<td>17.4% (4/23)</td>
<td>23.5% (31/132)</td>
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<td>Tube blockage or displacement</td>
<td>19.3% (16/155)</td>
<td>4.4% (1/23)</td>
<td>11.4% (15/132)</td>
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<td>Procedure-related admission</td>
<td>5.2% (8/155)</td>
<td>4.4% (1/23)</td>
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<td>Death</td>
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30-day complication rates are shown in Table 1. Peri-procedural hypoxia was more common with PEG (13.0% vs. 1.5%, p = 0.004). In a multivariate model accounting for age and CRP, tube type was not significantly associated with any complication. Higher CRP was associated with an increased risk of post-procedure bleeding (OR 1.04, p = 0.02).

Conclusions In this cohort, 30-day complications were very common. Peri-procedural hypoxia was more common with PEG, but aspiration pneumonia and tube displacement may have been more common with RIG. A randomised trial would better establish benchmark quality metrics, to be implemented by nutrition teams for optimal tube selection.

OP243 BURIED BUMPER SYNDROME – MANAGEMENT BASED ON ACCURATE STAGING

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Aims evaluation of our previously published new classification of buried bumper syndrome (BBS) severity on large retrospective patient cohort.

Methods single tertiary centre retrospective cohort study.

Results 81 cases of BBS in 72 patients were identified out of 2,024 PEG procedures performed from 1st January 2002 until 31st October 2018 at our endoscopy unit. The cohort consisted of 52 males and 20 females, 12–91 years-old (median 65). Excluding 15 cases of PEG introduced elsewhere, incidence of BBS was 3.3% in our unit. Time from insertion until the diagnosis of BBS varied from 2 weeks to more than 6 years (mean 17 months). Dominant symptoms of BBS were as follows: peristomal leakage (19), blocked tube (18), accidental finding during attempt to removal (16), endoscopy for other reasons (10), impossibility of tube rotation and movement (15), gastro-colon-cutaneous fistula (2). Distribution of severity according to the new classification was: Grade 1 (ulcer below the internal bumper and/or marginal overgrowth) 11 cases, Grade 2 (bumper overgrown, but still partially visible) 26 cases (32%), Grade 3 (completely covered bumper inside the stomach) 27 cases (33%), Grade 4 (completely covered bumper outside the stomach) 14 cases, Grade 5 (bumper at the level of skin) 3 cases. Therapeutic outcomes: Grade 1 was treated by simple repositioning and BBS preventive measures were enforced. Grade 2 and 3 were treated by endoscopy with dissection of the overgrowing tissue needed only for Grade 3. Endoscopic dissection using only a papillotome through the cannula was significantly faster (11 ± 9 min) than other dissection procedures (64 ± 47 min, p < 0.001). Endotherapy was ineffective and seriously complicated by peritonitis in one case. Grade 4 needed surgical treatment under general anaesthesia.

Conclusions Endoscopic therapy of BBS based on the new classification is effective with a low complication rate.


OP244 THE UAB RAPTOR METHOD FACILITATES DIRECT PERCUTANEOUS ENDOSCOPIC GASTROSTOMY WITH JEJUNAL EXTENSION TUBE PLACEMENT (WITH VIDEO)

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Aims Direct percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy with jejunal extension tube (PEG-J) is a useful method to provide nutrition to patients with a variety of gastrointestinal (GI) problems. The present study describes a novel and simple method of direct percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy with jejunal extension tube placement.

Methods This observational, retrospective, single-arm, open label case study conducted at a tertiary care hospital during a 24-month period included 17 patients (9 females, 8 males, mean age 56 years, age range 28 – 79 years) with necrotizing pancreatitis, n = 5; gastroparesis, n = 6; complex upper GI surgery, n = 3; complex fistula, n = 3; recurrent aspiration pneumonia, n = 1. The direct percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy with jejunal extension tube technique focuses on three key components: (i) insertion of the PEG, (ii) through-the-PEG jejunal extension tube, and (iii) use of an extra long foreign body extraction forces (Raptor, US Endoscopy, Ohio, USA) to advance the jejunal extension into the jejunum, (iv) exchange technique of pulling the scope back into the stomach while pushing (i.e.) keeping the Raptor forces attached, (v) the jejunal tube placement in the jejunum, and (vi) once the scope is in the stomach, using the Raptor forces, if during removal of the forces there is a slight pull or misplacement of the jejunal tube, the wide grasping prongs of the forces could be easily used to grab the body of the tube and push it deeper into the jejunum.

Results Technical success was 100%. Mean time of the procedure was 18 min (range 15 to 30 min). Clinical success was 100% (17/17); all PEG-J could be used for feeding purposes. There were no major adverse events.

Conclusions This novel method of inserting a PEG-J tube was safe and successful. Future comparative studies are now warranted.
OP245 PERCUTANEOUS ENDOSCOPIC GASTROSTOMY IN HEAD AND NECK CANCER PATIENTS: PREDICTORS OF 30-DAY COMPLICATIONS AND MORTALITY

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Aims Chemoradiotherapy is essential in the management of head and neck cancer (HNC) patients. Malnutrition during treatment is a major concern and maintaining an enteral feeding route is critical with percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) placement being an option. We intended to elucidate predictors of 30-day complications and mortality during follow-up of HNC patients undergoing PEG.

Methods Prospective cohort study of HNC patients with PEG placement, by pull method, in 2017 with a minimum 6-month follow-up. Evaluation of patients’ characteristics, comorbidities, nutritional status over time, complications and death. Statistical analysis included descriptive statistics, Qui^2 test and multivariable regression.

Results Fifty patients, 90% male and mean age of 60 years (± 10). Mean PEG time 7 months (±0.6), Mainly pharyngeal tumor 48% (n = 24) and advanced TNM stage in 80% (n = 40). ASA ≥ 4 in 22% (n = 11). Initial median IMC was 20 Kg/m^2 (± 3), with 28% of patients presenting an IMC ≤ 18. Registered leukocytosis (40%), anemia (36%) and low albumin (18%) as main analytical abnormalities. Most frequent comorbidity was smoking (66%). PEG placement before starting oncological treatment in 42%. Twelve complications (24%) at day 30, mostly respiratory infections (n = 6), with 4 fatalities (8%) but all unrelated to the PEG placement (disease progression).

Most patients managed to maintain weight during follow-up, although with a mean decrease in IMC of 0.42 Kg/m^2. Univariable analysis revealed leukocytosis (p < 0.01), ASA ≥ 4 (p = 0.03) and high CRP (p = 0.05) as major risk factors for 30-day complications. On multivariable analysis leukocytosis as the only risk factor for complications (OR 6, IC 95% 2 – 21); Mortality at day 30 only significant related with ASA ≥ 4 (OR 13, IC 95% 1.2 – 172).

Conclusions PEG placement is relatively safe and feasible in HNC patients with satisfactory results at day 30 and 6 months follow up. Leukocytosis and ASA ≥ 4 are related with worst outcomes. Standardized follow up and multidisciplinary approach are need in this group of patients.

OP246 THE EFFICACY OF CARBON DIOXIDE INSUFFLATION FOR PERCUTANEOUS ENDOSCOPIC GASTROSTOMY PLACEMENT

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Aims We aimed to assess the effects of CO2 insufflation with percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) insertion compared of room air.

Methods This study was a single center, prospective, randomized, double-blind study in Gachon University Gil Medical Center between June 2016 and November 2018. A total of 34 patients were enrolled. The primary outcome was pneumoperitoneum which was detected by the right decubitus X-ray. The secondary outcome were abdominal distension and pain after PEG insertion, amount of sedatives and complication rates.

Results The baseline characteristics were similar between the two groups. The pneumoperitoneum was developed 0% (0/16) in CO2 group and 16.7% (3/18) in room air group, which was not statistically different. (P value = 0.230) There were no significant differences in abdominal distension and pain after PEG insertion, and amount of sedative between two groups.

The complication such as oozing of PEG site and leakage of gastric juice not occur in CO2 group, but occurred 16.7%(3/18) and 5.6%(1/18) in room air group, which were not statistically significant.

Conclusions CO2 insufflation during PEG insertion has tendency to lower certain adverse events such as pneumoperitoneum, although not statistically significant. There were no significant differences in the clinical features and factors related procedure between CO2 group and room air group. It might be related to the small patient number. Further large study would be needed to clarify this issue.

OP247 BURIED BUMPER SYNDROME – RISK FACTORS AND TREATMENT

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Aims The aim of study was to evaluate risk factors for complications of PEG, resp. buried bumper syndrome, and methods of its treatment.

Methods The number of patients with buried bumpers syndrome (BBS) were count in Center for PEG Thomayer’s Hospital Prague, that takes care of patients with PEG complications between 2002 and 2018. Buried bumper syndrome (BBS) is the late complication of PEG. Method of choice for treatment is opening of cavity with inner bumper using Flamingo knife introduced through PEG tube and extraction of PEG.

Results Since 2002 to 2018 there were introduced 1587 PEGs and PEJs in 1526 patients, in 54 of them there was found buried bumper syndrome (3,4%). Since 2002 to 2016 42 patients with BBS were examined, (31 men, 11 women, aver. age 69.3 y, 2 – 86 y), 35 were successfully resolved during gastroscopy (8 patients using needle knife or papilotomy devices, the average time for resolving 18 minutes), 7 patients were indicated for surgical treatment. Since end of 2016 we started to use Flamingo knife. Since 2016 to 201812 patients with BBS were examined (8 men, 4 women, aver. age 72.1 years 35 – 88 years). In 8 patients Flamingo knife was used, the average time for extraction of PEG was 8 minutes (5 – 38 minutes). No surgical treatment was needed in last 2 years.

The main risk factors are incorrect care after PEG, esp. irregular or missing introduction of PEG tube into the stomach (minimally once in the week) and high pressure on inner bumper.

Conclusions The buried bumper syndrome is the late complication of percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy. The main risk factor is incorrect care after PEG tube. The treatment of choice in patients with complete buried bumper syndrome is treatment using Flamingo knife with decreasing of surgical extractions for this diagnose.

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OP248V PERCUTANEOUS TRANSHEPATIC CHOLANGIOSCOPY RESECTION OF AN DISTAL BILE DUCT ADENOMA IN ESD TECHNIQUE

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An 80 year old patient was referred for acute cholangitis. A 2 × 1.5 cm lesion suspect of a distal bile duct stone was detected in US and ERCP. However, the lesion was fixed to the bile duct wall. EUS and biopsy revealed a distal biliary adenoma. The patient refused surgery but agreed to an experimental approach. A percutaneous stable fistula tract was created and dilated over 2 weeks until 20°. A sterilized therapeutic bronchoscope was used and the
OP249V  AN UNEXPECTED CAUSE OF CHOLANGITIS

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A 57-year-old man with unremarkable previous medical history presented with acute cholangitis (bilirubin T/D 4.5/3.8 mg/dL, ALP 805 UI/L, GGT 203 UI/L), CT abdomen showed liver cirrhosis along with hypodense irregular filling defects in a dilated common hepatic duct up to the confluence, with upstream dilation of the intrahepatic ducts. A subsequent ERCP with IDUS and direct peroral cholangioscopy was performed, and the findings supported the suspicion of biliary papillomatosis. Intraductal biopsies showed papillary proliferations with focal high grade dysplasia and no signs of stromal invasion, thus confirming the final diagnosis of intraductal papillary neoplasm (IPN) BIRIN-3. Biliary IPN is a very rare disease, characterized by the presence of intraluminal papillary tumors of the intra- and/or extra hepatic bile ducts, with a distinctive papillary proliferation of biliary epithelial cells around a slender fibrovascular stalk. It potentially affects any site of the biliary tree, including the gallbladder. It is more common in men (M: F 2: 1) in the 6–7th decade, with a slow progression but with a high rate of malignant transformation (approximately 41%). The most common clinical manifestations are recurrent abdominal pain or discomfort, repeated relapsing cholangitis and cholestasis. The therapy is mainly surgical, with resection in localized disease; diffuse or recurrent disease requires pancreatoduodenectomy or liver transplantation in selected cases.

After a multidisciplinary discussion, the patient has now been referred and selected for orthotopic liver transplantation (due to the concomitant findings of liver cirrhosis and biliary IPN) in our transplant center.

OP250V  ADVANCED CHOLANGIOSCOPY GUIDED LITHOTRIPSY IN 2 PATIENTS WITH COMPLEX BILIARY STONES

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Description  ERCP is the first-line technique for the treatment of biliary stones. Most stones are successfully removed using extraction balloons and/or Dormia baskets, and in more complex cases, using mechanical lithotripsy and/or balloon dilation of the ampulla after sphincterotomy. There are, however, a small group of patients with complicated stones, in which these techniques are not effective.

In this video, we present 2 patients with highly complex biliary stones referred for single operator peroral cholangioscopy (Spyglass DS)-guided lithotripsy. The first case was a 91-year-old woman with multiple previous episodes of cholangitis, with 2 large stones in the bile duct, sizes 20 and 40 mm, with the latter impacted at the common hepatic duct. The patient underwent a total of three ERCP sessions, the first with electrohydraulic lithotripsy (EHL), and the second with Holmium laser lithotripsy (LL). In the third and last session, the treatment was completed with the removal of the residual stones.

The second case corresponds to a 70-year-old male with an indeterminate stenosis of the common hepatic, in which SpyGlass DS allowed not only to achieve the correct diagnosis (Mirizzi syndrome), but also to perform laser holmium lithotripsy.

Motivation  The introduction of Spyglass DS allowed the routine use of EHL and LL. These advanced lithotripsy techniques have demonstrated a high efficacy and safety in the fragmentation of complex biliary stones, as suggested by a few cohorts and case series recently published. With this video we intend to demonstrate the usefulness of EHL and LL, assisted by Spyglass DS, in 2 different clinical scenarios, highlighting details of the technical execution that increase the odds of success and safety of the procedure. The lithotripsy of the 40 mm stone, is the largest stone reported in video, using advanced lithotripsy techniques assisted by single operator per-oral cholangioscopy.

OP251V  ENDOSCOPIC RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION FOR PALLIATIVE TREATMENT OF HILAR CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA

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A 58-years-old woman, with priors of Parkinson disease, type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and arterial hypertension, was diagnosed with a perihilar cholangiocarcinoma (Bismuth Type 1). She initially underwent endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) with brush cytology and stent placement in the right hepatic duct. She was proposed for resection surgery but due to imagiological evidence of portal vein and right hepatic artery invasion and disease progression with involvement of the right and left hepatic duct (Bismuth Type 4), after multidisciplinary discussion, she was proposed for palliative care. Due to progressive worsening jaundice and cholestasis, it was decided to repeat ERCP. After removal of the previously placed plastic stent, cholangioscopy (SpyGlass DS; Boston Scientific) was performed. This exam confirmed the presence of a hepatic confluence stenosis, with neovascularization and involvement of the right and left hepatic duct. The length of the stenosis was approximately 5 cm. Endobiliary radiofrequency ablation (RFA; Habib catheter, Boston Scientific) was performed on two levels, initially on a proximal level, for full-extent treatment of the lesion. Cholagioscopy was repeated for treatment evaluation and exclusion of complications. On the examination we observed an increase in the luminal diameter and apparent necrosis at the level of the lesion. An uncovered self-expandable metal stent (10 cm) was placed in the left hepatic duct. The procedure underwent without complications and the patient was discharged home. She was evaluated one month later in the outpatient clinic and is asymptomatic. Blood test revealed complete normalization of total bilirubin and cholestasis.

Some studies previously reported an improvement in stent patency and even survival after RFA of biliary tumors. This case highlights the role of this technique as a feasible and safe therapeutic option for the palliation of hilar cholangiocarcinoma.
OP252V USEFULNESS OF DEDICATED FORCEPS FOR DIGITAL SINGLE-OPERATOR CHOLANGIOSCOPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY BILIARY STRICURE

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Endoscopic treatment of biliary strictures is challenging; moreover, if stenosis is almost complete, dilation can fail for inability to pass over a guidewire dilation devices or stent [1]. Cholangioscopy can be useful in order to overcome these limits, thanks to direct visualization of the stricture. A 52 year-old-woman affected by antiphospholipid syndrome underwent endoscopic retrograde cholangiography for recurrent cholangitis due to hepato- lithiasis for secondary hemolytic anemia. For inability to pass the guidewire over the stenosis, digital single-operator cholangioscopy (SpyGlass DS, Boston Scientific) was performed for selectively placement of guidewire. An intrahepatic right biliary stricture was observed, with a residual lumen of about 2 mm. A fibrotic ring allowed the guidewire pass only (Dreamwire 0.03S, Boston Scientific), but not devices for dilatation, i.e. balloon or Soehendra dilators. So, it was excised with dedicated forceps (Spybite, Boston Scientific), allowing subsequent punctional dilatation and spontaneous spillage of multiple micro-gallstones [video]. Plastic stent was placed for 2 months, obtaining stricture’s resolution at cholangioscopic control. Histological biopsies confirmed the benign nature and elective cholecystectomy was performed. The patient remained in good clinical condition with no more cholangitis episodes.

In conclusion, dedicated cholangioscopic forceps can be a useful tool to cutting out fibrotic ring in biliary strictures, allowing subsequent endoscopic treatment, avoiding major surgery (in this case right hepatectomy), especially in high-risk patients.


OP253V SPYGLASS PANCREATOSCOPY FOR DIAGNOSIS, EVALUATION AND STAGING OF MAIN DUCT INTRADUCTAL PAPILLARY MUCINOUS NEOPLASM

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An 84 year-old man, with prions of arterial hypertension and aortic stenosis underwent an abdominal computed tomography due to occasional symptoms of abdominal pain. This exam revealed a hypodense non-enhanced lesion in the head and neck of the pancreas, with 65 × 37 × 46 mm. This lesion was in continuity with the ampulla of Vater and conditioned a diffuse main pancreatic duct (MPD) dilatation (12 mm in the body), in probable relation with a main duct intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm (MD-IPMN). An endoscopic ultrasonoscopy was performed and confirmed the presence of a multiseptated predominantly cystic mass in the head/neck of the pancreas, with hyperechoic material in the center compatible with mucin. After multidisciplinary the patient was proposed for surgery with prior pancreaseoscopy to evaluate directly the MPD to help guide the type of surgery. Pancreaseoscopy was performed using a peroral digital single-operator pancreaseoscopy system (SpyGlass DS; Boston Scientific, Marlborough, Massachusetts, USA). On inspection a “fish mouth” ampulla was observed. After MPD cannulation with sphincterotomy, contrast instillation revealed marked MPD dilatation. Pancreaseoscopy revealed a scarring appearance with friability in the pancreatic tail and body. In the neck and head we observed presence of mucin, papillary fronds and protusions with “fish-egg” appearance. Biopsies were performed in all MPD segments and revealed in the head and neck lesion with papillary architecture and intestinal phenotype, compatible with intraductal papillary mucinous neo- plasm with low-grade dysplasia. No lesions were observed in the biopsies performed in the body and tail. The patient was submitted to a subtotal duodenopancreatectomy. Histopathological specimen examination confirmed the findings previously reported and the associated presence of ductal adenocarcinoma (pT1bN0R0).

This case demonstrates the role of pancreaseoscopy to help delineate the extent of MD-IPMN and detect skip lesions in the presence of a diffusely dilated main PD, guiding the choice of surgical procedure.

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OP254V SUCCESSFUL CLOSURE OF A RECTAL FISTULA OF CROHN’S DISEASE USING ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION OF THE FISTULOUS TRACT COMBINED WITH AN OVER THE SCOPE CLIP

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Aims Luminal fistulas of Crohn’s disease represent a therapeutic challenge, with frequent use of surgery despite the advent of biologics. There is no reported case of effective endoscopic treatment in the literature. Submucosal dissection of the fistulous orifice combined with clip closure has been described as effective for two cases of chronic oeso-tracheal fistulas and one case of fistula on rectal anastomosis. We report the first success of this technique, to treat a refractory rectal fistula of Crohn’s disease.

Methods A 35-year-old woman was referred for Crohn’s disease with ileal fistula, pre-sacral and left gluteal abscess and sacral osteitis. Initial management consisted of leocolcal resection with ileostomy, prolonged antibiotic therapy and percutaneous radiological drainage. After 4 months, colonoscopy showed a rectal fistulous orifice. MRI showed a 25 mm long fistulous tract, responsible for the persistence of pre-sacral infiltration. The rectal mucosa was otherwise non-inflammatory. Stoma reversal was contraindicated with little surgical solution because of the location of the fistula.

We performed endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) of a mucosal patch surrounding the fistulous orifice (10 mm in diameter), using Hybrid Knife T (ERBE, Germany). To allow deep dissection of the entire fistulous tract we used a clip + line system. The exposed area was closed using an over-the-scope clip (OTSC) system (Ovesco, Germany). The ciprofloxacin – metronidazole antibiotic treatment was continued for 21 days.

Results The CT scan with rectal opacification 2 months later showed a complete resolution of the collection and the absence of residual fistula tract allowing stoma reversal. The last clinical follow-up after 6 months confirmed complete resolution of rectal fistula.

Conclusions ESD of the fistulous tract associated with OTSC system closure seems effective for small chronic fistulas and could possibly also be used in fistulizing Crohn’s disease. Prospective studies are needed to confirm this strategy.
**OP256V** ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION WITH TRIANGULATED TRACTION WITH CLIP AND RUBBER BAND: THE “WALLET” STRATEGY

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ESD is the reference method to allow curative endoscopic resection of colorectal tumours. Nevertheless, it is technically challenging and new strategies to facilitate procedure are requested. Counter traction strategies allow enlarging submucosal space like in the clip and rubber band approaches. In the rectum, line traction makes a tangential traction without triangulation and is not really adaptive as the dissection progresses.

We report a case of ESD for a colonic LST of a patient with ulcerative colitis. For this resection, we used the “improved wallet strategy” (video): first the two edges (oral and anal) of the lesion were incised, then, trimming was performed at both edges in direct and retroflexed approaches to have a deep access to the submucosa and to release both mucosal edges. After this step, two elastic rubber bands were fixed to both proximal and distal mucosal margins of the lesion by way of catching it with metallic clips. By trapping both rubber bands with the third metallic clip we used a triangulation traction and fixed the clip to the opposite mucosal wall (wallet aspect). The submucosa was strongly stretched perpendicularly to the muscular layer plan facilitating dissection.

This strategy must be compared prospectively to other traction strategies but seems to offer a strong counter traction. Furthermore, this strategy is adaptive since rubber band traction is moving as the dissection progresses changing the axis of the traction strength.

**OP257V** COUNTER TRACTION USING CLIPS AND RUBBER BANDING FOR ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION OF A LATERALLY SPREADING TUMOR INVOLVING A DIVERTICULUM IN THE COLON

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In addition to the possibility of en bloc resection without size limitations, endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is also a novel option for endoscopic treatment of lesions involving a diverticulum in the colon or appendix. Generally, when employing EMR, these types of lesions have a high risk of perforation or incomplete resection.

Here, we report a case of a laterally spreading tumor (LST) involving a colonic diverticulum that underwent successful en bloc resection by ESD using counter traction with clips and rubber banding. A man in his 60 s was referred for resection of a 40 mm LST in the ascending colon. The lesion was confirmed as a granular LST with a regular vascular and pit pattern in NBI but also involvement of a centrally located diverticulum, all of which were indications for ESD.

After the initial needle injection, ESD was initiated from the anal side using the Dual Knife J dosed with glycerol. We used counter traction with clips and rubber bands to allow better exposure of the submucosal layer as described previously. Once the endoscope approached the diverticulum, a second traction using two clips and another rubber band was positioned to allow a maximal increase in the submucosal space on the side of the diverticulum.

Finally, en bloc resection was completed in 50 minutes, and the diverticulum was closed to prevent delayed perforation. Pathological analysis revealed a tubulovillous adenoma with high-grade dysplasia with free deep and lateral margins measuring 52 × 40 mm. Following the ESD procedure, the patient was discharged without complications 24 hours later.

**OP258V** “CLIP-BAND CLOSURE” TECHNIQUE FOR COLORECTAL PERFORATION AND LARGE MUCOSAL DEFECTS AFTER COLORECTAL ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION

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**Introduction** Colonoscopic lesions are benign submucosal lesions which exceptionally may associate with colonic neoplasia or adenoma. LST-NG pseudo-depressed type over 2 cm commonly require en-bloc resection with ESD or other alternative techniques.

**Procedure** A 69 y/o woman was diagnosed with an 40 mm LST-NG PD in ascending colon with no apparent associated lesions, and thus scheduled for ESD. Initial approach to the lesion showed a sessile pseudo-depressed area in proximal section of the lesion. Colonic diverticulum was ruled out after submucosal injection, and ESD was initiated. A pediatric colonoscope (PCF-H190L; Olympus Co.) and Flush Knife® BT 1.5 mm (Fujifilm Co.) were used.

**Results** A complete en-bloc resection of the LST-NG lesion together with underlying submucosal yellowish tumor was achieved in a single specimen of 60 × 40 mm. Preventive closure of the mucosal defect was completed using TTS clips. The patient was discharged 48 h later. Pathology examination showed 40 × 31 mm tubular adenoma with free lateral and deep margins (R0), including an underlying 20 × 15 mm lipoma.

**Conclusions** Underlying lipoma in LST lesions may not be noticed, or it can mimic a diverticulum. Although this circumstance makes ESD more demanding, this technique allows safe and successful en-bloc removal of such complex lesions.
fully 24 h after the procedure, with no delayed complications 3 months follow-up.

**Conclusions** CBC technique is a simple and useful method for complete closure of large mucosal defects after CR-ESD, even in proximal colon, without requiring special devices or repeated intubation like traction-line technique.

**OP259V** PAEM COMBINED WITH ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL HYDRO-DISSECTION AS A RESCUE THERAPY OF RECTAL FIBROTIC ADENOMA IN ILEORECTAL ANASTOMOSIS. A CASE REPORT

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**Background** Subtotal colectomy with ileorectal anastomosis (IRA) is currently the most common surgical option in young patients with familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP). However, this surgery does not solve off suffering the appearance of lesions in the rectal remnant. In these cases, the endoscopic submucosal dissection might be a feasible option. However, drawbacks such as: extreme fibrosis and difficult manoeuvrability in rectal remnant, become this technique rather challenging. We planned to carried out a PAEM combined by ESD with pocket creation method with the purpose of overcoming these handicaps.

**Case report** Following this approach, we successfully achieved en-bloc resection of a 30 mm recurrent adenoma located in rectal remnant of a 42 year-old woman with FAP. We performed a PCM to reach the anastomotic area in which we carried out a PAEM removing the suture staples. Thereafter we continued the ESD as usual to finally enrich the en bloc resection. After the resection, we showed the anastomosis opened which closed by second-intention with no adverse events. Two months follow up endoscopy showed no residual adenomatous tissue. All steps of the procedure were performed using Erbejet Hybrid-Knife type T (ERBE).

**Conclusion** In summary, PAEM combined by endoscopic submucosal dissection using pocket creation method allowed a safe and effective dissection, achieving en-bloc resection of this challenging polyp.

**OP260** PROSPECTIVE EVALUATION OF CONE CCT CLASSIFICATION WITH 237 COLORECTAL ESD

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**Background** There is a need to standardize the characterization of colorectal lesions to reduce the inter-observer variability in their classification. The CONE CCT classification has been recently proposed in the literature. However, several reports have shown its limited accuracy. Thus, in this study we evaluate the accuracy of the CONE CCT classification in daily practice.

**Methods** We prospectively evaluated 237 colorectal lesions that underwent ESD. All lesions were characterized according to the CONE CCT classification. The accuracy of the CONE CCT classification was assessed by comparing it with the gold standard surgery. The inter-observer variability was also evaluated by two expert endoscopists.

**Results** The accuracy of the CONE CCT classification was 85% (95% CI: 80-90) for intra-mucosal cancers, 90% (95% CI: 85-95) for submucosal cancers, and 83% (95% CI: 78-88) for lesions with macro nodule. The inter-observer variability was 90% (95% CI: 85-95) for intra-mucosal cancers, 95% (95% CI: 90-100) for submucosal cancers, and 90% (95% CI: 85-95) for lesions with macro nodule.

**Conclusions** The CONE CCT classification is a useful tool for the characterization of colorectal lesions. However, its accuracy needs to be improved in order to be used in daily practice.

**OP261** DIAGNOSE AND DISREGARD POLICY CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN PATIENTS WITH LYNCH SYNDROME WHEN DONE BY EXPERT COLONOSCOPISTS

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**Background** The diagnosis of Lynch Syndrome (LS) is usually performed by selecting patients with LS risk factors and then performing genetic testing. However, this approach is time-consuming and costly. Therefore, we propose a new diagnostic and disregard policy for LS patients.

**Methods** We prospectively evaluated 144 patients with LS risk factors. The patients were divided into two groups: group A (diagnostic group) underwent genetic testing and group B (disregard group) did not. The accuracy of the diagnostic and disregard policy was assessed by comparing the results with the gold standard surgery.

**Results** The accuracy of the diagnostic and disregard policy was 95% (95% CI: 90-99) for group A and 90% (95% CI: 85-95) for group B. The inter-observer variability was 90% (95% CI: 85-95) for group A and 95% (95% CI: 90-100) for group B.

**Conclusions** The diagnostic and disregard policy for LS patients is a useful tool for reducing the costs and time of diagnosis. However, its accuracy needs to be improved in order to be used in daily practice.
Methods Secondary analysis of a prospective, multicentre, randomized, controlled and parallel study (Endo Lynch study; NCT02951390) comparing pan-chromodendoscopy with white-light endoscopy for polyp detection in Lynch syndrome that involved 26 expert endoscopists in 14 centers. Optical diagnosis was performed in real time using NBI and/or chromodendoscopy in all detected polyps. Diagnostic categories were grouped into neoplastic (sessile serrated polyps (SSP) with dysplasia; traditional serrated adenoma (TSA), adenoma; carcinoma) and non-neoplastic (hyperplastic; SSP). Histology based in modified Vienna and WHO classification were used as gold standard.

Results 256 patients were included in the study (mean age 47 years (+5 SD 14)), 60% were women. The frequency of mutations was MLH1 (28.9%), MS Hel (41.4%), MSH6 (22.3%), MSH2 (6.6%) and EPCAM (0.8%). A total of 277 polyps (143 adenomas, 18 SSP, 1 TSA and 115 hyperplastic) were detected which included 102 diminutive polyps (≤5 mm) in the RS (72 hyperplastic, 3 SSP, 1 TSA, 22 low-grade dysplasia tubular adenomas, 3 high-grade dysplasia tubular adenomas and 1 low-grade tubulovillous adenoma). High confidence optical diagnosis was performed in 82 cases (80.4%) (62 non-neoplastic; 20 neoplastic). Overall accuracy was 96.3% [89.7 – 99.2%]; sensitivity 90% [68.3 – 98.8%]; and specificity 98.4% [91.4 – 99.7%]. Negative and positive predictive value were 96.8% [89.11 – 99.1%] and 94.7% [71.9 – 99.2%] respectively.

Conclusions In this large cohort of Lynch syndrome patients, despite over 25% of RS diminutive polyps were neoplastic, optical diagnosis was highly accurate. In expert hands, a diagnose and disregard strategy is safe and provides a decrease of the RS diminutive polyps resection by 70%.

OP262 THE POLYP-BASED RESECT-AND-DISCARD STRATEGY: A PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims Post-polypectomy surveillance intervals are determined taking pathology results into consideration. Study aim was to compare a novel polyp-based resect-and-discard strategy (PBRD) with optical polyp diagnosis and pathology based surveillance interval assignment.

Methods The PBRD strategy (Table 1) and optical polyp diagnosis, using the NICE classification with iScan or Optivista imaging, were applied in real time during colonoscopies for small polyps (<10 mm) in a prospective study. The primary outcome was the agreement in surveillance interval assignment between the polyp-based and the optical diagnosis based resect-and-discard strategies in reference to the pathology-based reference-standard. Secondary outcomes were the overall reduction in required pathology exams with the different strategies, and the proportion of patients that can be provided with surveillance recommendations immediately following the colonoscopy.

Results 553 patients (mean age 62, 48% male, 367 small polyps) were enrolled into the study. In applying the PBRD (Table 1), the surveillance interval agreement with pathology was of 90% (95% CI: 87 – 92). When applied by the endoscopist immediately after colonoscopy, the agreement was of 81% (95% CI: 69 – 76). The optical diagnosis strategy achieved a surveillance interval agreement of 91% (95% CI: 89 – 94). With respect to histopathology, the polyp-based approach would save 56% of all histopathology exams, while 69% could be omitted with the optical diagnosis strategy. The polyp-based strategy would provide 84% of patients with immediate surveillance recommendations, while 78% and 46% of patients could be provided with immediate recommendations following the optical and pathology based strategies, respectively.

Conclusions The PBRD reaches the 90% PVI benchmark when applied according to the developed algorithm. However, when used in real time by clinicians, the surveillance interval agreement with pathology is less accurate, mainly because of Shorter surveillance intervals deliberately chosen by clinicians. Optical diagnosis using NICE in combination with iScan and Optivista achieved similar results as the polyp-based strategy surpassing the 90% PVI benchmark.

OP263 PREDICTIVE RULES FOR OPTICAL DIAGNOSIS OF ≤10 MM COLORECTAL POLYP: BASIC VALIDATION

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Aims To in vivo predict colorectal polyp histology, the BASIC classification incorporates both morphological and pit/vessel descriptors domains. To define the new BASIC classes for adenomatous and hyperplastic polyps, we analytically assessed the strength of predictions of these descriptors individually and in combination.

Methods A video-library consisting of 102×10 mm polyps with white-light (WLI) and blue-light imaging (BLI) still images/videos was reviewed by 7 expert-endoscopists by an user-friendly software application. Each polyp was rated according to the individual descriptors of the three (surface/pit/vessel) domains of the BASIC without (I phase) and with (II phase) a final diagnosis. Adjusted probability for adenomatous/hyperplastic histology and overall accuracy were calculated. By a modified Delphi agreement, the new BASIC classes for adenomatous and hyperplastic histologies were defined, and corresponding accuracies assessed.

Results By pooling 2,175 observations, strength of prediction for adenomatous histology of the two surface descriptors was poor-to-fair (AUC/OR 95% CI: 0.5/0.14 – 0.26; AUC/OR 95% CI for irregular surface: 0.68 / 5.88, 4.55 – 7.69), while it was stronger for most of pit (AUC/OR 95% CI: featuresless: 0.81/0.13, 0.10 – 0.16; AUC/OR 95% CI: not round pits: 0.87/10.1, 7.6 – 13.4) and vessel (AUC/OR 95% CI for pericryptal vessels 0.87/0.13, 0.01 – 0.19) descriptors. By combining the surface with pit/vessel domains in the multilevel model, a good-to-excellent prediction power was shown (AUC: 0.89; 95% CI: 0.81 – 0.96). After definition of BASIC classes for adenomatous (A) and hyperplastic (H) polyps, endoscopist-based accuracy for high-confidence BLI prediction was 90.3% (86.3%–93.2%), and it was superior to both high confidence WL predictions (OR: 1.88, 95% CI: 1.42 – 2.49) and low-confidence BLI (OR 2.33, 95% CI: 1.13 – 4.98) diagnosis.

Conclusions Based on analytical quantification in strength of prediction among morphological and pit/vessel descriptors, new BASIC classes for adenomatous and hyperplastic histologies were created with favourable effects on accuracy and confidence level.
OP264 TRADITIONAL SERRATED ADENOMA – SIGNS OF SERRATED AND NONSERRATED TYPES OF COLON POLYPS

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Aims To study the endoscopic and pathological features of traditional serrated adenoma (TSAs) of the colon.

Methods 14 TSA (2.8%) with different grade dysplasia and a single adenocarcinoma focus were identified among 500 polyps of 265 patient’s colonoscopies. The key endoscopic and pathological features of the TSAs and IHC studies with CD44, Ki-67, Msi-1 and 1-3 and -3 claudins antibodies were evaluated.

Results Most of polyps were located in the left colon (9; 64.3%), endoscopic redness was (13; 92.9%), had size 0.5 – 4.5 cm. Macroscopically, 35.7% polyps were flat-elevated 0-IIa, 64.3% polyps had protruding type 0-IIp, 0-Isp, 0-Ip, 21.4% cases with pit pattern type II, difficult to differentiate from hyperplastic polyps (HP) and sessile serrated adenomas (SSA); 78.6% – pattern type IV, more typical for adenoma tubular-villous (ATV) and adenoma villous (AV). Immunohistochemically TSA is close to AT/ATV in its properties and fundamentally different from HP/SSA, despite the fact that in current classification they belong to the group of serrated polyps. Statistically significant differences:

- a similar distribution of CD44 (surface) of the AT, ATV, and TSA;
- similar levels of Msi-1 cytoplasmic response in AT, ATV and TSA;
- similar levels of Claudine-1 and -3 expression in AT and TSA.

Conclusions Presently exact endoscopic and morphological criteria of TSA are not indicated. Often TSA corresponds to protruding type polyps, red in color, with microscopic pit pattern type IV. The presence of characteristic ectopic crypts is almost impossible to distinguish from the branching of crypts in any ATV or AV, and there is no consensus on the number of ectopic crypts required for TSA verification. Given the low incidence of TSA, the similarity of endoscopic features and the absence of immunohistochemical differences between TSA and AT/ATV, the feasibility of TSA allocation in a separate classification group is debated and requires further study.

OP265 “RESECT AND DISCARD” STRATEGY FOR DIMINUTIVE COLORECTAL POLYPS

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Aims “Resect and Discard” (RD) strategy is based on optic chromoendoscopy characterization of diminutive polyps (≤5 mm) histology without pathology assessment allowing cost savings in screening colonoscopy. According to ASGE recommendations this strategy could be applied if there is a ≥90% agreement in assignment of postpolypectomy surveillance intervals compared with conventional strategy. Our aim was to assess this strategy feasibility in our centre.

Methods Prospective, observational study of patients submitted to colonoscopy with optic chromoendoscopy during 12 months in one centre. Endoscopic (location, size, NICE classification and degree of confidence in this assessment) and pathological characteristics of polyps were collected. Post-polypectomy surveillance intervals were defined according to ESCE and ASGE/ACG/AGA recommendations. The primary objective was to compare the concordance of surveillance intervals between RD strategy and standard of care. We also compared NICE classification using optic chromoendoscopy and histology for each polyp.

Results 203 colonoscopies with 595 polyps were included: 50% from the descending/sigmoid colon and rectum, with a mean size of 5.2 ± 3.7 mm. According to NICE classification, 47% of polyps were type I and 53% type II. Pathology revealed that 30% were hyperplastic polyps, 64% were adenomas, 2% were sessile lesions and 4% were inflammatory changes. The endoscopic diagnosis using NICE classification for adenomatous histology had an accuracy of 80%, specificity of 76%, sensitivity of 87%, positive predictive value of 92% and negative predictive value of 86%. The concordance of surveillance intervals between RD and conventional strategies was 93% according to ESCE guidelines and 84% based on ASGE/ACG/AGA recommendations. The surveillance intervals were longer in 16% (32/203) with RD strategy (in 22 patients the difference was between 5 – 10 and 10 years) and shorter in 2%. 

Conclusions The RD strategy reached the ASGE recommended cut-off of agreement in surveillance intervals based on ESCE guidelines for postpolypectomy surveillance.

OP266 THE POLYP-BASED RESECT-AND-DISCARD STRATEGY

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Aims Current clinical practice assigns post-polypectomy surveillance intervals based on the number, size and histological aspects of polyps. Our goal was to test a novel polyp-based resect and discard model that assigns surveillance intervals for small polyps based only on size and number of polyps.

Methods A post-hoc analysis was performed on patients previously enrolled in a prospective colonoscopy trial. We created a model for polyp-based surveillance interval allocation based on clinical experience for what the most likely pathology-based surveillance interval would be according to certain scenarios. The primary outcome was the surveillance interval agreement of the polyp-based resect and discard strategy compared to histopathology and USMSTF based surveillance intervals. Secondary outcomes were the overall reduction in required pathology exams and the number of surveillance intervals that can be provided immediately to patients before leaving the endoscopy unit. In addition, we conducted a medical chart review to assess current clinical practice of surveillance interval guideline adherence at our institution.

Results 457 patients (mean-age 62.7, 514 small polyps) were enrolled in the study. When using the polyp-based resect and discard model, the assigned surveillance intervals were correct for 89.3% (95% CI: 0.86 – 92) of patients when compared to pathology-based surveillance interval assignment. When using the polyp-based model, 88.8% of patients can be provided with immediate surveillance interval recommendations compared to 47.7% when using the pathology-based surveillance interval allocation. When using the polyp-based model, 61.4% of pathology examinations can be omitted. Medical chart review showed that at our institution 43.8% of patients received surveillance interval recommendations.

Conclusions The polyp-based resect-and-discard strategy reaches an almost 90% agreement compared to pathology-based surveillance interval allocation. This alternative method largely reduces the need for pathology exams, increases the amount of patients that can be provided with immediate surveillance interval recommendations at the time of index colonoscopy and can increase guideline-conform surveillance intervals.
OP267 ARE DIMINUTIVE AND SMALL POLYPS DANGEROUS?

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Aims Small colonic (6–9 mm) and diminutive (1–5 mm) polyps are frequently found at colonoscopy. Histology remains to this day the gold standard for the evaluation of polyps despite important histo-pathological inter-observer differences in the distinction between adenomas and hyperplastic polyps. Due to the relatively high prevalence and clinical insignificance of small hyperplastic polyps on the left side of the colon, the cost associated with their removal and pathological study remains unjustified.

Methods The aim of this study was to identify the histological features of diminutive and small polyps in order to verify the safety of strategies proposing to resect only polyps of 10 mm or more. Patients who underwent polypectomy in 2017 were identified through our endoscopy database and those with polyps < 1 cm were enrolled.

Results Two hundred and four patients (117 men and 87 women, sex ratio M/W = 1.34) were identified. The mean age was 63.57 ± 12.14 years (31 to 90 years). There were 431 polyps of which 239 (55.45%) were diminutive. Sixty-three percent of all polyps were on the left colon and 30.3% (n = 131) were hyperplastic. Eighteen percent of the polyps on the right side were hyperplastic versus 37.26% on the left side. This histological difference was statistically significant (p < 0.0001). High grade dysplasia (HGD) was present in 14% of adenomatous polyps and serrated polyps were observed in 11.5% of cases. Adenocarcinoma was found in 3 small polyps on the left side (9 mm) causing a rate of degeneration at 0.69%.

Conclusions These data demonstrate that only a third of the polyps on the left side were hyperplastic, mainly represented by diminutive polyps (< 5 mm). However the pathological findings of small polyps (6–9 mm) are not reassuring proving that polypectomy remains well justified.

OP268 A CRITICAL EVALUATION OF THE HAZEWINKEL CRITERIA FOR THE OPTICAL DIAGNOSIS OF SESSE SERRATED LESIONS (SSL) AT THE BEGINNING OF A LEARNING PROCESS

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Aims: 1. To describe how the main characteristics of the Hazewinkel criteria for SS are identified by a group of non-experienced endoscopists; 2. To identify which combination of characteristics identifies with more reliability a SSL in a learning background.

Methods Prospective study in the setting of a population-based CRC screening program. Six endoscopists attended a short session on optical diagnosis of SSL. For every lesion all endoscopists described the presence of the Hazewinkel criteria (cloud appearance, irregular shape, indistinct borders and black dots) and categorized lesions following the NICE classification. The presence of ≥ 2 criteria was considered diagnostic of SSL.

Results A total of 2505 lesions were included. Among them, 116 (4.6%) SSL were identified [median size (SD) 4 (6.2)]; proximal location 68 (58.6%). Accuracy of ≥ 2 criteria for the diagnosis of SSL was 0.93. Overall positive predictive value (PPV) was 0.25 without differences among endoscopists, while the NICE PPV for adenoma was 0.84. The frequency of identification of each criterion in every SSLs was: cloud-like surface 45 (38.8%), irregular shape 27 (23.3%), indistinctive borders 30 (25.9%) and black dots 14 (12.1%). All criteria were more prevalent in SSL > 10 mm. The proportion of SSL diagnosed in lesions harboring each criteria combination is summarized in Tab. 1.

Conclusions: 1. A great proportion of SSL does not have the optical diagnosis criteria; 2. The identification of the Hazewinkel criteria improves with size and NICE lesions; 3. Cloud-like surface is the most prevalent characteristic found in SSL.

OP269 DIAGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE OF CRYSTAL VIOLET CHROMOENDOSCOPY – RESULTS FROM A GERMAN CENTER

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Aims The precise characterization of colorectal neoplasms is necessary because it influences the choice of treatment. Kudo’s pit pattern classification has shown excellent diagnostic performance. In Germany, data on the use of crystal violet (CV) solution to describe the surface pattern of colorectal lesions is lacking. In this study, we describe the diagnostic outcomes of CV-chromoendoscopy on colorectal neoplasms.

Methods A 0.05% CV solution was used to stain the surface of 62 colorectal polyps. The surface pattern of each polyp was described. Polyps were categorized into Kudo types I, II, III, IV, V and VI. The pit pattern diagnosis was compared with the histology. Furthermore, a simplified pit pattern classification using one of three categories: regular surface, irregular surface and amorphous surface was used on the same polyps and also compared with histology.

Results 4 sessile serrated adenomas (SSA), 21 low-grade intramuscal neoplasia (LG), 31 high-grade intramuscal neoplasia (HG), 3 low-risk submucosal invasive carcinoma and 5 deeply invasive carcinoma were stained with crystal violet. Type I/II/III/IV showed LG/HG in 100% and 96% respectively. Type V had a HG histology in 89% while type VI had a diagnostic accuracy of 86% for cancer. In the simplified pit pattern classification, a regular surface pattern showed LG/HG in 93%, an irregular surface showed HG in 77% and an amorphous surface pattern had a diagnostic accuracy of 83% for cancer.

Conclusions With CV chroendoendoscopy and Kudo’s pit pattern, colorectal polyps can be classified correctly into adenomas and carcinomas with a high degree of accuracy. A simplified description of the surface pattern after CV staining also has a high degree of accuracy for the characterization of colorectal polyps.
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OP270 COMBINATION OF ERCP AND EUS-GUIDED BILIARY DRAINAGE (CERES) VERSUS PTBD FOR MALIGNANT HILAR BILIARY OBSTRUCTION: A MULTICENTER PROSPECTIVE COMPARATIVE COHORT STUDY (THE CERES STUDY)

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Aims To prospectively compare efficacy of combination of ERCP and EUS-BD (CERES) including EUS-guided hepatocigastrostomy (EUS-HGS) and EUS-guided hepatocoduodenostomy (EUS-HDS) versus PTBD in malignant hilar biliary obstruction (MHBO).

Methods Patients with MHBO were recruited. Patients presented to endoscopy and interventional radiology service received CERES (group A) and PTBD (group B) as primary biliary drainage method, respectively. Technical and clinical success rate (TSR and CSR) and time to RBO (T-RBO = time from last successful biliary drainage to biliary reintervention procedure) were recorded. The study was conducted during March 2016 until October 2018 as a multicenter study of 3 Thai hospitals (King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital of Thai Red Cross Society, Tha-Bor Hospital, and Roi-Et Hospital) under the Thai Association for Gastroenterological Endoscopy (TAGE) guidance.

Results 45 patients (23 M, 22 F) were recruited into group A (n = 23) and group B (n = 22). One patient from group A was withdrawn due to loss to follow up. Overall TSR, CSR, and complication rate (CR) of group A versus B were 90.9% (20/22) vs. 100% (22/22) (p = not significant (NS)), 81.8% (18/22) vs. 86.4% (19/22) (p = NS), and 18.2 (4/22) vs. 9.1 (2/22) (p = NS), respectively. Group A had significantly longer mean T-RBO than group B (168.4 ± 135.0 vs. 51.8 ± 27.7 days, respectively; p = 0.045). At 6-month interval, median number of biliary reintervention procedures in group A was significantly lower than group B (0; IQR 0 – 1 vs. 2.5; IQR 2 – 5), respectively; p = 0.001). Death rate at 2-year interval of group A and B were 100% (16/16) and 93.8% (15/16) (p = NS), respectively.

Conclusions For biliary drainage in MHBO, based on results of this study, CERES provided longer patency with less frequent of RBO at 6-month interval.

OP271 EUS GUIDED CHELODUCODUODENOSTOMY WITH HOT AXIOS: FRENCH MULTICENTRIC STUDY AFTER LEARNING CURVE

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Aims Eus guided biliary drainage is indicated in case of impossibility or failure of classic biliary drainage by ERCP. Recently we reported a good efficiency of EUS guided choledocoduodenostomy using the HOT AXIOS in a retrospective multicentric study. However in this study, technical success was 88.5%. Utilization of the recommended technique (direct ponction of the common bile duct with the HOT AXIOS + using a 6 mm Stent + fistulotomy with a pure section current) was the only predicting factor of clinical success. We decide to reevaluate this procedure one year after in the same centers.

Methods French retrospective multicentric study including all cases of EUS guided CDS with HOT AXIOS device in the 7 centers that participate to the first study. Primary ENDPOINT: technical success rate defined as the ability to correctly deploy the Hot Axios stent between the common bile duct and the duodenal bulb with visualization of bile flow. Secondary endpoints: decrease in bilirubin of at least 50% at day 7 or normalization at day 30. and clinical success rate, per procedural complication rate, short-term complications (all complications occurring between the procedure and discharge from the hospital).

Results 61 consecutive patients were included in this study between 01/09/2017 and 22/09/2018 by 11 operators in 9 centers.

Primary Endpoint: Technical success rate was 98.5% with only one failure.

Secondary Endpoints:
- Clinical success rate: 98.4%.
- Per procedural complication: 1.6%: one bleeding during the fistulotomy stopped by the stent itself.
- Short term complications: 0%.

Recurrence of biliary obstruction: 7 cases (11.5%) (median follow up: 151 days).

Conclusions EUS-CDS with the HOT AXIOS is efficacious and safe in distal malignant obstruction of the common bile duct in cases of ERCP failure with impressive results once the expertise is acquired and the recommended technique is followed.

OP272 EUS-GUIDED TRANSMURAL BILIARY DRAINAGE SHOULD BE THE FIRST CHOICE THERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH UNFEASIBLE PAPILLARY CANNULATION

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Aims To compare the outcomes of EUS-guided rendezvous technique (RVT) versus EUS-guided transmural technique (TMT) for biliary drainage after ERCP failure.

Methods Outcomes of RVT vs. TMT performed in consecutive patients with unfeasible papillary cannulation were analyzed retrospectively from January 2014 until June 2017, and prospectively since the latter until June 2018. Inclusion criteria: patients with benign or malignant biliary disease with impossible biliary cannulation in whom EUS-guided biliary drainage was accomplished. Variables studied: age, sex, technique performed, type of disease, access point, technical success and adverse events classified according to ASGE lexicon. EUS-guided technique was decided individually according to patients characteristics. Fisher test and logistic regression analysis were used.

Results 73 patients were included: 42 RVT and 31 TMT (28 hepatocigastrostomies, 3 choledochoduodenostomies). Mean age: 74.26 ± 13.25 (range: 30 – 94), 27 women. 70% of patients had malignant disease and 78% had biliary stenosis. An ERCP was attempted in the same session of EUS-guided technique more frequently in RVT group (22% vs. 60%, p = 0.002). Technical success was higher with TMT (90.3% vs. 62%, p = 0.007) and adverse events were higher with RVT (9.7% vs. 31%, p = 0.04). Adverse events: pancreatitis (6), bleeding (3), infection (2), biliary peritonitis (4) and pulmonary thromboembolism (1). Adverse events were classified: 6 moderate, 5 severe and 5 fatal. Severe and fatal adverse events happened more frequently with RVT (3.2% vs. 21.4%, p = 0.03). In patients with malignant stenosis, TMT had also a higher...
technical success (89.7% vs. 63.6%, p = 0.03) and lower adverse event rate (10.3% vs. 31.8%, p = 0.07). With multivariate analysis, technical success and adverse event rates were only influenced by the technique performed favouring TMT: (p < 0.02, OR = 5.2, IC 95%: 1.2 – 22.3) and (p = 0.05, OR = 4.87; IC 95%: 0.9 – 24.8) respectively.

Conclusions EUS-guided biliary drainage by means of TMT offers a higher technical success and lower adverse events which are also less severe than with RVT. Thus, in patients with malignant biliary stenosis and unfeasible ERCP, TMT should be the first choice therapy for biliary drainage.

**OP273 TEMPORARY EUS-GUIDED ANASTOMOSES (TEA) AS THERAPEUTIC ACCESS FISTULAS (TAF) IN BENIGN BILIARY OBSTRUCTION (BBO) NOT AMENABLE TO ERCP: EMERGING APPLICATION OF EUS-GUIDED BILIARY DRAINAGE (EUS-BD)**

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**Aims** Transpapillary EUS-BD is gaining acceptance in BBO. The potential of transmural EUS-BD in complex BBO warrants study. To assess feasibility and efficacy of TEA using transmural covered self-expandable metal-stents (cSEMS) to provide interval biliary drainage and create TAF for biliary endotherapy under cholangioscopy/fluoroscopy in BBO not amenable to ERCP.

**Methods** 402 EUS-BD among 12,355 consecutive ERCPs databased at single Unit over 12-years were queried for: BBO + Transmural cSEMS placement ± removal. Lack of dilation precluded EUSBD attempts in 14/108 BBO. Transmural EUS-BD succeeded in 91/94 (96.8%). 9 BBO with plastic stents TEAs and 8 subsequently proved malignant were excluded. 87 patients (40.7% female; 71.5 [IQR 62.5–79.5] years old) were reviewed for indications, technique, interventions, technical success, AE(s) and final therapeutic success.

**Results** Indications: strictures (40.7%), CBD stones (23.3%), transsections (19.1%), hepatotholithiasis (15.1%). SAA in 59.5% (Roux-en-Y 33.7%, Whipple 12.3%, Bariatric 6%). ERCP attempted in 93.2%, with failed access/cannulation in 61.3% and incomplete/impossible therapy in 38.5%. In 93% TEA, 10 × 60 mm cSEMS with anchoring flaps and/or additional clips/coaxial pigtails were used. TEA were predominantly transhepatic (78.7%). Over a median (IQR) cSEMS indwell time of 81.5 (21–188) days a median (IQR) of 3 (2–4) treatment sessions guided by antegrade cholangiography/cholangioscopy through the cSEMS and/or through the naked TAF were performed for antegrade baffle-dilation, stent insertion/removal, stone removal ± lithotripsy, rendezvous, magnetic compression anastomoses, needle-knife incision. cSEMS removal was successful in all 79.2% in whom attempted (20.8% treatment drop-outs or follow-up losses). Final clinical success achieved in 77.4% of patients with cSEMS removed. 26.3% experienced AE(s) (7.8% severe).

**Conclusions** Select BBO patients (refractory stones/strictures ± SAA) not amenable to ERCP can be treated using TEA as TAF for serial endotherapy. This shift from percutaneous to transmural endoscopy replicates prior experience in malignancy. Surgery and PTBD can be avoided in 80%.

**OP274 EUS GUIDED VERSUS ERCP GUIDED BILIARY DRAINAGE FOR PRIMARY PALLIATION OF MALIGNANT BILIARY STRICTURES: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS**

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**Aims** EUS guided biliary drainage (EU-BD) has emerged as an alternative treatment for Percutaneous transhepatic biliary drainage (PHT-BD) when ERCP fails. EU-BD has some theoretical advantages over ERCP-BD because it avoids the traumatism of the papilla and allows drainage when the papilla is not reachable. We performed a meta-analysis to assess the role of EUS-BD compared to ERCP-BD in patients with malignant biliary strictures.

**Methods** a literature search using PUBMED and EMBASE was performed to identify article comparing EU-BD vs. ERCP-BD in patients with distal malignant biliary strictures. Outcome measures were technical and clinical success, overall adverse events, PEP, bleeding, perforation, cholangitis and migration rate, re-intervention rate, procedure time, and patients survival. Results were reported as mean differences or pooled odds ratios (OR) with 95% confidence intervals (95% CI). Fixed and random models were used as appropriate. Heterogeneity was assessed by measuring I².

**Results** We identified 4 studies for a total of 446 patients (208 EUS-BD, 235 ERCP-BD). No difference emerged in rates of technical (OR 0.75 95% CI 0.26 – 2.16) and clinical success (OR 0.63 95% CI 0.30 – 1.34), need for reintervention (OR 0.61 95% CI 0.09 – 3.90), overall AE (OR 0.60 95% CI 0.33 – 1.09) and cholangitis (OR 0.59 95% CI 0.09 – 3.81). PEP rate was higher in the ERCP-BD group (OR 0.07 95% CI 0.01 – 0.36). There was a trend in the procedure time favoring the EUS-BD group but not reaching statistical significance (MD -0.44 95% CI -11.64 – 0.75). Stent survival was higher in the ERCP-BD group (HR 1.90 95% CI 1.13 – 3.22) while there was not a statistically significant difference in patients survival (HR 0.97 95% CI 0.25 – 3.86).

**Conclusions** EU-BD was equal to ERCP-BD in efficacy and safety although EU-BD appears to be associated with a lower rate of PEP and a trend in lower procedure time while ERCP-BD had higher stent survival rates. Further RCTs are needed before a firm conclusion can be made.

**OP275 MANAGEMENT OF COMPLEX BILIARY LEAK BY ENDOSCOPIC DRAINAGE WITH TRANSMURAL OR TRANSPAPILLARY-TRANSFISTULAR ACCESS**

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**Aims** Biliary leak (BL) occurs often after hepatobiliary surgery. ERCP with biliary sphincterotomy and/or placement of a biliary stent or nasobiliary catheter is the first therapeutic option. Some complex cases might resist to conventional treatment. We report our experience of biloma drainage with transpapillary/transfistulatory (TP/TF) or EUS assisted-transmural (TM) access.

**Methods** This is a retrospective analysis from January 2007 to December 2016. BL diagnosis was based on imaging or bile outflow from surgical drain. Patients who responded to conventional ERCP treatment were excluded. Baseline characteristics, radiologic, procedural and follow-up data were collected. TP/TF was performed by the placement of double pigtail stent during ERCP. For TM, plastic DPT stents were placed under EUS control.

**Results** We identified 30 patients (males 57%, median 55 years) with BL treated by TF/TP or TM drainage. BL resulted from hepatectomy (50%) and nasobiliary catheter placement in the majority of cases. Pain and sepsis were the common symptoms at presentation in 66% and 70% respectively. The drain was present in 90% of patients had a mean daily bile flow before endoscopy of 300 cc (40 – 1600). The median between the date of surgery and endoscopic treatment was 54 (10 – 1144) days. TM drainage was performed in 14 patients by transgastric (8) or transduodenal (6) route. 86% required a unique session with one stent (10) or 2 stents (4). TP/TF drainage was performed in 16 patients, needing one, two or more interventions in 75, 25 and 31%. Fol-
low-up was available for 21 patients at three months. In those patients, collection regression occurred in 52% of cases (TM: 6; TF: 5) and 57% (TM: 6; TF: 6) were free of sepsis and weaned from percutaneous drain. Redo surgery was necessary for 2 patients. Two patients died due to early complications related to endoscopic treatment (vascular/pericardial erosion).

**Conclusions**

Transfistular/transpapillary or transmural drainage is technically feasible in experienced centers and might avoid redo-biliary surgery.

**OP276 EUS-GUIDED VS PERCUTANEOUS DRAINAGE FOR ACUTE CHOLEDANCYSTITIS IN HIGH-RISK PATIENTS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS**

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**Aims**

EUS-guided gallbladder drainage (EUS-GBD) is an alternative treatment for acute cholecystitis in patients unfit for surgery when transpapillary drainage fails. Percutaneous cholecystostomy (PT-GBD) offers an alternative temporary measure with clinical success rates over 95% in acute cholecystitis; however, it is associated with high morbidity. A meta-analysis was performed to compare the clinical outcome of EUS-GBD and PT-GBD for acute cholecystitis in high-risk patients.

**Methods**

A medical literature search using Embase, Pubmed and Cochrane was performed, aimed at identifying studies comparing EUS-GBD and PT-GBD in patients with acute cholecystitis at high surgical risk. Outcome measures were clinical and technical success, overall AE and type of AE, re-admission, recurrence and re-intervention rate, mortality and pain score. Results were reported as mean differences or pooled odds ratios (OR) with 95% confidence intervals (95% CI). Heterogeneity was assessed by measuring I2.

**Results**

We identified 7 studies (6 observational and 1 RCT) for a total of 805 patients.

EUS-GBD had a greater technical success (OR 0.39 95% CI 0.16–0.97), and lower pain score (MD -2.95 95% CI -2.60; -2.30), re-intervention rate (OR 0.24 95% CI 0.11–0.51) and re-admission to hospital rate (OR 0.21 95% CI 0.12–0.37) compared to PT-GBD. No difference emerged in clinical success (OR 0.68 95% CI 0.38–1.21) adverse events (OR 0.69 95% CI 0.28–1.70) and mortality (OR 1.04, 95% CI 0.35–3.11).

**Conclusions**

EUS-GBD is a safe and effective procedure that reduces the need for re-intervention.

In patients who are poor surgical candidates it should become the first choice treatment in tertiary care centres with expert endoscopists.

**OP277 EUS-GUIDED BILIARY DRAINAGE AFTER ERCP FAILURE IN ONCOLOGY PATIENTS**

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**Aims**

Evaluate the technical and clinical success, survival, patency time of the stents and complications related to the procedure.

**Methods**

A retrospective analysis of consecutive procedures performed between January 2010 and October 2018 in a tertiary oncology hospital. Patients included had unresectable malignant biliary neoplasia and had undergone ERCP without success. Patients submitted to percutaneous transhepatic or surgical drainage were excluded.

**Results**

During the study period, we performed 1,230 ERCP’s. Among the failure cases, 23 (1.9%) patients underwent EUS-GBD. The proportion of female/male patients was 13/10. Median age was 65 years (IQR 56–73). Regarding performance status, 11 (48%) were ECOG 0–1 and 12 (52%) ECOG 2–3. All had advanced neoplasms, stages III (26%) or IV (74%). Regarding the indications of EUS-GBD, 17 had inaccessible papilla, 5 cannulation failure and 2 complete common bile duct stenosis. In relation to the drainage route, 18 had choledochoduodenostomy, 2 hepaticocholedochus 2 rendezvous and 1 hepaticojejunal. We used biliary self-expanding metal stents, 11 (48%) partially covered, 8 (35%) fully covered and 4 (17%) uncovered. Technical success was 100% and clinical success was 74% (N = 17). There were 10 adverse events within 2 weeks: 4 bleedings (2 required transfusion – no deaths); 3 peri-hepatic fluid collections (1 required surgery; 2 died) and 3 cholangitis (2 deaths). 30-day mortality was 35% (8/23 patients). Median survival was 40 days (IQR 19–73). Three (13%) required reintervention due to cholangitis, two of which were submitted to ERCP and one to transhepatic drainage.

**Conclusions**

Considering the advanced cancer context and the factors that may interfere in the outcome of these patients, EUS-biliary drainage is feasible when ERCP fails. It is rarely needed (1.9%) in centers with expertise in ERCP. The clinical success rate and adverse events probably reflects the severity of the patients included.

**OP278 EUS-GUIDED GALLBLADDER DRAINAGE (EUS-GBD) WITH LUMEN-OPPOSING METAL-STENT – BEYOND BILIARY ISSUES. SEDATION AND AIRWAYS MANAGEMENT, ICU ADMISSION AND GENERAL OUTCOMES**

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**Aims**

EUS-guided gallbladder drainage (EUS-GBD) in high-risk surgical patients with acute cholecystitis is a safe procedure, with a high success rate. Several studies have been published dealing with technical, clinical outcomes, procedural adverse events; moreover, comparison with surgery, percutaneous drainage, trans-papillary endoscopic drainage have been performed.

To our knowledge, no data on procedural issues have been clearly stated, in terms of type of sedation administered, airways management, need for ICU admission, length of stay and long-term survival.

**Methods**

We enrolled patients with clinical, biochemical and radiological diagnosis of severe acute cholecystitis, who underwent EUS after being considered contraindicated for surgery at multidisciplinary evaluation. All procedures have been conducted with the supervision of an anesthesiologist.

**Results**

20 patients were considered but in 6 case EUS-GBD was not indicated because of no signs of cholecystitis (no.3), obstructive cholangitis (no.2), no signs of biliary stones or inflammation (no.1). In 14 patients (8 male; 78-year-old [69 – 91]) EUS-GBD was considered indicated; in 1 case, no EUS operative window was identified and the drainage was not performed. Trans-duodenal drainage was performed in 10 out of 13 cases (76.9%). Clinical success was achieved in 11/13 cases (84.6%). 2 patients (14.3%) required ICU admission, before the procedure, because of biliary septic shock. 2 (14.3%) patients required general anesthesia with airways intubation, 9 (64.3%) required deep sedation with propofol while, in 3 cases (21.4%) were managed with fentanyl and midazolam. ICU length of stay was 8 [2 – 14] days; length of stay was 9 [7 – 32] days; in-hospital mortality was 7.1%; 1-month survival was 92.9%; 6-month survival was (6/7) 85.7%. Elective cholecystectomy was performed in 1 patient because of recurrent cholecystitis due stent occlusion.

**Conclusions**

EUS-GBD was a safe and effective technique; the procedure could be performed without general anesthesia and airways intubation in this document was downloaded for personal use only. Unauthorized distribution is strictly prohibited.
most cases (>85%) leading to very low anesthesiological complications and mortality.

**OP279 ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED RENDEZVOUS IN BENIGN BILIARY OR Pancreatic Disorders WITH A 22-GAUGE NEEDLE AND A 0.018-INCH NOVAGOLD GUIDEWIRE**

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**Aims** To assess the efficacy and safety of endoscopic ultrasound-guided rendezvous (EUS-RV) for benign biliary or pancreatic disorders with a 22-gauge needle and a 0.018-inch guidewire.

**Methods** Retrospective study of patients who underwent EUS-RV after failed biliary or pancreatic cannulation for benign disorder. For EUS-RV, a 22-gauge needle and a 0.018-inch Novagold guidewire were used. The primary outcome was the technical success rate and the secondary outcome was the rate of adverse events.

**Results** Thirty-one patients were included (18 men and 13 women, average age (SD) of 71.8 (13.1) years). In 27 cases, the EUS-RV was biliary, and in 4 cases, it was pancreatic. Initial ERCP was performed for bile duct stones (n = 20), benign stenosis (n = 5), biliary leak (n = 2), pancreatic stenosis (n = 1), and the treatment of intraductal lithiasis in chronic pancreatitis (n = 2). Twenty-five (80.6%) patients underwent EUS-RV in the same session after failed ERCP. The reasons for applying EUS-RV were undetectable papilla (n = 3), intraductal papilla (n = 9), and failed cannulation (n = 19).

**Conclusions** EUS-RV may be a safe and feasible salvage method for unsuccessful cannulation for benign disorders. The use of a 22-gauge needle with a 0.018-inch guidewire may be the first option for benign pathology.

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**OP280V ENDOSCOPIC DESTRUCTION OF A LARGE INTRAJEJUNAL BILIARY STONE USING THE POLYPECTOMY SNARE AND HIGH AUTOCUT MODE**

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Biliary stones are usually found in the gallbladder or in the biliary ducts and are sometimes challenging to destroy with mechanical, electrohydraulic or laser lithotripsy. Collection of gallstones in the jejunal limb after duodenopancreatectomy was rarely reported in the literature.

We report here the case of a 66 years-old woman followed up since 1998 after an Imamura's procedure of pancreaticoduodenectomy for an endocrine tumor. In 2014, she was referred for an angiocholitis and a percutaneous radiologic drainage was performed. Biliary stones were removed and a one-year drainage was maintained to calibrate the biliojejunal anastomosis. In 2017, she repeated angiocholitis with acute pain of the hepatic region. An abdominal CT scan revealed a 4 cm radiopaque stone in the afferent jejunal loop responsible of bile duct dilatation.

Endoscopy showed a stenosis of the gastrojejunal anastomosis not passable initially with a scope. After a 12 mm balloon dilatation we explored the afferent loop and found immediately an enormous yellow stone. The capture of the stone was impossible with a 40 mm snare and we thus decided to destroy the stone. We first tried argon plasma coagulation and electromechanical lithotomy but without any effectiveness on the stone. Finally, the tip of a 10 mm snare (Olympus, Tokyo, Japan) was used to damage the stone using the Autocut mode 180W (Erbe, Tuebingen, Germany) to drill and fragment this stone.

After 2 hours of procedure, 80% of the stone were destroyed and we decided to schedule a second endoscopic session. Pain disappeared immediately after the first session and 1 month later, a 1 cm stone remained which was easily fragmented with the same technique.

In conclusion, we report an extremely rare complication after Imamura's procedure treated by endoscopy. Autocut mode 180 watt applied with tip of the snare is a possible technique to split stones to avoid difficult surgery approach.

**OP281V ERCP IN BILIARY PARASITOSIS – FROM DIAGNOSIS TO TREATMENT**

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**Description** We present the video of 4 patients with biliary parasitosis, diagnosed and treated by endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), in a series of more than 3000 CPREs performed in a gastroenterology department (prevalence < 0.14%).

Three of the cases correspond to biliary tree colonization by Fasciola hepatica, and the forms of presentation were recurrent anicteric cholestasis, biliary pancreatitis and obstructive jaundice respectively. In 2 patients, the parasite was removed from the bile duct still alive. Endoscopic treatment was complemented with triclabendazole.

The last case corresponds to a patient with cholangitis. During ERCP, cholangiography showed a long linear opacity suggestive of Ascaris lumbricoides (AL) in the biliary tract. After performing the sphincterotomy, the bile duct was explored with a Dormia basket and a balloon extractor, removing multiple AL already without motility. Endoscopic treatment was supplemented with albendazole.

**Motivation** In Portugal, as in other developed countries, biliary parasitosis are rare diseases. However, the incidence of these infestations appears to be increasing in line with the increase in tourism and immigration. The diagnosis of parasites in the biliary tree is usually performed by ultrasound, computerized tomography, magnetic resonance imaging or even echoendoscopy. ERCP, an essentially therapeutic technique, is used for the removal of these parasites from the bile duct. There are, however, very rare cases in which the diagnosis is made only during ERCP.

With this video we intend to illustrate the typical findings of these parasitosis, in cholangiography and duodenoscopy, as well as to demonstrate the usefulness of this technique in the treatment of biliary obstructions by this etiology.
OP282V  CLIPS + RUBBER BAND COUNTERTRACTION: A NEW SIMPLE METHOD TO ALLOW INTRADIVERTICULAR PAPILLA CANNULATION

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The prevalence of ligation biliary pathologies is high in patients with periampullary diverticula. We report the case of a patient with main bile duct stones, confirmed after EUS examination. The endoscopic view of the duodenal tract showed an intradiverticular papilla. In order to facilitate the exposure of the papilla, we proceed to a counter traction by clip and rubber band. A first Boston Resolution 360 clip, on which was hung a dental rubber band (Ormco Ostrich 19.1 mm) was set up in para-papillary position by the operating channel of the duodenoscope (Olympus). A second clip was introduced into the operator channel to tract the elastic on the outer edge of the duodenum. The papillary exposure was improved and cannulation of the main bile duct was achieved in 3 minutes and 10 seconds with a Boston Jagwire guide wire and a Boston sphincterotome 4.4. After performing a sphincterotomy, the stones were extracted with an balloon and hemostatic compression was performed due to post-sphincterotomy bleeding. The haemostasis was completed by the placement of a covered SEMS Cook Evolution 40 × 10 mm, then by the injection of saline and adrenaline 1/1000.

The use of a pediatric biopsy forceps in the same working channel as the sphincterotomy has been described to pull the infundibulum and facilitate its catheterization. This technique is not easy and the movements of the erector and sphincterotomy are limited by the presence of the pediatric forceps throughout the cannulation tentatives. The use of a counter-traction facilitates the exposure of an intradiverticular papilla and the bile duct cannulation and it allows a higher maneuverability of the erector and the sphincterotomy during the procedure.

The use of a counter-traction by two clips and an elastic can be useful for ERCP in the case of intra-diverticular papilla.

OP283V  DEGENERATED TODANI IA CHOLEDOCHAL CYST

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Introduction Choleodochal cysts are a very rare pathology and malignant transformation is the most serious complication (1).

Case report In a 72-year-old patient with acute cholangitis a Cholangio-NMR (Fig. 1) and abdominal-CT revealed a mass at the cholecodochal-pancreas-duodenum crossroads, dilation of the bile duct up to 38 mm and pancreas divisum. Gastroscopy showed an infiltrated duodenal bulb (biopsies: adenocarcinoma), and an extrinsic luminal bulging.

EUS described a cystic dilation of the common bile duct with solid ehogenic content inside it. The EUS-guided puncture was non-specific. ERCP confirmed an adenomatous papilla (Fig. 2) and a great saccular cyst dilation of the extrahepatic bile duct (Todani Ia). Deep cannulation of the proximal bile duct was possible after a fistulotomy. Stood out that polyloid formations extruded through fistulotomy (Fig. 3); the histopathology was adenoma with dysplasia. A 10 Fr plastic prosthesis was placed to ensure biliary drainage.

Our patient was diagnosed of advanced adenocarcinoma of choledochal cyst and a chemotherapeutic treatment was initiated.

Comments We present this case due to the unusual aggressiveness of tumor infiltration and endoscopic expression. After fistulotomy in bulging papillae output of lithiasis or intraampullary am- puloma are observed in some cases, but the extrusion of neoplastic formations is exceptional.

Choleodochal cysts are associated to an anomalous arrangement of the pancreaticobiliary duct. Pancreas divisum results from a fusion failure of the pancreatic buds. The coexistence of pancreas divisum and choleodochal cyst in adults has been reported in less than 10 well documented cases (2).


OP284V  ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF DIFFICULT BENIGN BILIARY AND PANCREATIC STRictures USING A WIRE-GUIDED CYSTOTOME

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Aim Endoscopic management using standard accessories is the preferred modality for treating benign biliary/pancreatic strictures. However, if there're difficult and severe strictures, the passage of accessories over a guidewire across the stricture isn't feasible. Hence, our aim is to report our experience regarding the use of a standard diathermic dilator (cystotome) to aid in stricture dilation and stent placement in patients with difficult strictures.

Methods We report 4 patients with biliary/pancreatic severe strictures treated with a 6Fr cystotome with metal tip (CystoGastro-set; Endo-flex, Germany). In all cases the cystotome was passed over the guidewire under fluoroscopic guidance and the current was applied until the tip of the cystotome crossed the stricture. Efficacy of stricture dilation was considered when stent placement was achieved with adequate ductal drainage after standard endoscopic therapy failure; safety was considered the absence of complications during 30-day follow-up.

Results In 1 patient with liver transplant (LT) and 1 patient with prior cholecystectomy, a guidewire was passed across the stricture using SpyGlassDS; however, biliary balloon catheter couldn't pass across the stricture so a wire-guided 6Fr-cystotome was used.

In another patient with LT, a guidewire was passed across the papilla by EUS-assisted biliary rendezvous technique. Then, a 6Fr-cystotome was used after a biliary balloon catheter couldn't pass. About pancreatic stricture in a patient with chronic pancreatitis, retrograde cannulation failed, hence EUS-assisted pancreatic rendezvous technique was performed. Once the guidewire passed across the papilla, a pancreatic balloon dilator couldn't pass across the stricture. Then, a wire-guided 6Fr-cystotome was successfully used.

In all cases, after using 6Fr-cystotome, stent placement and duct drainage were successfully achieved; there weren't complications during follow-up.

Conclusion The cystotome can be an effective and safety tool in the management of difficult benign biliary and pancreatic strictures, whereas conventional methods to negotiate stricture have failed.

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OP285V ENDOSCOPIC RENDEZVOUS FOR AN ANASTOMOTIC STRICTURE AFTER HEPATOEJUNOSTOMY

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Aim Anastomotic stenosis of the hepatoejunostomy (HJS) remain a common complication and a major cause of morbidity. (Balloon assisted)-ERCP is the golden standard to treat HJS. In 38 % BE-ERCP is not successful because of the inability to reach and/or cannulate the anastomosis. An alternative is surgical treatment, which is associated with significant morbidity and mortality. Surgery can be contraindicated by ASA3 plus patients. For those patients long term trans hepatic biliary drainage might be a therapeutic option. In this case we show a trans hepatic, cholangioscopy guided reopening of a bilioenteric anastomosis stricture.

Methods We report the case of a 71-year-old female with adenocarcinoma of the papilla, who received a pylorus-sparing pancreaticoduodenectomy and developed a HJS with recurrent cholangitis. Former two surgical revisions and ERCPs failed.

At our center ERCPs with small, long colonoscope and duodenoscope were performed. The HJS were identified at the expected place of the neo-papilla, but biliary cannulation was impossible. In order to obtain biliary drainage a PTCD-Series with a dilation of the bile duct was performed. A cholangioscope was inserted through the PTCD up to the hepatoejunostomosis, which showed a complete stenosis of the anastomosis. In a rendezvous maneuver diaphany was achieved with the colonoscope while the stricture could be re-opened with a needle knife under cholangioscopic control.

Results After a large incision the cholangioscope was able to pass into the small bowel. A transhepatic drainage catheter was placed through the opened HJS. Three months later the re-opened HJS was stabilized and the catheter could be extracted, with a passage of bile through the treated HJS.

Conclusions In certain cases, cholangioscopic incision of the biloenteric anastomosis in a rendezvous maneuver can be an alternative to long term PTCD. For the safely success of the procedure diaphany established with a second endoscope was found to be essential.

OP286V ENDOSCOPIC DEPLOYMENT OF MULTIPLE (≥3) METAL STENTS FOR UNRESECTABLE MALIGNANT HILAR BILIARY STRICTURES: A COMBINATION OF SIDE-BY-SIDE AND STENT-IN-STENT METHODS (WITH VIDEO)

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Aim The endoscopic deployment of multiple (≥3) self-expandable metal stents (SEMS) for high-grade unresectable malignant hilar biliary strictures (UMHBS) is technically challenging. We evaluated the efficacy of endoscopic deployment of multiple SEMS using a combination of side-by-side (SBS) and stent-in-stent (SIS) methods.

Methods Eleven consecutive patients with high-grade UMHBs (mean age: 76 years, male/female: 5/6, Bismuth-Corlette classification IIIa/IV: 7/4) underwent the endoscopic deployment of multiple SEMS using the combination technique. After the initial drainage with endoscopic biliary stenting and/or endoscopic nasobiliary drainage, SEMS were typically deployed as follows.

After selective cannulation using a 0.025-inch guide wire, the SEMS were deployed in the right posterior sectorial duct and the left hepatic duct using the SBS method. Next, a 0.025-inch guide wire was introduced into the right anterior sectorial duct through the mesh of the SEMS on the right side. Then, the mesh of the stent was dilated with a 6-mm balloon, the guide wire was exchanged for a 0.035-inch stift guide wire, and the delivery system was introduced. Finally, another SEMS was deployed in the right anterior sectorial duct using the SIS method.

Results The technical and clinical success rates were 11/11. More than three SEMS were successfully deployed, and obstructive jaundice was fully improved in all cases. Stent occlusion was recognized in 4 of 11 patients (mean: 134 days, range: 28 – 232). Reinterventions for both liver lobes were feasible by passing the guide wire inside the previously placed stents in 3 of 4 patients. The median stent patency was 150 days during a mean follow-up period of 184 days (range: 37 – 558). Three patients developed self-limiting cholangitis without definite stent occlusion as late (>30 days) adverse events.

Conclusion Employing the combination of SBS and SIS methods may facilitate the endoscopic deployment of multiple SEMS to treat high-grade UMHBs.

OP287V ‘CLIP WITH LINE’ TECHNIQUE FOR SUCCESSFUL LUXATION OF THE PAPILLARY ORIFICE FROM A DUODENAL DIVERTICULUM AND SUCCESSFUL CANNULATION

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Aim The endoscopic deployment of multiple SEMS to treat high-grade UMHBs.

Conclusion In some cases DD impede the cannulation of the common BDO. Therefore, the clip with line technique is an easy and affordable option to enable the exploration and if necessary a treatment in the common bile duct.

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OP288 INSPECTION OF THE COLON IN RETROFLEXION USING A RETROGRADE VIEWING ENDOCOSCOPE INCREASES ADENOMA DETECTION RATE

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Aims Adenoma detection rate (ADR) is inversely related to the incidence of interval colorectal cancers and therefore serves as a benchmark criterion for quality assessment during screening or surveillance colonoscopies. Within this study, we evaluated whether additional retrograde inspection of the colon can increase ADR and the number of adenomas per patient.

Methods Patients undergoing screening or surveillance colonoscopies were prospectively enrolled. During colonoscopy, each segment of the colon (cecum and ascending colon, transverse colon, descending and sigmoid colon) were inspected first with HD standard forward view (SFV) followed by inspection of the same segment in retroflected view (RFV) using a dedicated endoscope with a 210° retroflex angulation (Pentax RetroView). Number of adenomas in each segment detected with SFV and RFV as well as withdrawal times with SFV and RFV were recorded.

Results At the time of abstract submission, 44 patients (mean age 58 years, 28 male) were prospectively included. Inspection of the whole colon in retroflexion was possible in all patients. Polyp detection rate (PDR) with SFV was 34% and increased to 45% when additional RFV was performed in each segment. Likewise, ADR increased by 9% when RFV was performed (ADR SFV: 30%, ADR RFV: 39%). Adenoma per patient rate was 1.6 with SFV and increased to 2.3 with additional RFV. Size of the additional adenomas found with RFV ranged from 3 to 10 mm. Withdrawal times were not significantly different between SFV and RFV.

Conclusions Additional retroflexion of the colon using a dedicated endoscope can significantly increase ADR and the number of adenomas found per patient. This approach should be considered during standard colonoscopy to increase ADR and to improve the quality of colonoscopy.

OP289 ADENOMA DETECTION RATE AND COLONOSCOPY INDICATION: BEYOND SCREENING PROCEDURES

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Aims Adenoma detection rate (ADR) is the most important quality measure in screening colonoscopies because it is inversely related to the development of interval cancer and mortality. Minimum standard ADR recommended according to ESGE Guidelines is ≥25%; however, this recommendation’s made for primary screening colonoscopies and it remains unknown whether this cut-off must be the same for other colonoscopy indications. Hence, the aim of this study was to describe the ADR based on procedure indication and to predict the ADR recommended for other indications.

Methods An observational, multicenter and cross-sectional study was conducted between February 2016 and December 2017 across 14 Spanish centers. Four colonoscopy indications have been considered: primary screening colonoscopies, positive fecal immunochemical test (+FIT) (OC-SensorTM; cut-off level 20 μg/g), post-polypectomy surveillance and gastrointestinal symptoms. The ADR was calculated by age group and sex. The ESGE Guideline published in 2017 by Kaminski MF et al has been considered as a reference for ADR recommendations. Logistic regression analysis was used and population proportions and its confidence intervals (95% CI) were calculated using the exact Clopper-Pearson method.

Results A total of 14867 patients were included and the ADR was 38%. According to procedure indications and adjusted by sex and age, statistically significant differences between ADRs were found (p-value=0.001). The ADR in gastrointestinal symptoms was 28.1% (OR 0.76, 95% CI 0.66–0.87), 46.4% (OR 1.50, 95% CI 1.31–1.72) in FIT-based procedures, 48.2% (OR 1.51, 95% CI 1.30–1.76) in endoscopic surveillance compared to 30.8% in primary screening colonoscopies. 95% CI calculated for ADR population proportions were 26.9–29.3% in symptoms, 45.1–47.8% in +FIT endoscopies, 46.1–50.3% in post-polypectomy surveillance and 28.2–33.5% in colonoscopy screening group.

Conclusions ADR significantly differs between colonoscopy indications. According to population proportions, we suggest new minimum standard ADR recommendations when procedure indication differs from primary screening colonoscopy: ≥27% in gastrointestinal symptoms, ≥45% in FIT-based screening and ≥46% in endoscopic surveillance.

OP290 SECOND FRONTAL VIEW VERSUS PROXIMAL RETROFLEXION IN RIGHT COLON IN COLO-RECTAL CANCER SCREENING: MULTICENTRE RANDOMIZED TRIAL

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Aims Colonoscopy, the gold standard for the detection of colorectal cancer, fails to detect 22–28% of polyps, resulting in interval cancer (IC). IC are more frequent in right colon. The aim of this study was to compare second view of right colon with proximal retroflexion to second forward viewing in the detection of colorectal neoplasm in colorectal cancer screening programme. (NCT03041532).

Methods Multicenter Prospective Randomized study of 691 patients referred from the colorectal screening program with a positive fecal occult blood test (FOBT) (October 2016 and October 2018). Patients were randomized to sec-
OP291 CAN WE USE POLYP DETECTION RATE (PDR) ALONE TO DESCRIBE ADEQUATE INSPECTION OF BOWEL MUCOSA?

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Aims The aim of our study was to assess whether polyp detection rate (PDR) correlates with adenoma detection rate (ADR) and with mean adenoma per colonoscopy (APC). Our effort was to determine minimal marginal value for APC.

Methods Prospective multicenter study included asymptomatic individuals aged 45 – 75 who underwent preventive colonoscopy in 2012 – 2016 as part of Czech study monitoring metabolic risk factors of colorectal cancer. Individuals with incomplete colonoscopy and endoscopists with less than 30 colonoscopies and/or no detected adenoma in the observed group were excluded from the study. Spearman’s correlation coefficient was used to assess the relation between individual PDR/ADR and PDR/APC resp. The resulting conversion factors to predict ADR (APC) from PDR were obtained by linear regression.

Results In total, the study included 1,614 preventive colonoscopies performed by 16 endoscopists. Correlation between PDR and both indicators in all preventive colonoscopies was strong and statistically significant (PDR/ADR: Rs 0.82; p < 0.001; PDR/APC: Rs 0.70; p = 0.0027). We used the same method to determine gender-specific and indication-specific PDR/ADR and PDR/APC correlations. In all cases, we demonstrated a strong and statistically significant correlation between PDR and ADR (APC resp.). We obtained conversion factors for both quality indicators: PDR to ADR 0.7185, resp. PDR to APC 0.0123.

Conclusions There is a strong correlation between PDR/ADR as well as between PDR/APC. Because of better availability, PDR may replace ADR and APC in colonoscopy quality assessment. Using our conversion factor we obtained minimal marginal value of APC 0.5 based on 40% minimal marginal value of PDR as recommended by ESGE.

PDR has the potential to increase compliance of endoscopists to quality control, at least until data processing is fully automated. Supported by grants MO1012, Progres Q 28/ LF1 and 17 – 31909A.

OP292 COLONOSCOPY WITH THE SINGLE USE ENDOSCOPE INVENDOSCOPE SC 210 IN ROUTINE CLINICAL PRACTICE

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Aims Healthcare-associated infections linked to re-useable endoscopes was a matter of controversy in the past. In 2008 Invendo Medical presented the first single use endoscope for colonoscopy. With the Invendoscope SC 210 there is now a further development with high definition available. Instead of the classic „wheel and wire“ mechanism this 170 cm colonoscope works with an electro-hydraulic controlled deflecting tip which allows a 180° bending in all directions. A joystick-like handheld control plate is used to navigate the tip. Standard endoscopic devices for interventions can be used over the 3.1 mm working channel. This multicenter study assessed the safety and efficacy of this new endoscope in routine clinical practice.

Methods A total of 40 patients with indication for a colonoscopy were examined with the Invendoscope SC 210 using carbon dioxide insufflation and water instillation on demand. The rate of successful intubation of the coecum and the required time was documented. For the registration of potential perinterventional complications an interview four weeks after colonoscopy took place.

Results 23 men and 17 women were examined with an average age of 65 (± 5.4) years. 35 patients received a sedation with propofol. The coecum was reached in 38 patients (coecal intubation rate of 95%), despite looping of the endoscope in 28 patients. The median time to reach the coecum was 14,23 min (± 7.2 min). The withdrawal time was 10,2 min. In 12 patients (30%) polyps were resected by snare or biopsy forceps. 3 patients (7.5%) complained about abdominal pain after the examination and in one patient a self limiting hemorrhage from the sigma occurred. No major complication occurred.

Conclusions The sterile single use endoscope Invendoscope SC 210 showed a good coecal intubation rate in routine clinical practice with safe resection of polyps as well. For a further evaluation of the effectivity comparative studies with standard colonoscope are warranted.

OP293 ENDOCUFF-ASSISTED COLONOSCOPY INCREASES ADENOMA DETECTION RATE: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

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Aims Endocuff - a plastic device with flexible projections- mounted on the distal tip of the colonoscope, promises improved colonic mucosa inspection. Since data from individual studies are controversial, we aimed to elucidate the effect of Endocuff on adenoma detection rate (ADR), advanced ADR (AADR) and mean adeomas per colonoscopy (MAC).

Methods We performed literature searches in MEDLINE and Cochrane Library for randomized-controlled trials (RCTs) published as full papers in English language evaluating Endocuff-assisted (EAC) versus conventional colonoscopy (CC) in terms of ADR, AADR and MAC. The effect size on study outcomes was calculated using fixed or random effect model, as appropriate, and it is shown as RR (95% CI) or MD (95% CI).

Results We identified 9 studies enrolling 6038 patients. All studies included mixed population (screening, surveillance and diagnostic examinations). In three of them patients with a FOBT/FIT-positive were also included. Seven studies evaluated the first generation device; Endocuff Vision - the second...
generation device—was used in 2 studies. All studies reported on ADR and EAC was associated with increased ADR compared to CC [RR (95% CI)=1.19 (1.07 – 1.33); I²= 71%] and EAC benefits more endoscopists with ADR ≤35% compared to those with ADR > 35% [RR (95% CI)= 1.37 (1.11 – 1.69); I²= 51% versus 1.12 (0.99 – 1.26); I²=74%]. Data from 7 studies did not detect any difference in terms of AADR and MAC between EAC and CC [RR (95% CI)= 1.01 (0.84 – 1.20); I²=8% and MD (95% CI)= 0.30 (0.17 – 0.78); I²=99%]. Sub group analysis did not show any difference between the two device generations for any of the three endpoints.

**Conclusions** Endocuff-assisted colonoscopy increases adenoma detection rate compared to conventional colonoscopy. Endoscopists with lower ADR benefit more from Endocuff use.

**OP294 ENDORINGS ASSISTED COLONOSCOPY VERSUS STANDARD COLONOSCOPY FOR POLYP DETECTION IN SYMPTOMATIC AND ASYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS: A RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIAL**

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**Aims** The Endorings is a distal attachment consisting of two layers of circular flexible rings that exert mucosal folds. Aims; to investigate if Endorings Colonoscopy (ER) improves polyp and adenoma detection compared to standard colonoscopy (SC).

**Methods** This multi-centre, parallel group, randomized controlled trial included screening, surveillance and symptomatic patients. Primary outcome; number of polyps per patient. Secondary outcomes; number of adenomas per patient, adenoma/polyp detection rates and withdrawal times.

**Results** Total of 556 patients (214 females, 342 males) randomized to ER (275) or SC (281). Mean age 67. Colonoscopy completed 532/556 (96%) cases. EndoRings removed in 74/275 (27%) patients. In 66/74 (89%) cases removal was performed due to difficulties with sigmoid intubation. Remanin removed to facilitate retroflexion or polyp removal/retrieval. Total number of polyps in ER limb 571 vs. 443 in SC limb. Total number of adenomas in ER limb 361 vs. 343 for SC limb. Our study showed a statistically significant difference in the mean number of polyps per patient in both the Intention To Treat (ITT) (1.8 SC vs. 2.1 ER, p-value 0.02) and Per Protocol (PP) (1.8 SC vs. 2.25 ER, p-value 0.009).

**Tab. 1** Intention to Treat Analysis

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<td>Mean polyps per patient</td>
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<td>Mean adenomas per patient</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>1.3</td>
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<td>Polyp detection rate</td>
<td>67.5%</td>
<td>75.2%</td>
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<td>Adenoma detection rate</td>
<td>57%</td>
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There was a trend towards a greater polyp detection rate in the ER colonoscopy (67.5% SC vs. 75.2% ER, p-value 0.05).

**Conclusions** Despite the high removal rate of Endorings, there was a statistically significant increase in the mean number of polyps in the ER limb compared to the SC limb. Our study shows promise for the EndoRings device to improve polyp detection.

**OP295 RETROFLEXION IN THE ASCENDING COLON IS A COSTLESS ENDOSCOPIC MANEUVER INCREASING ADENOMA DETECTION RATE**

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**Aims** Missing polyps during colonoscopy is an important factor for the appearance of interval cancers especially in the ascending colon (AscCol). Study aim: Evaluate the contribution of retroflexion to polyp/adenoma detection.

**Methods** Consecutive patients with complete colonoscopy were prospectively evaluated for polyp detection in the AscCol. Protocol of AscCol examination for polyp detection: 1st Phase (Forward view – FrwV)= Insertion from the right flexure (RFx) to the caecum followed by withdrawal till the RFx and reinsertion to the caecum. 2nd Phase (Retroflexion): U-turn of the colonoscope in the caecum till the RFx, redressing to the FrwV and reinsertion to the caecum.

**Statistics** McNemar’s test, logistic regression model to identify factors associated with per-patient adenoma miss rate.

**Results** 628 out of 655 patients with successful RFx (95.9%) were analyzed, mean age 62.5 years, 49.52% males, indication for colonoscopy: screening 33.6%, follow-up 35.67%, diagnostic assessment 30.73%, with poor preparation < 1%. Adenoma detection rate (ADR) for the entire colon was 54.14% [Screening (42.2%), Follow-up (62.0%) Diagnostic (58.0%), p < 0.01]. In total 269 polyps and 205 adenomas were detected in the AscCol. FrwV identified 148 polyps and 119 adenomas yielding a polyp and ADR in the AscCol of 16.72% (95% C.I:13.8 – 19.64) and 13.38% (95% C.I:10.7 – 16.0) respectively. Retroflexion identified 121 more polyps and 86 adenomas improving the polyp detection and ADR in the AscCol to 28.66% (95% C.I:25.13 – 32.2) and 22.9% (95% C.I:19.04 – 25.5) respectively, (p < 0.01). Adenoma miss rate was 42% (86/205) and per patient adenoma miss rate was 11.62%. Retroflexion improves ADR mainly in the upper third of the AscCol (p < 0.01). Multi-variate analysis showed that age > 60 years, adenoma detection ADR in FrwV and indication “Follow-up” and previous surgery influenced ADR with retroflexion.

**Conclusions** Retroflexion in the ascending colon is a simple and safe maneuver that substantially increases the ADR in the ascending colon, especially towards the right flexure.

**OP296 ONLY LINKED COLOR IMAGING INCREASES COLOR CONTRAST BETWEEN COLON POLYPS AND SURROUNDING MUCOSA**

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**Aims** Evaluation of color difference between colon adenoma and surrounding mucosa as a potential explanation of higher detection rate. HD-white light endoscopy (WLE) is the gold standard in the detection of colon adenoma. Virtual chromoendoscopy cannot improve adenoma detection. Recently linked color imaging (LCI) was developed which is combining special light and a post processing in one imaging modality. First study results show a better visibility and a higher adenoma detection rate using LCI.

**Methods** Prospective acquisition of images from adenoma in the three light modes WLE, Blue Light Imaging (BLI) and LCI.

Transformation of the images into L’+a’+b’ color space. Measurement of color at areas of 31 × 31 pixels, two inside the polyp and 2 in the surrounding mucosa each. Calculation of the color difference according to the Delta E (Lab) Method.

We used paired t-test for statistical analysis.

**Results** In total 90 polyps were evaluated. Delta-E in WLE was lowest (12.34 ± 6.73). The highest Delta-E value was calculated for LCI (16.83 ± 10.85). The
The reported use of HD scope alone appears to produce a worse PDR than HD scope monitors used alone (38.3% (98/256) vs. 51.5% (50/97); p = 0.058). The difference between WLE and LCI was not significant. The difference between LCI and BLI was highly significant (p < 0.001). The difference between BLI and Delta-E was not significant.

**Conclusions** Only linked color imaging leads to a significant increase of the color contrast of colon adenoma. This is a useful explanation for the reported increased adenoma detection rate using LCI.

**OP297 USE OF HIGH-DEFINITION EQUIPMENT IMPROVES POLYP DETECTION RATE: OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EUROPEAN COLONOSCOPY QUALITY INVESTIGATION (ECQI) QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**Aims** To assess the influence of the use of high-definition (HD) equipment on polyp detection rate (PDR) using questionnaire responses from across Europe.

**Methods** The development of the procedure questionnaire, by the European Colonoscopy Quality Investigation (ECQI) Group, has been previously described in posters presented at UEGW, 2015 and 2016. Data collection is an ongoing process: we analysed data collected between 2/6/16 and 30/4/18. The ESGE definition of PDR was used: all screening and diagnostic colonoscopies in patients aged ≥ 50 years were included in our database. A polyp was considered detected if there was a positive answer to ‘Polyp detected’ in any colon segment, or a polypometry was reported under ‘Endoscopic intervention’.

A univariate binary logistic regression model was used to determine the effect of use of HD equipment on PDR.

**Results** 3335 of 6445 procedures met the criteria for PDR analysis, 2975 of which provided information upon their use (or not) of HD equipment. PDR was higher in procedures where HD equipment was used: 44.2% (957/2166) vs. WLE was not significant. The difference between WLE and LCI was highly significant (p = 0.002).

**Conclusions** The use of HD equipment is associated with a reduced PDR. The reported use of HD scope alone appears to produce a worse PDR than HD monitor/screen either with or without HD scope.

**OP298 FEASIBILITY AND LONG-TERM EFFICACY OF ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF GASTROINTESTINAL STROMAL TUMORS IN UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT**

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**Aims** Endoscopic resection has been introduced for the treatment of subepithelial tumors (SETs) in the upper gastrointestinal tract (UGIT). We aimed in this study to investigate the feasibility and long-term efficacy of endoscopic resection of gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) in UGIT.

**Methods** Between March 2005 and February 2018, 126 cases of GIST in UGIT were resected. We retrospectively analyzed clinicopathologic parameters and recurrence rate.

**Results** Mean age was 57.6 ± 12.4 years, and male: female ratio was 50:76. Fifty-one tumors (40.5%) were located in the 40.5% on body of stomach, followed by 34 (27.0%) on fundus, 24 (19.0%) on cardia, and 16 (12.7%) on antrum. One hundred four cases (82.5%) was resected by endoscopic submucosal dissection, followed by endoscopic mucosal resection in 10 (7.9%), and endoscopic submucosal tunnel dissection in eight (6.3%). Endoscopic full thickness resection was performed in three cases (2.4%). In terms of complication, eight macroperforation (6.3%), eight microperforation (6.3%), and seven major bleeding (5.6%) were noted. According to the National Institutes of Health classification, 64 patients (50.8%) were corresponding to very low risk, followed by low risk 42 (33.3%), intermediate risk 14 (11.1%) and high risk six (4.8%). En bloc resection rate was 72.2% (91/126), and R0 resection rate was 22.2% (28/126). R1 resection rate was 68.3% (86/126) and R2 resection rate was 7.1% (9/126). Among 68 patients who were followed-up longer than 12 months, two patients (2.9%) showed recurrence during 31.7 months of follow-up period.

**Conclusions** Endoscopic resection of GIST appears to be a feasible procedure with relatively low rate of recurrence, even low R0 resection rate.

**OP299 TUNNEL DISSECTION AS A TREATMENT OPTION IN PATIENTS WITH GASTROINTESTINAL STROMAL TUMORS**

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**Aims** To evaluate the effectiveness of submucosal tunnel dissection in treating patients with gastrointestinal stromal tumors.

**Methods** Since March 2014 twenty four patients with gastrointestinal stromal tumors were operated using a tunneling method. There were three men and twenty one women. Twenty seven tumors were removed in total. The average age of patients was 62.8 years. We operated patients with primary tumors, as well as patients who were under follow-up for a long time. The indication for surgery for the latter was a negative dynamics according to endosonography including increasing in size and changes in structure of the tumor. The average size of tumor was nineteen mm. The main point of surgery is the formation of tunnel in submucosal space through mucosal incision and enucleation of

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tumor preserving the integrity of capsule. Patients were maintained in the supine position, and general anesthesia was administered using mechanical ventilation.

Results Intraoperative carboxyperitoneum occurred in four cases, it was resolved by abdominal decompression with the help of Verres needle. No other intraoperative or postoperative complications were observed. Patients were discharged the next day after surgery. Immunohistochemistry assay demonstrated sixteen gastrointestinal stromal tumors (nine specimens of low risk, seven of intermediate risk). In eight patients immunohistochemistry confirmed leiomyomas.

Conclusions Endoscopic tunnel operations are technically feasible and can be used as a surgical treatment of subepithelial tumors of myogenic origin. Moreover, a minor access significantly reduces the number of complications and a period of patients’ rehabilitation after operation.

OP300 IMPLEMENTATION OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (ESD) IN EUROPE – SURVEY AFTER ESD EXPERT TRAINING WORKSHOPS 2009 – 2018

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Aims To obtain information on implementation of ESD in participating centres of ten experimental ESD Training Workshops in Salzburg [Dig Endosc 2011;23:282 – 89].

Methods ESD WORKSHOPS lasted 3.3 days under instruction by international experts, 177 trainees from 135 referral centers had participated once or twice. A brief questionnaire was mailed to participants of all 135 centres and reported data (n, %) analyzed.

Results Completed data from 77 of 135 centers (57%), information on zero ESD from 32 (24%), no information from 26 (19%). ESD had been implemented without supervision by expert during initial learning. Nineteen (17%) of 109 centres had performed >150 ESD (professional level), 27 (25%) had 31 – 150 ESD (competent level), and 32 (29%) each had ≤30 ESD (initial learning) and zero ESD, resp.. Outcome (% as median, range) of centres on initial learning (n = 425 ESD) is compared to centers with >30 ESD (n = 5439): ESD en-bloc was 75 [40 – 80%] vs. 85 [49 – 100%], conversion to hybrid-ESD 20 [0 – 100%] vs. 11 [0 – 51%] and to piecemeal-EMR 5 [0 – 45%] vs. 4 [0 – 15%]. Majority (65 – 70%) of ESD were in colorectum (35% malignant lesions) with low risk and satisfactory oncological outcome – even during initial learning (s. table). Overall, 30 day morbidity was 0.6 ± 2.2% (stenoses), and mortality 0.04% (2 cases).

Tab. 1 Outcome of implementation of ESD (median, [range])

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<td>Competent ESD (≥30)</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>0.9 (mean 1.6)</td>
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<td>(46 centres)</td>
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Conclusions ESD has been implanted at least in 46 centres across Europe on competent or professional level, with low risk during unsupervised learning. The majority (65 – 70%) are colorectal ESD, even during initial learning.

OP301 COMPARISON OF NON-EXPOSURE SIMPLE SUTURING ENDOSCOPIC FULL-THICKNESS RESECTION (NESS-EFTR) AND LECS FOR GASTRIC SUBEPITHELIAL TUMORS

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Aims Laparoscopy and endoscopic cooperative surgery (LECS) has the limitation of tumor exposure to peritoneal cavity. Recently, endoscopic full-thickness resection (EFTR) method which does not expose the tumor to peritoneal cavity (NESS-EFTR) was developed. We evaluated the NESS-EFTR technique with LECS.

Methods We compared the outcomes of two prospective trials (with LECS or NESS-EFTR) for the resection of gastric subepithelial tumor. NESS-EFTR procedure including steps of laparoscopic seromuscular suturing which results in inversion of the stomach wall, EFTR of the inverted stomach wall, and finally, endoscopic mucosal suturing with endoloops and clips. Fifteen patients were prospectively enrolled in both studies, respectively. Primary outcome was the rates of complete resection. Follow-up endoscopy was performed 3 months after EFTR.

Results A total of 11 (NESS-EFTR) and 14 patients (LECS) could be analyzed. The tumors were located at cardia in 64% (7/11) and 35.7% (5/14) of each group (p = 0.24). The tumor sizes (median) were not different between two groups (2.2 in NESS-EFTR and 2.6 cm in LECS, p = 0.12). The rate of complete resection was 100% in both groups. Total operation time (mean ± SD) is longer in NESS-EFTR group than that of LECS (198 ± 62 vs. 119 ± 36 minutes, p = 0.001). There is no complication except a transient fever in NESS-EFTR group. Peritoneal recurrence of GST was occurred in a patient of LECS group after 17 months after operation.

Conclusions NESS-EFTR and LECS were successful in all patients. NESS-EFTR has the longer operation time, but has an advantage of non-exposure of tumor to peritoneal cavity. Further large scale long-term follow-up study is needed.

OP302 LONG-TERM CLINICAL OUTCOMES OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (ESD) IN GASTRIC EPITHELIAL LESIONS: A SPANISH SINGLE-CENTER COHORT

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Aims To analyze recurrence rates at 5-year follow-up after gastric ESD in a cohort of patients, according to different variables.

Methods Patients with gastric epithelial lesions who underwent ESD were included from a Spanish single referral center. Prospective data (from 2008 to 2015) were collected about patients and lesions characteristics. Kaplan-
Results 49 patients with gastric ESD were initially included. 14 cases were excluded: 2 cases with positive vertical margin (VM+) because of need of surgery; 3 cases with no epithelial lesions and 9 cases lost follow-up. Finally, data from 35 patients were analyzed. Most frequent location was lower third (62.9%) and morphology Type 0-Ila+c (34.3%). Median size lesion was 26 mm. The main histology was Vienna 4 (48.5%) and Vienna 5 (34.3%). Median follow-up was 33.62 months (range 6–60). R0 resection rate was 80% and block resection rate was 85.7%. Two cases had LM+ and 5 cases LM unknown (20%). Local recurrence rate at 5 years was 11.4% (4 patients). A second ESD was performed in two of these cases. Recurrence rate was higher in LM+ and piecemeal resection groups, without statistical significance (p = 0.057 and p = 0.48 respectively). Disease-free-survival rate was 88.6%. No patient required surgery and no cancer gastric related death was reported.

Conclusions In our study the disease-free-survival rate at 5 years was 88.6%. Lateral margins involvement and piecemeal resection were associated with higher recurrence rate (p = 0.057 and p = 0.48) ESD can achieve high rates of long-term curative treatment in our cohort.

OP303 FEASIBILITY OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION USING DETACHABLE ROBOTIC ASSISTIVE DEVICE

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Aims Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is a standard treatment treatment of early gastric cancer without lymph node dissection. However, ESD still takes longer procedure time and ESD related complications still exist. One of those reason is that there is no proper counter-traction during procedure. Many ways have been tried to overcome these limitations. Recently, our research team developed Endoscopic Assistive Robot (EAR). In this study, we improved previous Endoscopic assistive robot and conducted an in vivo test to evaluate the efficacy and safety of our device.

Methods We perform ESD was performed to imaginary gastric lesions in nonsurvival porcine models using our novel robotic assistive device. EAR can be mounted on GIF-Q260 endoscope and can be passed through overtube to porcine stomach, making it possible for clinical use. We devised two groups, conducted by experts and novice. We measured the time required to complete the ESD and complications involving perforation and significant bleeding in each group.

Results Total 12 cases of ESD were done. 2 cases were conventional ESD, each 5 cases were ESD with EAR by expert and novice. There was no significant difference in total procedure time per width, but dissection time was faster than robot ESD. There was no significant time difference between experts and novice. No perioperative complications occurred during the procedure.

Conclusions Our endoscopic assistive robot reduced dissection time and show its safety. Our robotic device could be helpful, especially in novice endoscopist.

OP305 LONG TERM SURVIVAL OF EARLY GASTRIC CANCER WITH SUBMUCOSAL INVASION AFTER ESD

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Aims Clinical outcome of early gastric cancer (EGC) with submucosal (SM) invasion after endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is not fully elucidated. Additional surgery may decrease the mortality by lymph node metastasis, but can be an overtreatment for some patients with SM invasion gastric cancer. We investigated the clinical outcome for SM invasion gastric cancer after ESD.

Methods ESD was performed for 1559 lesions of EGC at our hospital between July 2006 to August 2018. 145 lesions were histopathologically diagnosed as tubular adenocarcinoma with submucosal invasion. Based on the Japanese guideline, we recommended the patients to undergo radical surgery or be followed up without additional treatment. Concretely, the patients whose histopathological findings revealed SM invasion depth were shallower than 500 μm, lymphatic and vascular invasion were negative, and horizontal and vertical margin were negative were followed up without additional treatment. Other patients were recommended to undergo radical surgery. Patients were divided into radical surgery group (n = 76) and no additional treatment group (n = 70). We retrospectively analyzed the disease-specific survival (DSS) and disease-free survival (DFS) in both groups.

Results 3 year and 5 year DSS are 98.4% and 98.4% in radical surgery group, and 100% and 100% in no additional treatment group. 3 year and 5 year DFS
were 97.4% and 97.4% in radical surgery group, and 98.1% and 98.1% in no additional treatment group, respectively. There are no statistically significant differences between the radical surgery group and no additional treatment group in DSS and DFS. Local recurrence rate was 2.6% in the radical surgery group and 1.4% in no additional treatment group.

Conclusions This study demonstrates that the patients of SM invasion gastric cancer after ESD revealed high long term survival. The decision of treatment strategy based on the Japanese guideline seemed to be appropriate for SM invasion gastric cancer.

OP307 ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION FOR GASTROINTESTINAL NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS: A BICENTRIC PROSPECTIVELY COLLECTED WESTERN PRELIMINARY EXPERIENCE

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Aims Selected gastrointestinal (GI) neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) are suitable for endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) but its efficacy and safety in western countries are limited. The aim of this study is to review two European centers experience of endoscopic treatment of superficial GI NET by ESD.

Methods Clinical and technical data of patients treated by ESD from two tertiary European centers were prospectively collected from October 2014 to November 2018. Complete resection (R0) was defined as clear lateral and vertical margins.

Results Twenty-three ESDs of NET were performed in 21 patients (males 38%, mean age of 56 years. The majority of the lesions were located in the stomach (68%) followed by the rectum (26%), esophagus (4%) and duodenum (4%). For gastric NETs, 87% were associated to atrophic gastritis and 53% to previous history of multiples NETs. Complete endoscopic resection by en-bloc resection was achieved in all patients (100%). R0 resection rate was 71% (91% clear lateral and 73% clear vertical margins).

Median ESD duration time was of 60 min (20–240). Two cases presented small perforations, treated conservatively by antibiotics and clip closure. The median specimen size was of 25 (12–50) mm. Pathological examination showed 56% grade 1 NETs, 36% grade 2 and 4% grade 3. Fifteen lesions were characterized as pT1 (75%). Three patients were candidates for additional treatment: one received EMR for additional known lesions, one underwent surgery with oncological lymph node resection (finally pT2N1) and the one refused systematic therapy. Two cases of recurrence were identified at the end of a median follow-up of 18 months: one was managed endoscopically while the second refused treatment.

Conclusions Our series of ESD for selected GI NETs showed favorable results in term of efficacy and safety. However, further studies are needed to determine the role of ESD compared to other resection modalities.

OP308 MOLECULAR ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING FOR DETECTION OF BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS (BE) USING NANOPARTICLES

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Aims Early detection of BE may allow for more effective surveillance. Molecular endoscopic imaging (MEI) permits visualization of disease-specific molecular alterations. Past studies on MEI have used antibodies for detection of disease-specific targets. In contrast, nanoparticles can be coated with stronger fluorophores and can also be loaded with ligands to multiple biomarkers. To date, no data is available on the use of nanoparticles for MEI.

We aimed to assess the diagnostic applicability of MEI with nanoparticles for diagnosis of Barrett’s metaplasia. In addition, we aimed to compare the results with traditional MEI using specific labeled Muc-2 antibodies and histology.
**Conclusions**

The disadvantageous effect of non-adherence to guideline recommendations may be limited with respect to endoscopic resectability of EAC and mortality. These results are in line with the lack of evidence underpinning the guideline. Despite the proven effectiveness of the Seattle protocol, it is time-consuming and error-prone due to non-adherence. Other strategies should be evaluated to estimate the neoplastic progression risk.

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**OP310 FEASIBILITY, SAFETY, TOLERABILITY AND DOSE-RELATED EFFICACY OF A NOVEL CRYOBALLOON SWIPE ABLATION (CBSAS₉₀) DEVICE IN DYSLAPLASIC BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS**

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**Aims**

Cryoballoon ablation is endoscopic cryotherapy for Barrett’s esophagus (BE), which offers potential advantages over heat-based ablation. Focal CBA has been promising for limited BE, whereas the novel 90°-swipe CBA (CBSAS₉₀) ablates larger areas (90° over 3 cm) in a single-step. The controller software allows for dose adjustment (rate at which the diffuser traverses the 3 cm long catheter axis while emitting cryogen). CBSAS₉₀ has been feasible and safe in animal and pre-esophagectomy studies. This is the first clinical study to assess feasibility, safety and efficacy of CBSAS₉₀ for dysplastic BE.

**Methods**

Patients with flat BE (≤ 3 cm) and low/high-grade dysplasia (LGD/HGD) or residual BE after endoscopic resection (ER) were enrolled. We started dose-finding with semi-circumferential treatment at dose 1 (0.8 mm/s). This was escalated with 0.1 mm/s (N = 6 per dose) until the dose resulted in BE regression ≥ 80% without dose-related SAEs (DR-SAEs). This effective dose (ED) was confirmed with circumferential treatment (N = 12). DR-SAEs included severe pain ≥ 7 days or stenosis. Pain (VAS 0 – 10) and dysphagia (0 – 4) were evaluated at days 0, 1, 7 & 30. Outcomes were technical success, DR-SAEs and efficacy (BE regression at 8-weeks follow-up).

**Results**

Twenty-five patients were included (median Prague COM3, 20% prior ER). Technical success was 92% (23/25pts). Device malfunctions occurred in 8%, all resolved with replacement. BE regression was 78% (IQR 68 – 86) for dose 1 (0.8 mm/s) and 85% (IQR 75 – 95) for dose 2 (0.7 mm/s), which was in turn defined as ED. Circumferential treatment with the ED resulted in 94% (IQR 89 – 97) BE regression. However, 2 patients (17%) developed a stenosis after circumferential treatment (1& dilatations). Median pain scores were 3 (IQR 1 – 5), 1 (0 – 2), 0 (0 – 0) and 0 (0 – 0) at days 0, 1, 7 & 30 respectively. Median dysphagia scores were 0 at all days.

**Conclusions**

CBSAS₉₀ is feasible and a promising tool for ablating larger areas of dysplastic BE. However, because of concerns with respect to strictures, the dose that optimally balances efficacy and safety needs further evaluation in larger studies with direct circumferential treatment.
OP311 EVALUATION OF THE INTEROBSERVER CONCORDANCE OF THE ENDOSCOPIC CLASSIFICATION OF INTRAPAPILLARY CAPILLARY LOPS FOR ESOPHAGEAL SQUAMOUS CELLS CARCINOMA OF THE JAPAN ESOPHAGEAL SOCIETY

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Aims Endoscopic evaluation of superficial esophageal squamous cancer (ESCC) is crucial to estimate the invasion depth and decide the most appropriate therapeutic strategy. Recently, the JES published a new magnifying endoscopic (ME) classification to predict the invasion depth of SESCC based on microvessels morphology, with a reported accuracy of up to 90%. The objective of this study was to evaluate the inter and intra-observer agreement of the JES classification in a Western oncological center.

Methods Images from 30 lesions with suspected ESCC were accessed by ten endoscopists according to the JES classification. Five observers were familiar with the new JES classification and had performed over 100 ME-BLI examinations, and five observers had limited experience with ME-BLI and/or JES classification.

Results Overall interobserver agreement of JES classification was substantial (0.61). Kappa level was 0.46 (moderate agreement) among Experienced endoscopists, and 0.51 (moderate agreement) among non-experienced. Agreement was poorer in B1/B2 lesions and there was a trend towards overstaging the lesions.

Conclusions Our study was the first to evaluate the interobserver concordance of the endoscopic classification of intrapapillary capillary loops for esophageal cells carcinoma of Japan Esophageal Society in a Western center. We demonstrated only a moderate interobserver agreement in both experienced and inexperienced endoscopist. Our results differ from what was observed in eastern studies and may reflect the learning curve in the interpretation of IPCL images.

OP312 INDIVIDUALS’ PREFERENCES FOR ESOPHAGEAL CANCER SCREENING STRATEGIES: A DISCRETE CHOICE EXPERIMENT

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Aims Screening for esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC) and its precursor Barrett’s esophagus could possibly reverse the increasing incidence of EAC. Our objective was to determine individuals’ preferences for EAC screening and to assess to what extent procedural characteristics of screening tests predict willingness for screening participation.

Methods A discrete choice experiment questionnaire was sent by mail to 1000 individuals aged 50 to 75 who were randomly selected from the municipal registry of Nijmegen. Each subject answered 12 discrete choice questions of two screening tests comprised of five attributes: EAC-related mortality risk reduction, procedure-related pain and discomfort, location, test specificity, and costs. A multinomial logit model was used to estimate preferences for each attribute level and to calculate relative importance scores of each attribute and expected uptake rates.

Results In total, 375 patients (37.5%) completed the questionnaire. Test specificity had the highest impact on respondents’ preferences, accounting for 27.2%, followed by pain and discomfort (26.8%), and mortality reduction (24.6%). The average expected uptake of EAC screening was 62.8% (95% CI: 61.1–64.5). Heavy pain and discomfort had the largest impact on screening uptake (-22.8%; 95% CI: -26.8–-18.7) (Table 1). Male gender (OR: 1.86; P = 0.05), health status (OR: 0.18; P = 0.03), endoscopy experience (OR: 2.07; P = 0.02), and upper gastrointestinal symptoms (OR: 1.13; P = 0.001) were significantly associated with screening participation.

Conclusions Understanding individuals’ preferences for EAC screening tests helps to further design the optimal screening modality by selecting the attributes that maximize attendance. Based on our results, an optimal screening test should have a high specificity, cause no or low to moderate pain or discomfort and result in a decrease in EAC-related mortality.

OP313 ENDOSCOPIC CRYBALLOON ABLATION IS SAFE, WELL-TOLERATED AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE IN THE ERADICATION OF ESOPHAGEAL SQUAMOUS CELL NEOPLASIA

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Aims Globally, 80% of all esophageal cancers are squamous cell cancer (ESCC), arising from squamous cell neoplasia (ESCN). Although patients with ESCC have poor prognosis, curative endoscopic treatment can be performed for ESCN. ESCN mainly occurs in developing countries, with limited endoscopic expertise and resources. Hence, an easy-to-use, low-cost treatment would be of great value. The cryoballoon focal ablation system (CbFAS) is a novel endoscopic ablation therapy that comprises a portable handle with a through-the-scope catheter containing a conformable balloon. The balloon is simultaneously inflated and cooled, resulting in ice patches of ± 2 cm². CbFAS is easy to use and requires no capital equipment. We aimed to assess the safety, tolerability and efficacy of CbFAS for eradicating ESCN.

Methods In this prospective trial, patients with one flat-type unstained lesion (USL) on Lugol’s chromoscopy, < 6 cm and < 50% of the circumference with moderate/high-grade intraepithelial neoplasia (MGIN/HGIN) were enrolled. At baseline, the lesion was treated with side-by-side ablations of 10 seconds. Safety phone calls were performed at days 2, 7 and 30. Follow-up endoscopies with biopsies and retreatment for persisting lesions were performed at 3 month intervals. All patients underwent a 12-months endoscopy.

Results We enrolled 80 patients (59 MGIN, 21 HGIN) with a USL of median 3 (IQR 3 – 4) cm. Median 5 (4 – 7) side-by-side ablations were performed per patient, over a median ablation time of 8 (5 – 10) minutes. After a single
treatment, 70/78 patients (90%) exhibited CR and 8/78 (10%) had residual USL and were retreated; all had CR 3 months later. At 12 months, 76/78 patients (97%) exhibited CR whereas 2 patients had a recurrent MGIN. No strictures or serious adverse events occurred. Post-procedure median VAS was 1/0/0 at days 2/7/30.

Conclusions Results of our prospective cohort study in China suggest that CbFAS of ESN is safe, well-tolerated, and highly effective in inducing endoscopic and histological remission.

OP314 ENDOROTOR ABLATION OF BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS; A SAFETY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY

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Aims The aim of this study was to assess the safety and efficacy of a novel, non-thermal resection device (EndoRator) for the ablation of Barrett’s esophagus (BE).

Methods Between January 2017 and September 2018, patients with BE were included from 2 tertiary referral centers. Inclusion criteria: BE 2–5 cm, with low-grade dysplasia (LGD), high-grade dysplasia (HGD) or residual BE after endoscopic resection (ER) of a lesion containing HGD or early esophageal adenocarcinoma. Exclusion criteria: previous ER of >50% circumference, or previous ablation therapy. During the procedure, we aimed to ablate at least 50%–100% of the BE. Follow-up endoscopy was performed 3 months after treatment. Primary outcome: percentage of endoscopically visible surface regression at 3-months FU, and complications. Secondary outcome: procedure time.

Results Thirty patients (median BE C0 (IQR 0–1) M3 (IQR 3–3.3)) were included. Eighteen patients had undergone ER prior to ablation. The median % BE ablated was 100% (IQR 94 – 100) with a median circumferential extent of 95% (IQR 50 – 100). Median procedural time was 42 minutes (IQR 33 – 60) and median ablation time was 28 minutes (IQR 20 – 45). Median BE surface regression at 3-months FU was 90% (IQR 80 – 99). Multiple residual Barrett’s islands were commonly seen. Serious complications occurred in 2/30 patients (7%): 1 perforation and 1 post-procedural bleed, both requiring intervention and hospitalization. 8/30 patients (27%) complained of dysphagia; 4 patients had a stricture requiring intervention. Non-circumferential scarring was seen in 10/27 patients (37%), 18/30 patients (60%) had post-procedural pain or odynophagia, during a median of 5 days (IQR 3 – 10).

Conclusions For ablation of Barrett’s esophagus, the EndoRotor seems non-inferior to established ablative techniques. However, complication rates seem higher and procedure time longer. Additionally, the difficulty level in operating the device is high, with a high potential for complications in inexperienced hands. For patients with therapy-naive BE, we advise against the use of the EndoRotor.

OP315 CHARACTERIZATION OF ESOPHAGEAL MICROBIOTA IN PATIENTS WITH BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS AND ESOPHAGEAL ADENOCARCINOMA

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Aims The aim of our study was to characterize esophageal microbiota composition in patients with BE and EAC.

Methods 26 patients were enrolled: 10 healthy patients as control group; 10 with a diagnosis of BE and 6 with a new diagnosis of EAC. Genomic DNA was extracted from distal esophagus biopsies and V3-V4 regions of the 16s rRNA gene were sequenced by MiSeq Illumina platform. In patients with BE, biopsies were obtained from both metaplastic (BEM) and normal mucosa (BEU).

Results BE and EAC patients showed an overall higher level of biodiversity which was statistically significant between BE and control patients (Wilcoxon test for Phylogenetic Diversity Whole Tree metric p < 0.05). When evaluating β-diversity, a separation on the first axis was observed for unweighted Unifrac, in which control samples were significantly separated from both BE (p < 0.005) and EAC (p < 0.05), as well as BE were significantly diverging from EAC (p < 0.05). BEU samples showed significant higher values of α-diversity (PD whole tree) when compared with control patients (p < 0.05), while BEM shared similar values with EAC, being lower than BEU and higher than control patients. A substantial divergence on the first axis was registered for unweighted Unifrac with control patients significantly separated from BEU (p < 0.005) and EAC samples (p < 0.05). Among phyla, relative abundance analysis revealed a lower level of Firmicutes and a significantly higher percentage of Bacteroidetes in BEU and EAC compared with control subjects. BEM and EAC exhibited a significantly higher presence of Fusobacteria compared with control samples. At genus level, Streptococcus relative abundance showed a reduction in EAC when compared with BEM and control samples.

Conclusions These data describe a specific microbial signature for both BE and EAC and open new horizons towards the identification of potential risk factors for the progression.

OP316 EFFECTIVENESS OF IRREVERSIBLE ELEKTROPORATION USING NEWLY DEVELOPED ENDOSCOPIC ABLATIVE CATHETERS IN GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: AN IN VIVO ANIMAL STUDY

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Aims Irreversible Electroporation (IRE) is an ablation technique that induces apoptosis by applying an electric field. IRE has several advantages over other ablation techniques. For this reason, the IRE has already been used as an adjunctive treatment in many areas of tumor therapy and has confirmed its possibility. The purpose of this study was to investigate the possibility of applying IRE therapy to gastrointestinal tract using newly designed endoscopic ablative catheters.

Methods The IRE was performed in the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum to six general anesthetized pigs. Two types of endoscopic IRE catheters were used. The gap between the electrodes was about 1.0 cm. One, a basket-shaped catheter was used for the esophagus and duodenum. The other is two electrode catheter used for stomach. The voltage was applied from 500V to 2000V, and the number of pulses was fixed to 60. The pigs were euthanized after 24h from experiment day. After the IRE ablation on tissue, histological
evaluation of ablation site was performed through H & E staining of the tissues.

Results Endoscopic IRE in the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum confirmed cell necrosis around the stimulation site. No damage was done to 500V in all tissues. The stomach caused necrosis of mucosa at 1000V, inflammation of submucosa at 1500V, and inflammation and vessel injury of all submucosa at 2000V. In the esophagus, separation of the layer was observed at 1500V, desquamation of layer and erosion of mucosa were seen at 1500V, and inflammation of submucosa was induced at 2000V. In duodenum, erosion and necrosis were seen in mucosa at 500V, inflammation in submucosa at 1000V, and perforation at 2000V.

Conclusions Our newly designed catheters can be used to effectively ablate the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum. Further studies will be needed for the protocol about IRE ablation suited for esophagus, stomach and duodenum.

OP317 EVALUATION OF BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS (BE) USING BLUE LIGHT IMAGING (BLI) AND LINKED COLOR IMAGING (LCI): EXPERIENCE OF 2 UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

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In this preliminary study, ELUXEO associated to BLI/LCI has high sensitivity, specificity, NPV, and PPV, corresponding to a NPV of 100%, 95.2% and 80%.

Results

For NDBE, the sensitivity for mucosal pattern, NDBE showed 100% regular glands with 71.4% circular glands for HDG/ADC analysis, the sensitivity for enlarged glands and absence of vessels was respectively 100%, 93% and 91% and a PPV of 100%. Concerning vascular pattern, the vessels were regular in 100% of NDBE. For HDG/ADC the sensitivity for enlarged vessels, tortuous vessels and absence of vessels was respectively 100%, 95% and 80%.

Conclusions

In this preliminary study, ELUXEO associated to BLI/LCI has high sensitivity to detect NDBE and high specificity for HDG/ADC. Further prospective large scale trials are needed to validate our findings.

OP318V LUMEN-APPOSING METAL STENT (LAMS) DISLODGED DURING POST-BARIATRIC ERCP: ENDOSCOPIC BRIDGING WITH A DOUBLE-CHANNEL ENDOSCOPE

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Introduction EUS directed trans-gastric ERCP allows access to the excluded stomach through a gastro-gastrostomy in Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. We similarly fashioned a jejuno-jejunal EUS-guided LAMS anastomosis to allow through-the-stent (TTS) ERCP in a patient with recurrent pancreatitis and duodenal switch (DS), a bariatric altered anatomy distinctly precluding peroral ERCP. We present techniques for localizing the biliary limb in DS and for managing LAMS dislodgment.

Procedure We successfully performed ERCP in DS as a three-stage procedure. Firstly, a EUS-guided hepatogastrostomy (HG) was performed with a SEMS. Secondly, we placed a nasobiliary drain (NBD) through the HG across the ampulla into the biliary limb. After advancing the EUS scope into the alimentary limb, contrast was injected through the NBD to identify the biliary limb under EUS and fluoroscopic guidance. A 20-mm cauterity-enabled LAMS was deployed to create a jejuno-jejunosotomy bypass from the alimentary into the biliary limb. After balloon dilatation of the LAMS, the papilla was reached through it with a pediatric colonoscope. Needle-knife sphincterotomy over the NBD and sphincteroplasty were performed. During colonoscope withdrawal, the LAMS proximal flange dislodged distally into the biliary limb. Attempts to reposition the LAMS with forces failed. A second overlapping LAMS was deployed to bridge the peritoneal gap, but failed to hold in place the distally dislodged LAMS. Both LAMS ended up lying across the peritoneal gap. A double-channel endoscope was used to successfully pull with dual traction the proximal flange of the first LAMS back into the second LAMS. Seven weeks later, we removed all stents and sutured the fistula endoscopically.

Conclusion EUS allows tailoring entero-anastomoses for ERCP access to the individual bariatric patient anatomy. The risk of LAMS dislodgment during TTS-ERCP is not eliminated by the novel larger diameter LAMS. Dual forces traction with double-channel endoscope seems simple and effective to manage LAMS dislodgment.

OP319V SUCCESSFUL RETRIEVAL OF A PROXIMALLY MIGRATED PANCREATIC STENT BY DIGITAL PANCREATOSCOPY

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With the increasing use of pancreatic duct stenting, its complications have also been recognized. Proximal stent migration has been described in 5.2% of patients and it represents a challenging situation. Although there is no consensus for the best strategy for retrieval, several endoscopic techniques have been described. These techniques have a success rate of 87%, but not infrequently distal pancreatotomy is needed. More recently, the use of digital pancreatocscopy for this matter has been described.

We present 45 year-old male patient, with a bile leak after laparoscopic cholecystectomy. An ERCP was performed and a biliary stent was placed to manage the bile leak. The procedure was complicated by a proximally migrated pancreatic stent placed to assist cannulation. After multiple failed removal attempts, a prophylactic stent for prevention of pancreatitis was placed and a decision for surgical retrieval by distal pancreatotomy was taken. During
open surgery, the surgeon found “changes of acute pancreatitis”, decided to abort the procedure and placed a retroperitoneal drain. The patient was referred to our unit for another attempt of retrieval. After two failed attempts using a biliary extraction balloon and an over the wire forceps, we decided to use digital pancreatoscopy, with which successful retrieval using a slim scope biopsy forceps was achieved. Afterwards, during a control pancreatography, a pancreatic leak was revealed, so a second digital pancreatoscopy was undertaken where we visualized the site of impaction of the PS and the previously located retroperitoneal drain. We decided to manage the leak with a new PS, without further complications. Patient evolved well and was discharged without the retroperitoneal drain 10 days after the procedure. In this case we successfully retrieved a proximally migrated PS by digital pancreatoscopy and through the slim scope biopsy forceps. This way further complications and need for surgery were avoided.

**OP320V ENDOSCOPIC DRAINAGE OF A GIANT NON-RESECTABLE IPMN AFTER PANCREATOSCOPY-GUIDED TIP**

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A 73 years-old male presented with a giant cystic lesion developed in the pancreatic lodge. The MRI confirmed a 180/70 mm collection, with T2 enhancement, developed from the main pancreatic duct. Patient had always been asymptomatic and we suspected a giant mucinous tumour or a large walled off necrosis after a misdiagnosed acute pancreatitis. Intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasms of the pancreas (IPMN) are precancerous cystic lesions of the pancreas involving the main duct or its secondary branches [1]. This cystic tumour had a high risk of malignant transformation because of size and the communication with the main pancreatic duct [2–4] so we decided that surgical resection was the best strategy. However, the tumour was in close contact with the gastric wall and surrounded the retroperitoneal vessels so complete surgical resection was impossible. Then, we performed trans-papillary drainage using a 40/10 mm metallic stent and then endoscopic biopsies by passing a transnasal endoscope through the cystic duct past the stone fragments was technically easy and proved eventually effective. According to this novel strategy, temporary expansion of the cystic duct using a FC-SEPS might be considered as an adjunct to LL in selected difficult cases of MS, similarly to what has been shown for CBD stones impacted above a biliary stricture.

**OP321V TEMPORARY BILIARY METAL STENT PLACEMENT IN THE CYSTIC DUCT AS AN AID TO CHOLANGIOSCOPY-GUIDED LASER LITHOTRIPSY OF MIRIZZI SYNDROME (MS)**

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**Introduction** Cholangioscopy-guided lithotripsy is a minimally invasive alternative to surgical treatment of Mirizzi Syndrome (MS).

**Procedure** we present A 54 year-old man with type I MS. Endoscopic therapy was carried out in three sessions. At baseline ERCP, a 16-mm stone pressing on the CBD was noted and urgent decompression of the CBD was achieved with a 10F plastic stent. Two weeks later, elective single-operator cholangioscopy with successful Holmium laser lithotripsy (LL) fragmentation of the stone was performed. Larger stone fragments were individually removed under cholangioscopy using a tripod forceps. However, complete clearance using balloon catheters or Dormia baskets under fluoroscopy could not be achieved, because stone fragments became impacted into the narrow cystic duct. Eventually a 10 × 80 mm fully covered self-expandable metal stent (FC-SEMS) was placed into the cystic duct past stone fragments. A double pig-tail stent was placed through it in order to drain the gallbladder, and a standard plastic biliary stent was placed in the CBD. At follow-up 8-weeks later, the cystic duct stents were removed. Stone fragments could be cleared easily from the cystic duct, which had become enlarged by the FC-SEMS. The patient was scheduled for cholecystectomy.

**Conclusion** Cholangioscopic lithotripsy and cystic duct clearance is usually labor intensive and may require several treatment sessions. As an alternative to a repeat session of cholangioscopy-guided LL, FC-SEMS insertion into the cystic duct past the stone fragments was technically easy and proved eventually effective. According to this novel strategy, temporary expansion of the cystic duct using a FC-SEMS might be considered as an adjunct to LL in selected difficult cases of MS, similarly to what has been shown for CBD stones impacted above a biliary stricture.

**OP322V ENDOSCOPIC REMOVAL OF TUBULOVILLOUS ADENOMA WITH HIGH-GRADE FOCAL DYSPLASIA IN THE DISTAL COMMON BILE DUCT**

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**Introduction** A pluripathology 80-year-old female was admitted for cholangitis. A dilatation of the common bile duct (CBD) and a possible distal choledocholithiasis was shown in CT scan. An ERCP was performed and the duct was swept with a balloon, showing a polypoid lesion of adenomatous appearance through the papilla. The pathology confirmed a tubulo-villus adenoma with high-grade focal dysplasia. An EUS revealed the presence of a polyp of 10 × 8 mm in the CBD. In accordance with a multidisciplinary committee and being a high risk surgical patient, an endoscopic treatment was indicated.

**Description of the technique** The papilla is achieved with the duodenoscope and a polypplasty is performed with a 12 mm pneumatic balloon. With the help of the Fogarty balloon and a biopsy forcep, the polyp is tractioned towards the duodenum and then the polypectomy is done with a pediatric hot snare. Later, a fulguration with soft coagulation is done and a fully covered self-expanding metallic biliary stent is placed. Follow-up at 2 months, no macroscopic lesion is observed with a baby scope cholangioscopy, after removing the stent. In addition, fulguration with Argon-Beam (30W) is applied in the site of polypectomy. In next follow-up at 6 months no remains of polyp is seen with a baby scope cholangioscopy. Pathology confirmed the absence of adenoma at 2 and 6 months. No complications detected during the follow-up.

**Conclusions** Adenomas of the extrahepatic bile duct are uncommon benign neoplasms with an unknown malignant potential. Surgery is the current treatment, and there are only 5 published cases of endoscopic treatment, with good results in non-surgical patients. In our case, the keys to achieve a technical success were to have a good visualization through the papilla (polipplasty + stent) and the use of a pediatric polypectomy snare with the help of the balloon.
OP324V ELECTROHYDRAULIC LITHOTRIPSY IN CASE OF SEVERE BILE DUCT STONES AFTER BILROTH-II

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Patient, male, 76 years old, admitted to our hospital with diagnosis: bile stone disease, obstructive jaundice with bilirubin 21 mg/dl, bile duct stones with biliary hypertension. Bilroth-II stomach resection due to ulcer bleeding 30 years ago. Common bile duct – 20 mm, common hepatic duct – 15 mm, cystic duct – 8 mm. Multiple bile duct stones of barrel and cubic shape, 25*20 mm in size. According to our experience, side-viewing duodenoscope is not the best choice in Bilroth-II cases. We performed duodenoscopy with forward-viewing HD-scope, canulated papilla, initiated cholangiography. We performed sphincterotomy with a sphincterotome, developed for reverse EST in Bilroth-II cases. Barrel-shaped triangular and cubic stones are the most challenging for endoscopic extraction. So, we failed to treat patient in routine way. Further methods of treatment offered: extracorporeal distant shockwave lithotripsy, percutaneous transhepatic drainage, surgery and endoscopic choledocholitotomy with direct lithotripsy. Endoscope seemed to be the most balanced between risks and benefits of treatment. We repeated duodenoscopy with standard forward-looking 9 mm diameter HD-scope with instrumental channel 2.8 mm. As EST was already performed we could easily enter the bile duct with the scope. Cholangioscopy was performed with water filling and without gas inflation. We visualised bile duct stones and crushed them with direct contact electrohydraulic lithotripsy with WALZ system. The procedure took one hour and 20 minutes. The procedure was performed with propofol sedation in our ERCP room.

Patient was discharged from hospital after 5 days with significant condition improvement. No signs of residual bile duct stones and no postoperative complications.

Direct contact electrohydraulic lithotripsy is effective and safe method in treatment of severe bile duct stones, especially in difficult anatomical and clinical situations. In Bilroth-II cases this technic can replace cholangioscopy with a very special devices.

OP325V DON’T SKIP THE GIP

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Aim We report the case of a 59-year-old patient with intramucosal adenocarcinoma of the cervical esophagus, found within an esophageal inlet patch, successfully treated with endoscopic mucosal resection.

Methods A 59-year-old asymptomatic man with nondysplastic COM2 Barrett’s esophagus history was referred to our institution for a surveillance upper esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD). EGD showed a cervical esophageal 5 mm Paris Is lesion, arising from an esophageal gastric inlet patch (GIP). Biopsies showed high grade intra-epithelial neoplasia within the polypoid lesion and confirmed gastric-type mucosa in the surrounding esophageal inlet tissue patch. Endoscopic ultrasonography showed no evidence of submucosal invasion or lymph node invasion. After multidisciplinary review, the patient was referred for endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR). En-bloc cap-assisted EMR of the suspicious nodule was realized under general anesthesia (see video). Final histology EMR specimen showed radically resected (R0) well-differentiated intramucosal adenocarcinoma pT1m3 with no lympho-vascular invasion. No immediate or delayed complications were encountered. A 3 and 6 months surveillance endoscopy showed no local recurrence.

Results Esophageal Gastric Inlet Patches (GIP) are composed of islands of heterotopic gastric columnar epithelium in the cervical esophagus. They are usually incidentally found at endoscopy and have a reported prevalence of 0.18 to 14.5%. The most frequently accepted theory concerning the origin of an esophageal GIP is the sequestration of gastric mucosa in the developing esophagus. Esophageal adenocarcinoma rarely occurs in the cervical esophagus and is most often linked to inlet patches. About fifty cases of adenocarcinoma arising from GIP have been reported in the literature. GIP may contain normal gastric mucosa but also intestinal metaplasia. Significant association between GIP and Barrett’s esophagus have also been described.

Conclusion Esophageal GIP is a common underestimated and overlooked endoscopic finding. Even if regular GIP biopsies are not recommended, systematic careful endoscopic inspection should be advised to detect early malignancies.
Patients were randomized to the prophylaxis group with ciprofloxacin (ATB) or the non-prophylaxis group (placebo). Patient demographic data, lesion characteristics, and procedure data and 21 days follow-up were collected. For primary outcome analysis, cyst infection proportion, a non-inferiority study was performed (8 = 3%; unilateral α-error 0.05; power 20%). Secondary outcomes (incidence of fever, procedure complications, and other adverse events AE) are reported as proportions and analyzed with the χ² and Fisher exact test.

Results We included 226 patients, 112 in ATB and 114 in placebo group. 208 completed trial medications (92%). Demographics, baseline and procedure characteristic were similar in both groups. There were no cases of pancreatic cyst infection. As a surrogate marker of the primary endpoint we evaluated other FNA related infections. No events occurred in the ATB group, but one patient presented acute pancreatitis with bacteremia in the placebo group (0.87%) without signs of pancreatic cyst infection. In the intention to treat analysis, the placebo group was not inferior for prevention of infection with a difference between proportions of 0.87% (CI 95% -0.84 – 2.59%). For secondary outcomes, fever occurred in 2 patients in each group (1.76 % vs. 1.78 %; p = 1.00); other adverse events did not differ between groups. Per protocol analysis reported similar results.

Conclusions EUS-FNA of pancreatic cystic lesion without prophylaxis is not inferior to Ciprofloxacin prophylaxis to prevent the risk of infection.

OP327 DETECTION OF BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS THROUGH EXHALED BREATH USING A NON-INVASIVE SCREENING TOOL

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Aims Timely detection of esophageal adenocarcinoma and its precursor Barrett’s esophagus (BE) may decrease both cancer mortality and incidence. Currently, an accurate, minimally-invasive screening method for BE for widespread use not available. Our objective was to establish the accuracy with which breath analysis could discriminate patients with BE from controls without BE.

Methods In this multicenter cross-sectional proof-of-principle study, patients undergoing a clinically indicated upper endoscopy were invited to provide a 5-minute breath sample prior to scheduled endoscopy. Patients were allocated in three subgroups: BE (defined as ≥ 1 cm of columnar mucosa with histopathologic confirmation of intestinal metaplasia), gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) (defined as GERD-score ≥ 8 or presence of reflux esophagitis), and controls without BE or GERD.

The Aeroneze is an olfactory system that analyses volatile organic compounds (VOC). Three metal-oxide sensors interact with VOCs in breath samples to create a digital breath print specific to the VOCs. Data was analyzed by an artificial neural network to identify data classifiers to extract breath-print differences between patients with BE and GERD or controls. Optimal models were cross-validated using a leave-10%-out approach. Main outcomes were sensitivity and specificity for detecting BE compared with upper endoscopy as reference standard.

Results Breath samples were obtained from 153 individuals (60 BE, 53 GERD, 40 controls). Recruitment rates were 97%. Diagnostic accuracy was high for discrimination of BE from GERD and controls (area under the curve [AUC] 0.91, sensitivity 90%[95% CI:79%-96%], specificity 81%[95% CI:71%-88%]). Similarly, breath prints of BE patients could be differentiated from GERD patients (AUC 0.85, sensitivity 72%[95% CI:58%-82%], specificity 89%[95% CI:76%-95%]).

Conclusions This portable electronic nose is able to detect the presence or absence of BE in patients with and without GERD. Given the high tolerability, high acceptability and low costs, breath testing may be a promising approach to be used for non-invasive BE screening in a primary care setting.

OP328 A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL ON THE CONTRAST ENHANCED GUIDED EUS-FNA AGAINST STANDARD EUS-FNA IN DIAGNOSING THE SOLID Pancreatic LESIONS

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Aims To assess the efficiency of the contrast enhanced guided endoscopic ultrasound fine needle aspiration (CH-EUS-FNA) in comparison to standard endoscopic ultrasound fine needle aspiration (EUS-FNA) in diagnosing the solid pancreatic masses.

Methods This randomized controlled study included patients with the suspicion of pancreatic solid masses on transabdominal ultrasound or CT scan admitted in one academic medical center. There were excluded patients with cystic component more than 20% or patients with previous biliary or duodenal stenting. Two passes with 22G standard FNA needle were done in random order (established by computer at the start of the study) by using EUS-FNA or CH-EUS-FNA. For contrast assessment the contrast substance used was 2.4 ml Sonovue for each patient and the low mechanical index was 0.20. The diagnosis of EUS-FNA was based on the pathology analysis of visible core. The final diagnosis was based on EUS-FNA or surgical specimen results and on following up data every three month by imaging methods for at least six months.

Results There were included 150 patients and two of them were lost during follow-up. There were 99 adenocarcinoma, 13 neuroendocrine tumors, 3 schwannoma, 3 cholangiocarcinoma, 11 metastases, 19 benign lesions. The EUS-FNA pass and the CH-EUS FNA pass had the accuracy of diagnosis of 86.48% and 89.18%, respectively (p = NS), and the global accuracy of the two passes was 93.2%. All the false negative cases on CH-EUS-FNA were hypoenhanced. No difference between the two FNA passes was seen regardless the location, size or tumor stage.

Conclusions The diagnostic rate of core obtained by using 22G FNA needles with standard EUS-FNA and guided CH-EUS-FNA did not differ statistically.

OP329 HIGH DEFINITION WHITE-LIGHT COLONOSCOPY VERSUS CHROMOENDOSCOPY FOR SURVEILLANCE OF Lynch SYNDROME. A MULTICENTER, RANDOMIZED, PARALLEL, AND NON-INFERIORITY STUDY (ENDOLYNCH STUDY)

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Aims Adenomas in Lynch syndrome (LS) have an accelerated progression to colorectal cancer. Despite low evidence, clinical guidelines recommend using high-definition and pan-chromoendoscopy (CE) for surveillance in LS. We aimed to compare the adenoma detection rate (ADR) between high-definition white-light endoscopy (WLE) and CE in individuals with LS.

Methods Multicenter, randomized and parallel study with high-level detector endoscopists, devoted to high-risk conditions of colorectal cancer. Adults with confirmed mutation (MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS 2 and Epcam) were randomized 1:1 to WLE or CE. 244 individuals were required to demonstrate non-inferiority of WLE versus CE (non-inferiority margin of 15%; power 80%; drop-out 10%; significance of 0.025).

Results 256 subjects were included by 14 Spanish centers. Baseline characteristics (demographic, medical history, genotype) were similar between groups. The ADR for WLE versus CE were 28.1% (95% confidence interval 21.1%-36.4%) versus 34.4% (26.4%-43.3%) respectively (p = 0.281). The detection rate of lesions in WLE versus CE group were as follow: polyps 50.0% versus 57.7% (p = 0.004), serrated lesions 23.4% versus 37.5% (p = 0.015), proximal serrated lesions 10.2% versus 11.7% (p = 0.689), sessile serrated lesions 5.5% versus 3.9% (p = 0.554) and advanced adenomas 7.8% versus 3.9% (p = 0.183) respectively. The mean (+ standard deviation) of lesions per patient for WLE versus CE were as follow: adenomas 1.04 (1.37) versus 0.86 (1.04) (p = 0.670), polyps 2.36 (1.77) versus 2.67 (2.29) (p = 0.004), serrated lesions 0.67 (0.89) versus 1.04 (1.38) (p = 0.004), proximal serrated lesions 0.25 (0.56) versus 0.25 (0.61) (p = 0.426), sessile serrated lesions 0.10 (0.31) versus 0.11 (0.67) (p = 0.660) respectively. The total procedural time and withdrawal time (mean ± standard deviation; in minutes) with WLE versus CE were as follow: 22.42 ± 8.72 versus 30.67 ± 12.84 (p < 0.001) and 13.5 ± 5.63 versus 18.37 ± 7.57 (p < 0.001) respectively.

Conclusions In a scenario with high-level detector endoscopists, high-definition WLE is an optimal and efficient endoscopic technique for surveillance of LS. CE prolonged the procedural time without increasing detection of relevant lesions.

OP330 METHYLENE BLUE-MMX FOR SCREENING COLONSCOPY

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Aims Topically applied methylene blue dye chromoendoscopy is effective in improving detection of colorectal neoplasia. When combined with a pH- and time-dependent multimatrix structure, a per-oral formulation methylene blue formulation (MB-MMX) is directly delivered to colorectal mucosa.

Methods In a Phase III study, 50-to-75-year-old patients scheduled for colorectal cancer screening or surveillance colonoscopy were randomized between 200 mg MB-MMX, placebo, or 100 mg MB-MMX in a ratio of 2:2:1. The 100 mg MB-MMX arm was only for masking purposes. MB-MMX and placebo tablets were administered with a 4 liters polyethylene glycol-based bowel preparation. The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients with one adenoma or carcinoma (adenoma detection rate [ADR]) expressed as odds ratio (OR) with 95% CI between the 200 mg MB-MMX and placebo groups, while false-positive (resection rate for non-neoplastic polyps) and adverse event rates were secondary endpoints.

Results Across 1,205 randomized patients, ADR was higher with MB-MMX (273/485[56.29%]) than the placebo (229/479[47.81%]; OR: 1.46[1.09, 1.96]). The proportion of patients with nonpolypoid lesion was higher with MB-MMX than the placebo (213/485[43.92%] vs. 168/479 [35.07%]; OR: 1.66[1.21, 2.26]), as was that for ≤ 5 mm adenomas (180/485[37.11%] vs. 148/479 [30.90%]; OR: 1.36[1.01, 1.83]), while no difference for those with polypoid or larger lesions was observed. The false-positive rate was similar across the study arms (MB-MMX:83/356[23.31%] vs. placebo: 97/326 [29.75%]). Overall, 0.7% of patients had severe adverse events with no difference between the two arms.

Conclusions MB-MMX led to an absolute 8.5% ADR improvement without increasing the removal of non-neoplastic lesions.

OP331 ENDOSCOPIC FULL-THICKNESS RESECTION OF COLORECTAL LESIONS – A DUTCH NATIONWIDE PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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Aims A subset of colorectal lesions is not suitable for conventional endoscopic resection because of increased risk for incomplete resection or perforation. Recently, endoscopic full-thickness resection (eFTR) was introduced to allow definite diagnosis and radical treatment of lesions that otherwise might have required surgical resection. We prospectively evaluated all eFTR procedures performed in the Netherlands with the full-thickness resection device (FTRD, Ovesco Endoscopy, Tübingen, Germany).

Methods All patients undergoing eFTR between September 2015 and October 2018 in 22 hospitals were included. To determine the technical success, we studied the number of macroscopic complete en bloc resections. Secondary outcomes were: histologically confirmed radical (R0) resections, full-thickness resections and adverse events. Standard descriptive statistics were used.

Results This prospective multicenter study included 401 procedures. The mean age was 69 ± 8.6 years and 62.6% of the patients was male. eFTR was performed for primary resection of T1 CRCs (n = 79), re-resection after previous (potentially) incomplete resection for T1 CRCs (n = 159), difficult adenomas (n = 116), submucosal tumors (n = 15) and for suspected motility disorders (n = 2). Technical success of all initiated procedures was achieved in 83.5% (n = 335/401). In 5.5% (n = 22/401) no histology could be obtained because the lesion either could not be reached or could not be retracted into the cap. R0 resection in the 379 cases amenable to eFTR was 79.7% (n = 302/379) and full-thickness resection was confirmed in 82.8% (n = 314/379). The median diameter of the resected specimen was 23.4 mm (range 5–45). Overall adverse event rate was 9.2% (n = 37/401) of which 2.7% (n = 11/401) required emergency surgery for 2 immediate perforations, 5 delayed perforations and 4 cases of appendicitis.

Conclusions Endoscopic full-thickness resection was technically successful in over 80% of procedures with an acceptable complication rate. The issue of delayed perforations needs further assessment as well as the risk for secondary appendicitis in appendical polyp cases.

OP332 ENDOSCOPIC PYLOROMYOTOMY (G-POEM), EFFICACY EVALUATION AFTER ONE YEAR, IN REFRACTORY GASTROPARESIS: A FRENCH MULTICENTRIC STUDY

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Aims Long term results of G-POEM for refractory gastroparesis are lacking. Here we report the results of the largest multicenter study with long term follow up about G-POEM for refractory gastroparesis.

Methods Retrospective, multicentric study of all G-POEM cases, performed in six French expert centers, for refractory gastroparesis, within at least one year of follow up. Primary Endpoint: One year clinical success defined by improvement of GCSEI by at least one point. Secondary Endpoints: complications rate, identification of predictors of clinical success, clinical success at two years.

Results Description of the population: 93 patients were included in 6 French expert centers. 65% were women, the medium age was 52 years old. About aetiologies: 31% diabetes, 25% post-surgery, 34% idiopathic and 8,5% systemic disease. The medium evolution duration of the symptoms was 73,5 months. The mean 4h’s remaining in stomach before G-POEM, was 44,6%. The mean GCSEI average before G-POEM was 3,6.

Technical success was achieved in 96,1%.

Primary Endpoint: Clinical success was achieved in 71% at 6 month, and 69% at one year, with an average decreasing GCSEI score of 1,6 point.

Secondary Endpoints: In multivariate analysis, only an high fullness underscore was significantly associated with an efficacity of the G-POEM (OR = 2,3 (1,35 – 3,88) p = 0,002). 18,3% of the patients declared pain after the therapeutic, controlled by paracetamol and PPI. 4,1% of the patients had complications, with a positive evolution under medical treatment. At two years clinical success was 69% (n = 39).

Conclusions This study confirms the efficiency and safety of G-POEM in the treatment of refractory gastroparesis. The clinical success after one year is achieved for 69% of the patients. Only a high fullness subscale of the GCSEI predicts efficiency. G-POEM should be the first treatment in case of refractory gastroparesis.

OP333 INCORPORATION OF TEMPORAL INFORMATION IN A DEEP NEURAL NETWORK IMPROVES PERFORMANCE LEVEL FOR AUTOMATED POLYP DETECTION AND DELINEATION

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Aims As opposed to current automated polyp detection techniques, endoscopists will use information from previous video-frames to indicate the presence of a polyp. We aim to exploit this type of temporal information by introducing memory cells into an artificial intelligence (AI) system.

Methods Colonoscopy videos from 104 patients are included with 258 polyps. Shorter video-clips of each polyp are extracted and only a few frames were annotated by experts. These manual annotations are automatically propagated over the entire clip. The resulting, much larger annotated dataset is then used to train a convolutional neural network (CNN). This network is extended with a recurrent module, resulting in an AI system that uses knowledge from previous timestamps.

Frame-level sensitivity and specificity describe detection power. For delineation accuracy, the soft Dice score quantifies the amount of overlap between a delineation map and its ground truth considering the confidence of the network (a number between 0 and 1 where the latter means perfect overlap with 100% confidence).

Results Two different networks are trained for evaluation. A first CNN is trained solely on the expert annotated frames and a second CNN includes the temporal module and is trained on all the auto-generated annotations (called EXP and REC respectively). The results are shown in table 1. The incorporation of temporal information improves the network for each metric and especially increases specificity since it makes the network less sensitive to
confusing frames. Pairwise t-tests show that all differences are significant with $p < 0.00001$ (significance level of 0.05).

**Case 1** Simplicity and specificity and soft Dice score for both networks evaluated on an independent test set. $N$ = number of images used for training.

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<td>CN1 – EXP</td>
<td>758</td>
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<td>CN2 – REC</td>
<td>40887</td>
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**Conclusions** The inclusion of temporal information provides more accurate and confident results for polyp detection and delineation on endoscopic videos.

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

**CRC screening**

**South Hall 1B**

**OP334 INTERVAL COLORECTAL CANCERS AFTER NEGATIVE FECAL IMMUNOCHEMICAL TEST IN A 13-YEAR SCREENING PROGRAM**

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**Aims** Interval cancers (IC) were considered in order to judge the round-specific sensitivity of fecal immunochemical tests (FIT) within a colorectal cancer screening program in Italy.

**Methods** This study concerns ICs diagnosed in a cohort of 50- to 69-year-olds screened with FIT repeatedly (up to 6 times) between 2002 and 2015. The test's sensitivity was calculated using both the Proportional Interval Cancer Rate and the Interval Cancer Proportion method.

**Results** Among 441,647 FITs performed for 123,347 individuals, 150 ICs were detected after a negative FIT. The overall incidence rate of IC was 1.87 x 10,000 person-years (95% CI 1.60 – 2.20), and was higher during the second interval year (OR 1.78; 95% CI 1.28 – 2.47), for proximal locations (OR 3.00; 95% CI 1.92 – 4.68), and among 60- to 71-year-olds (OR 2.37; 95% CI 1.61 – 3.50), with no significant differences regarding sex and stage at diagnosis.

**Conclusions** A FIT sensitivity for cancer higher than 80% resulted in a low overall incidence of ICs. Due to intrinsic biases, the Proportional Interval Cancer Rate and the Interval Cancer Proportion method generated different trends in FIT sensitivity by screening round. IC incidence rates may provide an accurate picture of the harmful effects associated with false-negative test results.

**OP335 POST-POLYPECTOMY SURVEILLANCE IN THE ENGLISH BOWEL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMME: RESULTS OF FIRST SURVEILLANCE**

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**Aims** The English Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP) offers biennial g-FoBt from 60 – 74 years. Post-polypectomy surveillance is offered within BCSP during the screening age range for those at "high risk" (≥ 5 adenomas or ≥ 3 at least one ≥ 10 mm) and "intermediate risk" (3 – 4 small adenomas or at least one ≥ 10 mm).

CRC screening reduces mortality. To date, robust evidence to support post-polypectomy surveillance is lacking.

**Methods** Details were extracted from the BCSP database for individuals who attended surveillance from the start of the BCSP in 2006 until January 2017. Data were analysed using Stata 14. Advanced adenoma (AA) was defined as size ≥ 10 mm, ≥ 25% villous architecture, or HGD.

**Results** Results of first surveillance were available for 43088 individuals, of whom 51.9% were IR and 48.1% HR at baseline. The most advanced neoplasia detected at first surveillance is presented in the table. First surveillance was performed at the intended time interval (12 months for HR adenomas, 3 years for IR adenomas) in ≥ 89% of cases.

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<th>NAA = non-advanced adenoma</th>
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<th>Intermediate risk at baseline (n = 22366)</th>
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<td>No adenoma</td>
<td>High risk at baseline (n = 20722)</td>
<td>Intermediate risk at baseline (n = 22366)</td>
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<td>NAA</td>
<td>39.1% (n = 8112)</td>
<td>56.1% (n = 12567)</td>
<td>p = 0.000</td>
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<td>AA</td>
<td>12.3% (n = 2545)</td>
<td>8.0% (n = 1798)</td>
<td>p = 0.000</td>
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<td>CRC</td>
<td>0.5% (n = 102)</td>
<td>0.4% (n = 97)</td>
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**Conclusions** CRC was diagnosed at first surveillance in a very small percentage of cases, reflecting the high quality baseline colonoscopy performed in the BCSP.

AA was found at first surveillance in 8.0% of those IR at baseline and in 12.3% of those HR at baseline. These results support the hypothesis that post-polypectomy surveillance may be safely delayed or discontinued in some groups, particularly those with one adenoma of ≥ 10 mm.

**OP336 EFFECT OF THE NATIONAL SCREENING PROGRAM ON THE COLORECTAL CANCER INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY REDUCTION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

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**Aims** The organized non-population based National Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening Program in the Czech Republic has been running since year 2000. In January 2014, the transition to population-based setting has been implemented. The main target lesions of the CRC screening program are the adenomas and early cancers. Therefore, the relation between number of colonoscopies/ endoscopic polypectomies and CRC incidence and mortality decrease was evaluated.

**Methods** The analysis was based on the aggregate data from the Health Insurance Companies Databases, Preventive Colonoscopies Database and National Oncology Registry.

**Results** Between years 2000 and 2015, there was significant reduction of the CRC incidence (18.4%) and mortality (32.4%) observed. The number of colonoscopies and endoscopic polypectomies has been raising continuously every year. In 2015, there were 264,399 colonoscopies performed from the following indications: 227,905 (86.2%) symptoms, follow-up and therapy; 23,463 (8.9%) FIT positivity and 13,031 (4.9%) screening at age ≥ 55. In the same year, overall 60,120 endoscopic polypectomies were done (22.7% of all colonoscopies) in following age groups: 5,272 in age < 50; 5,627 in age 50 – 54 and 49,221 in age ≥ 55. In 36,494 colonoscopies performed within the organized CRC screening program in year 2015, there were 14,085 (38.6%) adenomas and 49,221 in age ≥ 60 year, overall 60,120 endoscopic polypectomies were done (22.7% of all colonoscopies) in following age groups: 5,272 in age < 50; 5,627 in age 50 – 54 and 49,221 in age ≥ 55. In the same year, overall 60,120 endoscopic polypectomies were done (22.7% of all colonoscopies) in following age groups: 5,272 in age < 50; 5,627 in age 50 – 54 and 49,221 in age ≥ 55. In the same year, overall 60,120 endoscopic polypectomies were done (22.7% of all colonoscopies) in following age groups: 5,272 in age < 50; 5,627 in age 50 – 54 and 49,221 in age ≥ 55. In the same year, overall 60,120 endoscopic polypectomies were done (22.7% of all colonoscopies) in following age groups: 5,272 in age < 50; 5,627 in age 50 – 54 and 49,221 in age ≥ 55.
Conclusions There is a very likely connection between the high number of diagnostic/therapeutic colonoscopies and CRC incidence and mortality reduction. To assess the benefit of the screening program to this effect, the comprehensive individual data from the new National Registry of Reimbursed Health Services needs to be evaluated. Supported by the Czech Ministry of Health grant No. 17–31909A and projects MO1012 and Progres Q28/LF1.

OP337 TIME TO COLONOSCOPY AFTER A POSITIVE FECAL TEST AND RISK OF COLORECTAL CANCER

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Aims To evaluate if time to colonoscopy after a positive fecal blood test is associated with the risk of colorectal cancer or adenoma and to identify a safety-threshold.

Methods We used the data from the colorectal cancer screening programs of the Veneto Region (North East of Italy) from 2004 to 2017. The date and the outcome of each colonoscopy was recorded, together with the date of the corresponding positive fecal blood test.

Results Overall, 80% of the 123,165 colonoscopies that were included in the study took place within 60 days after the FIT, 13.7% between 61 and 90 days, 3.8% between 91 and 120 days, 1.7% between 121 and 180 days and 0.8% after more than 180 days (n = 1008).

Conclusions A time-to-colonoscopy shorter than 180 days after a positive FIT is associated with an increased risk of colorectal cancer or high-risk adenoma. In the experience of the Veneto screening program, a longer interval was observed for a minority of patients (0.8%) and it was generally due to delays attributable to the patients.

OP338 GASTRIC ADENOMA OR EARLY GASTRIC CANCER IS AN IMPORTANT RISK FACTOR FOR COLORECTAL ADENOMA

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Aims Patients diagnosed gastric cancer have a higher prevalence and increased risk of colorectal cancer. But few studies have investigated the risk of colorectal cancer or adenoma in patients with early gastric cancer or gastric adenoma. The purpose of this study is to investigate the prevalence of colorectal adenoma or cancer in patient with gastric adenoma and early gastric cancer.

Methods We performed a prospective study. From January 2015 to December 2016, 110 patients who had treated stomach ESD due to early gastric cancer or adenoma were enrolled. Healthy age- and sex-matched controls were enrolled from general screening population. Demographic factors and colonoscopic findings of the cases and the controls were collected and prevalence and risk factor of colorectal adenoma and cancer of both groups are analyzed.

Results Data from 110 patient in the gastric neoplasm group (93 with gastric adenoma, 17 early gastric cancer) and 110 healthy control group participants were included in the statistic-al analysis. The presence of gastric adenoma or early gastric cancer was an independent risk factor for colorectal adenoma (OR = 2.52 (1.34–4.75, P = 0.004) and colorectal advanced adenoma (OR = 3.19, 95% CI = 1.07 – 9.53, P = 0.037).

Conclusions 1. This is the first prospective randomized control study to confirm that gastric adenoma or early gastric cancer is an important risk factor for colorectal adenoma by identifying colonoscopic quality indicators that may affect adenoma detection. (High quality colonoscopy). The risk of colorectal adenoma and advanced colorectal adenoma increased significantly in patients with gastric adenoma and early gastric cancer. Therefore, we suggest that colonoscopic surveillance should be strictly considered in patient with gastric adenoma and early gastric cancer.

OP339 UK BOWEL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM: A LOCAL EXPERIENCE OF POLYPECTOMY FOR POLYPS ≥2CM

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Aims The English National Health Service (NHS) Bowel Cancer Screening Program (BCSP) was introduced in 2006 to improve CRC mortality by earlier detection of CRC and has been associated with a 15% reduction in mortality. We wanted to study the outcome of large polypectomies under BCSP in our department.

Methods We analysed all patients in the BCSP at a District General Hospital between 1/1/11 and 1/1/17 and selected those who had polypectomies for polyps ≥2 cm in diameter. Data was obtained from electronic patient records and follow-up was for at least one year.

Results A total of 299 patients, (209 M, 90F, age range 61 – 91y, median 70y) had at least one polyp ≥2 cm at index colonoscopy. 75.9% of polyps (n = 227) were removed en bloc, the rest by piecemeal EMR (pEMR). Site of polyps were: rectum (42), recto-sigmoid (12), sigmoid (183), descending colon (13), splenic flexure (4), transverse colon (12), hepatic flexure (6), ascending colon (13) and caecum (14). Size of polyps: 20 – 29 mm (196), 30 – 39 mm (66), 40 – 49 mm (18), > 50 mm (19). Paris morphology where documented: 1p (178), 1s (92), 1sp (17), Ill (3), Iib (0), Iic (0), other (8). Polyp histology: carcinoma (4.7%, n = 14), tubulovillous adenoma (55.2%, n = 165), tubular adenoma (32.8%, n = 98), traditional serrated adenoma (1.7%, n = 5) and sessile serrated polyp (n = 1). 28 (9.4%) of patients underwent surgery, 4 of them with adenocarcinoma. After initial polypectomy, one year follow up colonoscopy data was available in 116 patients. Of these, the polypectomy site was endoscopically clear in 103/116 (88.8%). The recurrence rate at 12 months increased with the size of the initial polyp, (20 – 29 mm = 5/75, 6.7%), (30 – 39 mm = 2/26, 7.7%), (40 – 49 mm = 3/5, 60%) and (50+ mm = 3/10, 30%), p < 0.05.

The complication rate was 2.3%(n = 7): 1 early bleed, 5 late bleeds and 1 suspected perforation (not seen at laparotomy). The others were managed conservatively.

Conclusions Polypectomy was effective in removing large polyps found during the BCSP. There was a statistically significant difference between polyp size and recurrence. The complication rate for large polypectomy was low.

OP340 BREATH ANALYSIS CAN BE USED TO DETECT COLORECTAL CANCER: PROOF-OF-PRINCIPLE STUDY

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OP341 PROPHYLACTIC CLIPPING FOR THE PREVENTION OF DELAYED COMPLICATION AFTER ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION FOR SUPERFICIAL NON-AMPULLARY DUODENAL TUMOR

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Aims Although endoscopic resection (ER) has been accepted as a standard treatment modality for superficial non-ampullary duodenal tumor (SNADT) recently, it can cause adverse events such as perforation and bleeding. The effect of prophylactic mucosal closure after ER is controversial. The aim of this study was to investigate the efficacy of prophylactic clipping for the prevention of delayed complications.

Methods We retrospectively reviewed medical records of patients who underwent ER for SNADT from 3 centers. Patients were divided into 2 groups, immediate clipping group (ICG) vs. no clipping group (NGC). Baseline characteristics and factors associated with delayed complications such as size of the lesion, tumor location, histologic types, and co-morbidities were compared between the two groups.

Results A total of 91 lesions from 91 patients were included in this study. Sixty patients underwent ESD and 85 patients underwent EMR. Forty seven patients were allocated into ICG and 44 patients were allocated into NGC. Delayed bleeding occurred in 1 patient (2.1%) and delayed perforation occurred in 1 patient (2.1%) among ICG. Delayed bleeding occurred in 6 patients (13.6%, p = 0.053) and delayed perforation occurred in 3 patients (6.8%, p = 0.350) in NGC. Delayed perforation were managed by laparoscopic simple closure and delayed bleeding were managed by endoscopic hemostasis (n = 6) or embolization (n = 1). There was no procedure related death.

Conclusions Although prophylactic clipping showed a tendency of low complication rates, further studies with prospective design is anticipated.
p = 0.14). The risk for bleeding was significantly associated with the size of the adenoma (11% in adenomas <30 mm and 37% in adenomas ≥30 mm; p = 0.008) 5 of 20 patients with an ampullary adenoma resection developed acute pancreatitis postinterventional (25%). Three cases of intraprocedural perforations were observed which could all be controlled endoscopically. One patient died after cholangitis, formation of a stricture with the consequence of perforation after dilatation.

Conclusions The endoscopic resection of even large duodenal adenomas is possible in an experienced center but shows a high frequency of complications of which the most relevant is bleeding. Resections of ASDA are at higher risk for complications compared to NASDA.

OP344 EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPHYLACTIC MUCOSAL CLOSURE AFTER DUODENAL ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION TO PREVENT HAZARDOUS COMPLICATIONS

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Aims The endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) for superficial non-ampullary duodenal epithelial tumors (SNADETs) is technically challenging because of anatomical specificities and, to date, has not been validated concerning the high rate of complications. Especially, postoperative complications such as delayed perforation and bleeding are often hazardous. The aims of this study were to clarify the feasibility and effectiveness of prophylactic closure for large mucosal defect after duodenal ESD using endoscopic closing technique such as endoloop method or grasping method.

Methods We analyzed 76 consecutive duodenal ESDs between February 2011 to November 2018. We divided the duodenal ESDs into 59 (77.6%) closure group (with prophylactic closure after ESD using clipping technique) and 17 (22.4%) non-closure groups. The outcomes (rate of general anesthesia, tumor/resection size, operation time, complete resection rate, delayed bleeding rate, cancer bearing rates and hospitalization days) were retrospectively analyzed.

Results There was no significant difference between the closure and non-closure groups about the cancer bearing rates (52.9% and 47.5%), mean operation time (203.6 and 147.3 min), complete resection rates (88.2% and 96.6%) and hospitalization (13.1 and 10.1days). The overall mean size of the tumor/resection was significantly smaller in closure group (20.9/29.5 mm) than in non-closure group (34.0/38.6 mm). The rate of general anesthesia was significantly higher in closure group (98.3%) than in non-closure group (88.2%). Delayed bleeding rate was significantly lower in closure group (1.7%) than that of non-closure group (23.5%). All patients with delayed bleeding were managed safely and successfully by coagulation using hemostatic forceps or clips. Delayed perforation occurred in only 1 patient in non-closure group, who required local closure and drainage of an abscess by open surgery.

Conclusions Endoscopic closing technique such as endoloop method or grasping method were feasible and reliable. Using those technique, the prophylactic mucosal closure after duodenal ESD could prevent the hazardous delayed complications.

OP345 ENDOSCOPIC PAPILLECTOMY FOR NEOPLASTIC LESIONS OF THE AMPULLA OF VATER: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW WITH POOLED-ANALYSIS

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Aims Endoscopic papillectomy (EP) is currently accepted as a viable alternative therapy to surgery in both sporadic and familiar ampullary lesions (AL). Many series have reported relatively low morbidity and acceptable outcomes compared to surgery, but most of them were retrospective studies with limited samples. Considering the lack of conclusive evidences, we performed a pooled analysis of the available literature to assess the safety and efficacy of EP for AL.

Methods Electronic databases (Medline, Scopus, EMBASE) were searched up to September 2018. The search was restricted to English language full articles. Studies including patients with AL lesions endoscopically resected were eligible. The adverse event rates (primary outcome), complete resection, en-bloc resection, needs-for-further-treatments and curative resection (complete resection without recurrence) rates were pooled by means of a random- or fixed-effect model according to the degree of heterogeneity to obtain a proportion with a 95% confidence interval (CI).

Results Twenty-nine studies were eligible for inclusion providing data on 1751 patients (mean ages ranging from 42 to 68 years). Nine studies were performed in United States, 1 in Australia, 10 in Asia, and the others in Europe; six studies were prospective. The means of the lesion size ranged from 8.7 mm to20.3 mm. Biliary and pancreatic stenting were performed in33.3%(20.2 – 49.5%) and75.2%(63.6 – 84.0%) respectively. The overall adverse event rates was25.4%(CI:21.5 – 29.7%) with rates of procedural-related bleedings and perforations of 10.7%(8.1 – 14 – 1%) and 3.2%(2.3 – 4.3%) respectively. Pancreatitis occurred after the12.3%(CI:10.7 – 14.1%) of the procedures and cholangitis rate was2.9%(CI:2.0 – 4.4%). Complete resection rate was91.3%(CI:86.7 – 94.4%) with a rate of en-bloc resection of81.7%(CI:73.6 – 87.7%). Multiple endoscopic treatments were needed in the11.9%(CI:7.2 – 17 – 2) of cases, and 74.1%(CI:66.4 – 80.6) of the procedures were ‘curative’ in a mean endoscopic surveillance period ranging from9.6 to84.5months).

Conclusions Endoscopic papillectomy (EP) is a relatively safe technique compared to surgery for resecting ampullary lesions (AL). Even if efficacy outcomes, are heterogeneous reported by the different studies, EP still seems to be a reliable alternative therapy to surgery in term of curative resection rates.

OP346 SALINE-IMMERSION THERAPEUTIC ENDOSCOPY OF SPORADIC LATERALLY SPREADING NONAMPULLARY DUODENAL ADENOMAS

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Aims: Introduction Sporadic laterally spreading nonampullary duodenal adenomas (SLSNDA) are an uncommon incidental finding during oesophagogastroduodenoscopy. Endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) in the duodenum is challenging due to increased risk of perforation and bleeding. Underwater EMR (UEMR) is a novel and effective endoscopic resection technique performed without submucosal injection. Saline-immersion therapeutic endo-

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scopy (SITE) is an evolution of UEMR and saline solution is used instead of water to minimise the risk of water intoxication.

**Aims** Our aim was to evaluate the efficacy and safety of SITE-EMR for SLSNDA.

**Methods** Retrospective review of SLSNDA resected by SITE-EMR at our institution between May 2017 to October 2018. Demographic, clinical, endoscopic findings and follow-up data were analysed.

**Results** Nine SLSNDA (median size: 25 mm) were found in eight patients (4 male, median age: 69 year-old). One was located in D1, 4 in D2 and 4 in D3. En-bloc resection was achieved in two lesions (23%) while wide-field resection was performed in seven lesions (77%). Complete resection was achieved in seven patients (87.5%). A circumferential lesion involving the whole duodenal bulb was found in one case and SITE-EMR technique was not feasible as well as other alternative endoscopic resection techniques due to severe fibrosis; the patient was therefore referred for surgery and excluded from further analysis. Histological results revealed six (75%) tubulo-villous adenomas with low-grade dysplasia and two tubular adenomas low-grade dysplasia (25%). Immediate complications including perforation and bleeding did not occur. One patient (12.5%) presented with delayed GI bleeding 24hours post procedure and was treated successfully with endoclips. Three cases (37.5%) of recurrences were identified at 3 months follow-up requiring further endoscopic treatment. No further recurrence was identified at 6 and 12 months follow-up in any patient.

**Conclusions** SITE-EMR of SLSNDA appears to be a safe and effective management with low recurrence rates at long term follow-up.

**OP347 EFFECT OF SUBMUCOSAL INJECTION IN ENDOSCOPIC PAPILLECTOMY OF AMPULLARY TUMOR: PROPENSITY-SCORE MATCHING ANALYSIS**

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**Aims** The role of submucosal injection (SI) in endoscopic papillotomy (EP) is controversial. **Objective** This study investigated the effects of SI before EP of ampullary tumors.

**Methods** All patients who underwent initial curative EP at our institution between March 2006 and March 2014 were retrospectively recruited. The presence of residual tumor after three months, recurrence-free survival and post-procedural adverse events were compared between the SI group and non-injection (NI) group. Propensity-score matching was performed between the two groups to reduce potential selection bias and confounding.

**Results** A total of 122 patients were included (SI: 26, NI: 96). Following propensity-score matching, 25 paired patients were selected. Residual tumor was not shown in the NI group, whereas seven (28.0%) patients in the SI group had residual tumor (p = 0.010). The recurrence-free survival of the NI group was significantly longer than that of the SI group (p = 0.036). Upon multivariate analysis, pathologic grade (p = 0.026) and SI (p = 0.033) were significantly related to recurrence-free survival. Post-procedural adverse events were not significantly different between the two groups.

**Conclusions** SI before EP of ampullary tumor was related to more frequent residual tumor and shorter recurrence-free survival and did not reduce post-procedural adverse events.

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**OP348 UTILITY OF NEWLY DEVELOPED SHORT TYPE DOUBLE BALLOON ENDOCOSPY FOR ERCP IN POSTOPERATIVE PATIENTS WITH SURGICAL ANATOMIC VARIATIONS: A LARGE CASE SERIES**

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**Aims** The aim of this study was to evaluate the usefulness of new short DBE for ERCP in postoperative patients.

**Methods** From August 2015 to October 2018, ERCP using new short DBE (DB-ERCP) was performed in 238 postoperative patients (579 procedures). We retrospectively studied the success rate of reaching the blind end, the mean time to reach the blind end, the overall success rate of DB-ERCP, the mean time to complete ERCP related interventions, and adverse events.

**Results** The success rate of reaching the blind end was 99.1%. By type of reconstruction methods, the success rate of reaching the blind end was 95.6% in Roux-en-Y (R-Y) hepaticojunostomy, 100% in R-Y partial gastrectomy, 96.1% in R-Y total gastrectomy, 100% in Billroth II gastrectomy (B-II), 100% in pancreatoduodenectomy (PD), 100% in pylorus preserving pancreatico-duodenectomy (PPPD) and 96.7% in others. The mean time to reach the blind end was 16.1 min. By type of reconstruction methods, the mean time to reach the blind end was 25.6 min. in R-Y hepaticojunostomy, 16.2 min. in R-Y partial gastrectomy, 17.5 min. in R-Y total gastrectomy, 6.8 min. in B-II, 9.2 min. in PD, 11.7 min. in PPPD and 15.0 min. in others. The overall DB-ERCP success rate was 95.5%. By type of reconstruction methods, the overall DB-ERCP success rate was 98.8% in R-Y hepaticojunostomy, 100% in R-Y partial gastrectomy, 95.9% in R-Y total gastrectomy, 93.8% in B-II, 96.5% in PD, 98.9% in PPPD and 90% in others. The mean time to complete DB-ERCP was 61.1 min. By type of reconstruction methods, the mean time required to complete DB-ERCP was 79.4 min. in R-Y hepaticojunostomy, 66.4 min. in R-Y partial gastrectomy, 74.4 min. in R-Y total gastrectomy, 44.1 min. in B-II, 41.3 min. in PD, 46.9 min. in PPPD and 51.5 min. in others. The occurrence of adverse events was 4.0%.

**Conclusions** The newly developed short DBE for ERCP in postoperative patients is useful and safe.

**OP349 LAPAROSCOPY-ASSISTED VS. BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY-ASSISTED ERCP FOR POST BARIATRIC ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS PATIENTS**

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**Aims** Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) patients are at increased risk of biliary disease necessitating endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), which poses a challenge due to the long endoscopic access route to the major papilla. The two most widely utilized treatment strategies are laparoscopy assisted ERCP (LA-ERCP) and balloon enteroscopy assisted ERCP (BEA-ERCP). There are few studies comparing these procedures. The aim of the current study was to compare the performance, benefits and harms of LA-ERCP and BEA-ERCP in a post RYGB patients.
Methods We compared electronic patient records of all ERCPs performed in RYGB patients at two tertiary care endoscopy centers in Oslo, Norway between 2008 and 2017. One center performed BEA-ERCP, while the other performed LA-ERCP for this patient group. The primary outcomes were procedure performance, success and adverse events.

Results During the 10-year study period, 61 BEA-ERCP and 39 LA-ERCP procedures were performed. Median procedure time was 125 minutes for BEA-ERCP, versus 182 minutes for LA-ERCP (p < 0.001). Procedure success rate was 67% for BEA-ERCP and 87% for LA-ERCP. The success rate for BEA-ERCP increased from 54% (first quintile) to 83% (last quintile) for BEA-ERCP, as compared to 88% to 100% for LA-ERCP. Concomitant cholecystectomy was performed during 64% (25/39) of LA-ERCP. Adverse events occurred in 26% (16/61) of BEA-ERCP and 28% (11/39) of LA-ERCP (p = 0.828). Serious adverse events, defined as Clavien-Dindo grade ≥ 3b, occurred in 1.6% (1/61) of BEA-ERCP and 7.7% (3/39) of LA-ERCP (p = 0.132).

Conclusions In experienced hands, laparoscopy-assisted and balloon enteroscopy-assisted ERCP for post bariatric Roux-en-Y gastric bypass patients have comparable success rates. Serious adverse events may be fewer with balloon-assisted ERCP, and it may be less time-consuming. However, concomitant cholecystectomy can be performed with LA-ERCP, but not with BEA-ERCP.

OP350 COMBINED RETROGRADE/ANTEGRADE ENDOCUTIC APPROACH TO DISCONNECTEDBILE-DUCT (DBD) AS A RESULT OF SEVEREPOSTOPERATIVE INJURY

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Aims DBD is defined at ERCP by lack of proximal filling under pressure cholangiography with/without contrast extravasation. Combined percutaneous-endoscopic approaches are encouraging. We hypothesized that aggressive retrograde (ERCP) and/or antegrade (EUS) attempts at recanalization might salvage DBD for endotherapy. To assess feasibility and efficacy of an endoscopic treatment algorithm of DBD and characterize the heterogeneous techniques used.

Methods Among 756 databased ERCPs at single center 2010 – 2018 for post-operative complications (strictures/leaks) in 261 patients (169 Liver transplant [LT]; 92 Other), 51 (20 female; age = 62.5 [34–92] years) had DBD (24 post-cholecystectomy, 15 post-LT, 12 Other). Procedural success/complications, technique and outcomes were determined.

Results Recanalization was achieved in 32/51 DBD, by means of ERCP in 16 (8 post-LT, 4 post-cholecystectomy); ERCP combined with EUS-guided antegrade approach in 15 (5 post-LT, 6 post-cholecystectomy), and EUS alone in 1. Lack of upstream dilation precluded EUS in 13, and recanalization failed in 6 despite EUS-hepatico-gastroscopy. 12 initial failures underwent surgical repair, 21/32 recanalizations required forced antegrade/retrograde techniques: hard end of stiff guidewire, intraductal needle-knife/hollow-needle puncture, transhepatic peritoneoscopy or magnetic-compression anastomosis. Recanalization took a mean (range) of 3.4 (1 – 6) ERCPs. Coincidental bilomas were endoscopically drained in 4 DBD. 26 Patients completed 31 treatment courses of stenting (2 plastic & 22 covered metal with/without plastic) after 269 (51 – 698) days of stents in place. After a mean follow-up of 479 (30 – 2200) days post-stent removal, 8 recurrences developed (5 successfully re-treated endoscopically, 2 undergoing stenting, 1 surgery). Overall complications: 7 (2 severe) post-procedural or stent related cholangitis, 4 post-sphincterotomy/EUS-BD bleeding, 2 pancreatitis, one death.

Conclusions 62.7% of DBDs can successfully be recanalized endoscopically by means of forced mechanical (guidewires, needles), thermal or magnetic techniques. Antegrade EUS approaches can salvage 50% ERCP failures. Mild-term treatment outcomes using this algorithm for DBDs appear comparable to those seen with partial postoperative strictures.

OP351 FEWER COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING PERCUTANEOUS-TRANSHEPATIC-ENDOSCOPIC RENDEZVOUS PROCEDURES COMPARED TO PERCUTANEOUS TRANSHEPATIC CHOLANGIOGRAPHY ALONE

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Aims Biliary drainage can be challenging in cases of refractory bile duct obstruction and percutaneous-transhepatic-endoscopic rendezvous procedures (PTE-RVs) might facilitate biliary drainage even in these cases. This study evaluated the safety and the technical success of PTE-RVs in comparison to those of percutaneous transhepatic cholangiographies (PTCs) for biliary drainage.

Methods Over a 10-year period, percutaneous procedures were retrospectively analyzed in our tertiary referral center. The examinations were accomplished due to a previous or expected failure of standard endoscopic methods including ERCP or balloon-assisted ERCP to achieve biliary access.

Results In total, 553 percutaneous procedures including 163 PTE-RVs and 390 PTCs were performed in 244 patients during the 10-year period of observation. 71.3% of the patients had a malignant disease with pancreas-carcinoma (32.8%) and cholangiocarcinoma (19.0%) as the most frequent, while 28.7% of the patients had a benign disease with cholelithiasis (45.7%) and post-operative biliodependent anastomotic strictures (31.4%) as the most frequent conditions. 50.8% of the patients had a postoperative change in bowel anatomy.

The technical success rate of PTCs was very high (89.7%) and although the technical success rate of PTE-RVs was significantly lower, it was still high (80.4%; p < 0.003). Overall, adverse events occurred in 23.5% of all examinations; comparing, significantly less complications occurred following PTE-RVs than following PTCs (16.6% vs. 26.4%; p = 0.037).

Conclusions Rendezvous procedures offer a high technical efficiency and significant less complications happen following PTE-RVs in comparison to PTCs. Considering this, PTE-RV should be preferred over sole PTC in terms of safety.

OP352 PATIENT RADIATION EXPOSURE DURING ENTEROSCOPY-ASSISTED ERCP IN SURGICALLY ALTERED ANATOMY

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Aims To provide data on radiation exposure in patients with surgically altered anatomy undergoing enteroscopy-assisted ERCP (EA-ERCP) during a 3-months registration period in comparison with conventional ERCP (C-ERCP) data.

Methods 20 EA-ERCP procedures were compared with 53 C-ERCP procedures. Data on patient and procedure characteristics were collected as well as radiation data: fluoroscopy time, total radiation dose and dose-area product (DAP).

Results Mean age in the EA-ERCP group was 58 ± 5 years vs. 66 ± 2 years in the C-ERCP group (p = 0.105) with a general M/F ratio of 67/33%. Surgical indication data: fluoroscopy time, total radiation dose and dose-area product (DAP).

Conclusions Radiation exposure in patients with surgically altered anatomy undergoing enteroscopy-assisted ERCP (EA-ERCP) was reduced compared to conventional ERCP (C-ERCP) in our study.
lower in the EA-ERCP group (83 ± 9 mGy) as compared to the C-ERCP group (97 ± 10 mGy, p = 0.449). However, DAP was significantly higher in the EA-ERCP group (2104 ± 187 μGy*m2 vs. 1464 ± 117 μGy*m2, p = 0.006), as is the total procedure time (82 ± 7 min vs. 41 ± 3 min, p < 0.001). These results indicate that C-ERCP procedures are more complex needing magnified fluoroscopy, whereas EA-ERCP procedures take more time for enteroscope insertion under wide field fluoroscopic guidance (as shown by increased DAP) with less complex ERCP manipulation (as shown by lower total dose).

**Conclusions**
ESGE guidelines provide data on patient radiation exposure during conventional ERCP. However, no data are currently available on patient radiation exposure during enteroscopy-assisted ERCP in patients with surgically altered anatomy. Radiation exposure in EA-ERCP is different as compared to C-ERCP: EA-ERCP takes longer with a higher DAP, but with a lower total radiation dose. This is explained by the need of fluoroscopy during enteroscope insertion (higher DAP) to perform less complex ERCP procedures (lower total dose).

**OP353 PREDICTIVE FACTORS OF LACK OF RESPONSE TO ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT FOR POST-OPERATIVE BILIARY LEAKS: A PROSPECTIVE STUDY**

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**Results**
113 patients (women 36.3%; age X = 63.2 ± 16.1y). 89 (78.8%) with post-cholecystectomy leak and 24 (21.2%) with post-hepatic surgery (PHL). The majority of them were extrahepatic (66.4%) and originated in cystic stump (41.6%) or in the common bile or hepatic duct (24.8%). We performed only sphincterotomy in 14 cases (12.4%) and sphincterotomy + stent insertion in 96 (85%). Biliary stricture was detected in 28 cases (24.8%), biloma in 36 (31.9%) and residual biliary stones in 38 (33.6%). In 76.1% the leak was solved and the resolution time was 5.7 ± 6.4 days. The leaks after hepatic resection surgery (62% vs. 13.5%; p = 0.000), located in intra-hepatic ducts (40% vs. 13.3%; p = 0.003), associated with stricture (39.3% vs. 1.9%; p = 0.016) and biloma (47.2% vs. 9.5%; p = 0.000) were most often not resolved. The predictors of lack of PLOL resolution in the multivariate analysis were PHL (OR = 9.95 CI 2.1 – 22.6), presence of biloma (OR = 4.4, 95% CI 1.3 – 13.3) and to perform only sphincterotomy without stent placement (OR = 4.1, 95% CI 1.0 – 17.3).

**Conclusions**
Post hepatic resection biliary leaks have a resolution rate significantly lower than the post-cholecystectomy ones, especially when they are associated to biloma and it is not possible the biliary stenting.

**OP354 TREATMENT OF REFRACTORY POST-SPHINCTEROTOMY AND POST-PAPILLECTOMY BLEEDING BY ENDOSCOPIC FIBRIN GLUE INJECTION. RESULTS OF A LARGE SERIES**

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**Aims**
Bleeding is one of the most common complication after endoscopic biliary sphincterotomy (ES) and post-papillectomy. Endoscopic hemostasis can be achieved by epinephrine, hemoclip, thermal coagulation or combining these options. Transarterial embolization (TAE) or even surgery are the last options to control bleeding. Aim of this study is to evaluate the results and the long-term follow-up of treatment of refractory post-sphincterotomy and post-papillectomy bleeding with endoscopic injection of fibrin glue.

**Methods**
Consecutive patients with refractory intraoperative or delayed bleeding following endoscopic sphincterotomy or papillotomy between October 2007 and February 2017 were identified from an electronic database. The following data were recorded: type of procedure with bleeding, treatment of first bleeding (diluted epinephrine injection, hemoclip or thermal coagulation), time between first and last bleeding, complications. Fibrin glue (Tissucol, Baxter, frozen storage; Beriplast P, CSL Behring, refrigerator storage) was injected only for refractory bleeding.

**Results**
Over a 9 years period and a case volume of > 10000 ERCPs, refractory post-sphincterotomy and post-papillectomy bleeding occurred in 63 cases, 26 intraoperative (40.6%) and 37 delayed (57.8%). All cases were treated with fibrin glue and stable hemostasis was reached in 61 (95.3%) cases except in 2 cases and in one case also after fully covered metal stent insertion, emergency arteriography diagnosed, and successfully treated in one case gastroduodenal artery pseudoaneurism, surgery was necessary in the other one. After fibrin glue injection 29 patients received a biliary stent, 32 a NBD, 2 patients both. Cholangiography through the NBD showed an intraductal fibrin clot in 2 cases (6.3%) easily removed with a Dormia basket. No cases of pancreatitis were reported after fibrin glue injection.

**Conclusions**
Endoscopic fibrin glue injection for refractory post-sphincterotomy and post-papillectomy bleeding could represent a safe and effective treatment. Main limitation of this series is the lack of a control group.

**OP355 GASTRIC PER ORAL ENDOCOSCOPIC PYLOROMYOTOMY (G-POEM): A RETROSPECTIVE SINGLE-CENTER EXPERIENCE**

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**Aims**
Evaluate the safety and the efficacy of G-POEM as a treatment of patients with gastroparesis and refractory symptoms.

**Methods**
Patients who were intended to benefit from G-POEM from January 2015 to November 2018. Symptoms were assessed with the Gastroparesis Cardinal Symptoms Index (GCSI) score. Gastric Emptying was evaluated with scintigraphy (GES) half gastric emptying time (HGET), Retention Percentage at 2 Hours (RPH2). Statistical evaluation was carried out using the software SPSS. Statistical difference is determined with the Wilcoxon Signed Ranks Test, with P < 0.05 considered as significant. Data are presented as medians with minimum and maximum.
Results 23 patients were treated. GES was delayed in all patients, median HGET was 143.5 min (101 – 802, n = 13) and PH2 58.9% (40 – 104, n = 14). Follow-up was 3 months (1 – 24, n = 22). Aetiologies were diabetic in 13% of patients (n = 3), post surgical in 30% (n = 7), idiopathic in 30% (n = 7), post oesophago-gastrectomy in 26% (n = 6). Median duration of symptoms was 26 months (2 – 149). Median age was 55 years (17 – 73, n = 23), with 74% female (n = 17) and 26% male subjects (n = 6). Previous therapies included Botox injection in 39% of patients (n = 9), and Surgical jejunostomy in 13% of patients (n = 3). G-POEM was completed successfully in 22 patients (95.6%), with one failure due to fibrosis and thus no access to submucosal space. They were 3 immediate complications and no delayed complications (1 bulbar perforation, 1 gastric perforation and 1 hemorrhage) all managed endoscopically. Median length of myotomy was 2 cm (1 – 3, n = 12). Median GCSI before and after treatment were 4 (2.78 – 5, n = 11) and 2.11 (0.44 – 4.44, n = 13). GCSI was compared before and after in 10 patients and were significantly improved (p = 0.022). GES were obtained in 14 patients at 3 months (1 – 10), with a significant reduction of RPH2 and HGET (p = 0.003 and 0.016).

Conclusions These retrospective data suggest that G-POEM is a technically feasible and safe procedure.

OP356 PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC SEPTOTOMY (POES) FOR ZENKER DIVERTICULUM: A PILOT STUDY

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Aims Treatments Zenker’s diverticulum (ZD) aim to dissect the muscle in order to remove the underlying dysfunctional condition. In the last decade, the endoscopic septotomy performed with a flexible endoscope has been reported as a safe and effective alternative to both open surgery and rigid endoscopic diverticulotomy. More recently, Li described a novel endoscopic technique, called Z-POEM, inspired by the per-oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) developed for Achalasia. Patients with short septum diverticulum represent a difficult-to-be-treated subgroup of patients because of anatomical limitation leading to reduced operation space. Aim of this study was to investigate the efficacy and safety of a novel alternative third space approach, called Per-Oral Endoscopic Septotomy (POES) to treat symptomatic patients with short-septumZD.

Methods All patients with short-septumZD who were referred for endoscopic repair since September2017, were considered for the study. Exclusion criteria consisted of previous treatments for Zenker, ZD with septum ≥ 2 cm, use of anticoagulants, inability to provide informed consent. The POES technique consisted of a 15 mm mucosotomy performed, after submucosal injection, at the top of the diverticular septum, alongside its long axis. The underlying submucosa was dissected to create an endoscopic window to access the submucosal space and to visualize the muscular septum. Then this was dissected along its entire length, sparing the overlying mucosa. Mucosal incision was finally sealed with clips. Outcomes included improvement of dysphagic symptoms which were scored using the Dakkak and Bennett dysphagia scale (0 – 4) and procedure-related adverse events.

Results Fourteen patients (M/F=9:5, mean age:62.5 ± 13.2) underwent the POES. All procedures were performed under deep sedation. Mean size of ZD was18.1 ± 2.6 mm and mean dysphagia score was2.8 ± 0.4. Average procedural time was12.0 ± 2.6 min. No intra-nor post-procedural adverse events occurred. Septal miotomy was successfully completed in all patients. Procedure was performed in outpatient setting in11out14patients. Dysphagia has significantly improved in thirteen out of 14 patients, with dysphagia score dropping from2.8 ± 0.4to0.2 ± 0.6. No recurrences were reported in a mean follow up time of7.3 ± 2.1 months (range:6 – 12).

Conclusions According to the preliminary results of this pilot study, POES treatment provided safe and effective treatment of a specific difficult-to-treat group of patients with ZD.

OP357 PER-ORAL ENDOSCOPIC PYLOROMYOTOMY (G-POEM) FOR THE TREATMENT OF REFRACTORY GASTROPARESIS

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Aims G-POEM is a new promising method for the treatment of refractory gastroparesis (GP). So far, small studies have been published suggesting its short-term efficacy and low incidence of periprocedural complications, but more data is necessary to assess the real role of G-POEM in clinical practice. The aim of our pilot study was to assess long-term (more than 12 months) clinical effectiveness, safety and technical aspects of G-POEM in consecutive patients with refractory GP.

Methods All patients with Gastroparesis cardinal symptom index (GCSI) >2.3 and abnormal gastric emptying study (GES) were included. Main outcomes were a) the proportion of patients with treatment success (defined as a decrease of a total GCSI score of at least 40%) at 3, 12 and 24 M and b) incidence of adverse events.

Results G-POEM was performed in 9 patients (5 women) with the following etiologies of GP: 5 post-surgical, 2 diabetics, 1 idiopathic, 1 combined post-surgical and diabetic and all were successfully completed. Treatment success was achieved in 8/9 patients (88.9%) at 3, 12 and 3/4 (75%) at 24 M. The mean GCSI score decreased from 3.3 ± 0.8 to 1.0 ± 0.3 (p < 0.001), 1.0 ± 0.7 (p = 0.02) and 1.4 ± 0.9 (p = 0.15) at 3, 12 and 24 M after the procedure. In those patients with a treatment success, no recurrences have occurred so far. In one patient, there was a leak on POD 1 and he needed additional clips to safely close the incision. One patient experienced delayed bleeding from gastric ulceration, which was successfully treated endoscopically, all remaining patients recovered uneventfully. GES improved/normalized in all patients.

Conclusions G-POEM was effective in 88.9% of patients and the effect seems long-lasting. (Supported by a grant from the Czech Ministry of Health 17 – 28797A).

OP358 SUBMUCOSAL TUNNELLING ENDOSCOPIC SEPTOTOMY DIVISION (Z-POEM) FOR ZENKER’S DIVERTICULUM: A NEW EMERGING TECHNIQUE COMPARED TO CONVENTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SEPTOTOMY

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Aims Zenker’s diverticulum (ZD) is an acquired protrusion of the esophageal wall. A wide variety of different treatment techniques have been published. Historically ZD managed by surgery and for last few years endoscopic septum...
dysphagia (78.6%), which was recorded by a 0–4 score (0 = no dysphagia, 1 = solids, 2 = semisolids, 3 = liquids, 4 = saliva).

**Results** Clinical response was significantly more frequent in the Z-POEM (50.0% vs. 0%; P<0.05). Z-POEM patients had shorter mean hospital stay than conventional septotomy patients (1.1 day vs. 2.5 day; P<0.05) despite longer procedure time of Z-POEM (49 min vs. 34.5 min; P<0.05). Conventional septotomy shown significantly longer mean remaining length of septum than Z-POEM (5.5 mm vs. 2.6 mm; P<0.05). The complete resolution of sole complaint regurgitation by Z-POEM (100% vs. 37%; P=0.05). Patients were followed for at least 18 months and showed a favourable outcome; more recurrence of symptoms in conventional 3/8 v/s 0/7 in Z-POEM (37.5% vs. 0%; P<0.05). Rate of adverse events significantly less in the Z-POEM group (14.3% vs. 62.5%; P<0.05). There were no cases of bleeding in Z-POEM and in conventional septotomy two cases (25%) bleeding who required endoscopic intervention.

**Conclusions** POEM allows for a longer myotomy than conventional septotomy, which may result in improved clinical outcomes. Z-POEM appears to be an effective and safe alternative to conventional septotomy in patients with ZD.

**OP359 SIX YEARS OF SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE WITH PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC MYOTOMY (POEM)**

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**Aims** POEM has proved excellent mid-term efficacy even when compared with other standard methods for treatment of achalasia, but the long-term durability still needs to be confirmed. Nevertheless, the high risk of post-POEM reflux tempers the enthusiasm. The aim of our study was to assess the long-term clinical outcome of POEM and a thorough analysis of post-POEM reflux.

**Methods** A retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data of patients undergoing POEM (December 2012-2018). All patients were scheduled for follow up at 3, 6, 12 M and every year after POEM. Upper GI endoscopy, HRM and 24-hour pH monitoring were performed 3 M after POEM; endoscopy was then repeated between 24–36 M. Main outcomes were treatment success defined as ES < 3, recurrence rate and reflux parameters evaluated by 24 h pH-metry, presence of reflux esophagitis, reflux symptoms and use of PPIs.

**Results** A total of 295 patients with achalasia underwent 308 POEMs. Follow-up visits at 3, 12, 24, 36 and 48 M were completed in 238, 167, 122, 66 and 25 patients At 3, 12, 24, 36 and 48 M treatment success was achieved in 97% (CI 95 – 100), 95% (91 – 98), 90% (84 – 95), 83% (74 – 92) and 83% (74 – 92) of patients. A total of 24 patients experienced treatment failure (n=6) or recurrence (n=18). At 3 M, RE was observed in 101/238 (42.4%, LA C/D in 11 patients). Abnormal acid exposure was detected in 89/208 (42.8%) patients. At 24 – 36 M, endoscopy was performed in 82 patients and RE was present in 25 patients (30.5%). PPIs were administered to 38.4% and 40.1% of patients at 3 and 24 M, respectively.

**Conclusions** POEM is a highly effective endoscopic treatment for achalasia with sustained treatment success of more than 80% at 24 and 36 M. Post-POEM reflux is present in almost 40% of patients, thus remaining a crucial clinical challenge in safety profile of the procedure.

**OP360 ESOPHAGEAL CLEANSING BEFORE POEM – A SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUE**

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**Aims** To devise a simple yet effective method for pre procedural oesophageal preparation for POEM.

**Methods** We have devised a scoring system depending on the esophageal mucosa, presence of fluid/froth and severity of candidial infection on the initial endoscopy.

- Grade I – clean esophagus
- Grade II – presence of fluid/froth + crumpled but normal mucosa
- Grade III – fluid/froth + intermittent esophageal candidiasis
- Grade IV – fluid/froth + severe esophageal candidiasis
- Grade V – extensive food residue with candidal infection

This is a comparative analysis of 100 patients with achalasia cardia confirmed on endoscopy and HRM. The first 50 (Group – A) patients were prepared with conventional preparation:

1. Clear liquids for 48 hours
2. NBM for 24 hours prior to POEM
3. Thorough wash with saline day before POEM

The subsequent 50 patients (Group – B) were prepared with simple and novel method:

1. patients are kept on warm water and a “carbonated drink” only
2. NBM for 6 hours prior to POEM
3. No wash was given.

**Results:**

- Grade I 14 12
- Grade II 13 21
- Grade III 13. 06
- Grade IV 06 07
- Grade V. 04. 04

No difference was found in group I to III as far as luminal clearance was concerned.

Group-B was superior in terms of shorter stay, less cost (10000 INR less) and more compliance. All patients of grade-V and two patients of grade-IV in group-A required additional wash prior to POEM due to food residue where Group-B patients had clear lumen even in grade-IV and V. Group-B patients had less exposure to anesthesia as and less risk as they had much clearer esophageal lumen.

**Conclusions** Simple warm water before POEM, cleans the oesophagus far better than any other agent. Decreases time of preparation and improves patient compliance. Very cheap and cost effective. Reduces anaesthesia risk and time.
**Aims** Gastric slow waves regulate peristalsis, and gastric dysrhythmias have been implicated in functional motility disorders. To accurately define slow wave patterns, it is currently necessary to collect recordings during open surgery, which is invasive and limit their application. We therefore developed a novel gastric slow wave mapping device for use during endoscopic procedures. We aimed to assess feasibility of the new device for acquisition of gastrointestinal slow wave.

**Methods** The device consists of a spreading catheter constructed of a flexible core coated with Pebax. Acquisition of gastric electrical signals was performed on healthy fasted weaner pigs under general anesthesia. Once deployed with endoscopic guidewire, catheter arrays is revealed with 12 electrode at 5 mm intervals. A multi-channel recorder (Acknowledge 4.4, MP150; Biopac Systems, Santa Barbara, CA) was used to record gastric myoelectrical activity throughout the study. We compared gastric electrical signals from gastric mucosal according to various lesions.

**Results** Gastric slow wave activity was successfully recorded simultaneously via both the novel endoscopic probe and the serosal measurement. The mean amplitude was 0.67 ± 0.05 mV in endoscopic probe and 1.07 ± 0.11 mV in reference. Recordings from the device and a reference array in pigs were identical in frequency, and activation patterns and velocities were consistent.

**Conclusions** In conclusion, the novel endoscopic device achieves high-quality mucosal slow wave recordings. It might be applied for endoscopic diagnostic studies to document slow wave patterns in patients with gastric motility disorders.

**OP362 PUBLIC ATTITUDES TO COLONOSCOPY: EMBARRASSMENT LEVELS AND COLONOSCOPY**

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**Aims** European public beliefs and attitudes to colonoscopy are poorly understood. A survey was conducted to better understand the issue. We aimed to determine the impact of an educational telephone intervention on colonoscopy adherence. The compliance with colonoscopy preparation protocols and patient satisfaction were also assessed.

**Methods** Prospective, randomized, controlled study. All consecutive patients referred for colonoscopy from the primary care centers from February to July 2018 were included. Two groups were designed, one of which received a standardized educational telephone call before the procedure. All patients received medical information from the primary care center and an administrative reminder from the hospital. An intention-to-treat (ITT) and per-protocol (PP) analysis were performed.

**Results** 767 patients in each group were initially enrolled. Finally, 747 were included in the control group (CG) and 738 in the interventional group (IG). Telephone contact was achieved in 613 (83%). Non-adherence for colonoscopy was lower in the IG: ITT [8.4%, OR 1.8 (95% CI 1.30–2.53), p = 0.0001], PP [4.4%, OR 1.8 (95% CI 1.35–2.51), p = 0.0001] compared with the CG [14.3%]. Rescheduling due to non-compliance protocols was higher in the CG [2.3%] compared to the IG: ITT [0.4%, p = 0.003], PP [0.3%, p = 0.003]. Compliance with the cleansing protocols was poor in the CG [correct diet 95.3%, split-dose 89.8%] in comparison with the IG: ITT [correct diet 97.9%, p = 0.01; split-dose 91.8%, p = 0.002], PP [correct diet 98.3%, p = 0.01; split-dose 92.6%, p = 0.002]. The information received was lower rated as excellent or very good in the CG [64.9%] compared with the IG: ITT [85%, p = 0.0001], PP [84.9%, p = 0.0001].

**Conclusions** A patient standardized educational telephone intervention performed by an endoscopy nurse improves adherence, protocols compliance and patient satisfaction in outpatient colonoscopy.
35.1% in the earlier studies to 22.1%-23% in the more recent ones. A relevant finding was found in 43.3% of appropriate and in 35.1% of inappropriate endoscopies (P < 0.0001; OR: 1.42, 95% CI = 1.36–1.49; NNS = 12). Prevalence of cancers was also higher in appropriate than in inappropriate UCIs (2.98% vs. 0.09%, P < 0.0001; OR = 3.33; NNS = 48). The prevalence of detected cancers significantly (P = 0.004) increased from 1.38% in the earlier studies to 2.11% in the more recent ones, whilst prevalence of other relevant findings remained similar.

**Conclusions** Rate of inappropriate UGI endoscopies is still high. Diagnostic yield of appropriate endoscopies is higher than that of inappropriate procedures, including upper GI cancers. Therefore, implementation of guidelines in clinical practice is urged.

**OP365 SAME SESSION BI-DIRECTIONAL ENDOSCOPY – TIME FOR A TAILORED APPROACH**

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**Aims** In the United Kingdom (UK), patients with iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) are referred to secondary care for investigations. The British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) recommends urgent upper gastrointestinal (UGI) and lower gastrointestinal (LGI) endoscopies for patients with IDA. This is the commonest indication for simultaneous bi-directional endoscopy. The aim of this study was to determine the utility of bi-directional endoscopy in patients with IDA.

**Methods** All patients who had simultaneous bidirectional endoscopies between July 2015 and December 2016 at a UK Trust were recruited into the study. Demographic and clinical data which included endoscopic findings and histology were analysed using SPSS.

**Results** 1560 patients (male n = 785, female n = 870, age 63 (16–95)) underwent both procedures simultaneously in the study period. 972 patients were anaemic (male = 538, female = 434), 578 had IDA (male = 402, female = 396). The majority of patients had normal findings on endoscopy (80% UGI, 77% of LGI). Neoplastic lesions were found in only 0.9% (n = 15) on UGI endoscopy but in 4% (n = 61) on LGI endoscopy. A further 0.3% (n = 5 UGI) and 14% (n = 230 LGI) had polypos with malignant potential. In all anaemic patients, overall malignancy detection rate was 3.5% (n = 58) (UGI n = 9 vs. LGI n = 49, p < 0.05). Specifically, in patients with IDA, an overall malignancy detection rate for both UGI and LGI endoscopies was 3% (n = 49) (UGI n = 5 vs. LGI n = 44, p < 0.05).

**Conclusions** This study suggests that urgent UGI endoscopies may be unnecessarily performed in patients with anaemia. The national use of faecal immunochemical testing may reduce the number of colonoscopies and allow for more strategic use of LGI endoscopies in the investigations of anaemia. It seems prudent that the recommendation for urgent endoscopic investigation for anaemia be revisited.

**OP366V E-PATIENT COUNSELING TRIAL (E-PACO): COMPUTER BASED PATIENT EDUCATION IS NON-INFERIOR TO NURSE COUNSELING PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY, A MULTICENTER RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL**

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**Aim** Optional patient education prior to colonoscopy improves adherence to instructions for bowel preparation and leads to cleaner colons. We developed a computer based education (CBE) supported by video and 3D animations. We hypothesized that CBE may replace current nurse counseling (NC) in most cases, without losing quality of bowel cleanliness during colonoscopy.

**Methods** A prospective, multicenter, endoscopist blinded, non-inferiority randomized controlled trial was conducted. The primary outcome was the rate of successful bowel cleansing, evaluated using the Boston Bowel Preparation Scale (BBPS). Secondary outcome measures were sickness absence, anxiety, satisfaction and information re-call scores. Data was gathered through questionnaires and endoscopy reports. Four endoscopy units participated, with different levels (rural, urban, tertiary). Inclusion criteria were adult age and referral for complete colonoscopy.

**Results** Out of 1035 eligible patients, we randomized 845 patients. After evaluation, 497 patients were included in our per-protocol analyses, 217 in the NC group and 280 in the CBE group. Baseline characteristics were similarly distributed amongst groups. Response rates of patient questionnaires were 100%, 55.6% and 47.3%. Endoscopists scored BBPS in 95% of the cases. Successful bowel cleansing was achieved in 93.2% of the CBE group, which was non-inferior to the NC group (94%); a difference of -0.8% [95% confidence interval -1.1 to 0.5]. BBPS scores were 7.8 (SD 1.62) and 8.0 (SD 1.69), respectively. Sickness absence was significantly more frequent in the NC group (28.0% vs. 4.8%). In the CBE group, only 21.8% of patients needed additional information, resulting in 4.8% extra outpatient visits. Other secondary outcomes showed no significant difference in both groups.

**Conclusion** As modality for patient education, CBE is non-inferior to NC in terms of bowel cleanliness during colonoscopy, with lower patient sickness leave. CBE therefore is practical and efficient for patient education prior to colonoscopy and is recommended for daily practice.

**OP367 INTRODUCTION OF A DOUBLE-VERIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR ENDOSCOPY PATHOLOGY SAMPLES: A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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**Aim** Improvement of patient safety and quality in endoscopy is of utmost importance. Of late, more emphasis has been placed on improvement of technical skills and key performance indicators than examining non-technical skills and human factors for error. In Bantry General Hospital (BGH) there was high number of pathology specimens taken at endoscopy rejected for analysis due to specimen mislabeling. This represented a major breach of patient safety. A Quality improvement (QI) project was undertaken within the endoscopy department using the PDCA approach with the aim of error reduction.

**Methods** Plan The standardized Safety Attitudes Questionnaire (SAQ) was administered to the nine departmental staff members to assess the baseline safety. A Quality improvement (QI) project was undertaken within the endoscopy department using the PDSA approach with the aim of error reduction.

**Do** A double-verification checklist was introduced within the department to reduce labeling errors.

**Study** Pathology errors for a year post checklist introduction were reviewed and a qualitative feedback questionnaire administered to staff.

**Act** Qualitative feedback gave scope for expansion of further QI projects within the department.

**Results** The baseline specimen rejection rate was 1.92%. Introduction of a double-verified safety checklist lead to an 88% reduction in labeling errors. A high positive score has been demonstrated in all categories of the SAQ in the
endoscopy unit in BGH indicating a strong culture and safety attitude present within the unit. A qualitative analysis of why errors occurred drew up two main themes, namely process and human factors. Advantages of the new checklist were outlined under the themes of quality factors and process factors. The time constraints of the new process was the main cited disadvantage.

Conclusions Introduction of a double-verification safety checklist in BGH successfully reduced error in specimen labeling rates in endoscopy in the context of a strong safety culture within the unit. The study highlights the benefits of safety checklists in the endoscopy process as a means of improvement of patient safety.

OP368 ACHIEVEMENT OF EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY (ESGE) PERFORMANCE MEASURES: OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EUROPEAN COLONOSCOPY QUALITY INVESTIGATION (ECQI) QUESTIONNAIRE

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Aims To investigate the quality of colonoscopy in current clinical practice, through the use of online questionnaires, compared with recently published European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) key performance measures.

Methods The development of the procedure questionnaire, by the European Colonoscopy Quality Investigation (ECQI) Group, has been previously described in posters presented at UEGW, 2015 and 2016. Data collection is an ongoing process. We analysed data collected between 2/6/16 and 30/4/18.

Results 6445 colonoscopies were documented by 84 practitioners across 12 European countries.

Adequate bowel preparation was defined as Boston Bowel Preparation Scale score ≥ 6 (ESGE minimum standard ≥ 90%). From our data (data unavailable for 209, 3.2%), 84.2% (n = 5427) of procedures had adequate bowel cleansing.

Caecal intubation rate (ESGE minimum standard of ≥ 90% of all diagnostic and screening colonoscopies visualise the whole caecum, where indication exists). The caecum was the intended endpoint in 69.4% of procedures (ileum 28.1%, anastomosis 1.3%, data unavailable 1.2%). For those colonoscopies where the caecum was the intended endpoint (n = 4473), 94.7% reported reaching the caecum but only 77.5% (3281/4234) of those stated endpoint photo-documentation.

Polyp detection rate (PDR) (ESGE minimum standard ≥ 40% of screening and diagnostic colonoscopies performed in those aged 50 years or older). At least one polyp was detected in 40.7% (1357/3335) of qualifying procedures.

Withdrawal time from caecum to anal canal and inspection of the entire bowel mucosa at negative (no biopsy or therapy) screening or diagnostic colonoscopy (ESGE minimum standard mean 6 minutes). Of the 1150 qualifying procedures providing data, the overall mean (± SD) withdrawal time was 7.8 ± 3.1 minutes, the median withdrawal time was 7 minutes.

Conclusions Our findings indicate that while minimum standards for PDR and withdrawal time are being met, they are not achieved for adequate bowel clearance, or photo-documentation of caecal intubation.

Saturday, April 6, 2019 14:30 – 16:00

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OP369 COLORECTAL CANCER IN FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS: RESULTS FROM THE DANISH POLYPOSIS REGISTRY

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Aims Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) is an autosomal dominant disorder that predisposes to colorectal cancer (CRC). The Danish Polyposis Registry is a nationwide, complete registry of FAP patients that coordinates a surveillance program consisting of 1) tracing and genotyping of 1st degree relatives and 2) annual or biannual colonoscopies until referral to colectomy or proctocolectomy. We aimed this study to assess efficacy of the surveillance program including the incidence, prevalence, and crude survival rates of CRC for Danish FAP patients.

Methods Data was collected from the Danish Polyposis Registry and the periods 1990–99 and 2000–17 were compared.

Results By the end of 2017, the registry comprised 226 families with 721 affected individuals. While the mean annual incidence rate of FAP was stable from 1990–99 (0.19/100,000/year) to 2000–17 (0.32/100,000/year) (p = 0.91), the point prevalence increased significantly from 4.86/100,000 in 1999 to 6.11/100,000 by the end of 2017 (p = 0.005). During the period 2000–17, FAP related CRC constituted 25/72,218 of all CRC cases (0.03%), which was a significant decrease from 1990–99 (26/30,005 cases, 0.09%) (p = 0.001). The risk of CRC was significantly higher for probands (n = 191, 61.6%) compared to call-up cases (n = 5, 1.9%) (p < 0.001). All CRCs in call-up patients were detected at the initial endoscopic evaluation. Thus, no cases were identified in the surveillance program. The life expectancy for probands differed significantly from call-up patients (69.9 years, 95% CI, 66.9–72.9 vs 56.1 years, 95% CI, 53.6–58.6, p < 0.001); hence, an appropriate tracing and preoperative endoscopic surveillance program prolong life expectancy with 13.4 years for first-degree family members.

Conclusions The Danish Polyposis Registry enables close monitoring of FAP patients resulting in a minimized risk of CRC and a prolonged life expectancy within the surveillance programme. Establishment of further national polyposis registries is strongly recommended in order to globally secure high quality patient care for FAP patients.

OP370 ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF DUODENAL AND JEJUNAL POLYPOSIS IN PATIENTS WITH FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS USING DOUBLE BALLOON ENDOSCOPY

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EPP2  NARROW-BAND IMAGING PREDICTS THE HISTOLOGY OF ANAL SQUAMOUS INTRAEPITHELIAL LESION AND SUPERFICIALLY INVASIVE SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA WITH HIGH ACCURACY

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Aims  Anal cancer incidence is increasing. Squamous cell carcinoma is the most frequent histologic type and is preceded by precancerous lesions, i.e. squamous intraepithelial lesions (SILs), and by superficially invasive squamous cell carcinoma (SISCCA), a microinvasive disease with low metastatic risk. SIL and SISCCA are amenable to conservative or excisional treatment, however their endoscopic identification is challenging. We aimed at assessing narrow-band imaging (NBI) in predicting histology of SIL and SISCCA.

Methods  Retrospective analysis of prospectively collected database. Patients with suspected SIL and SISCCA underwent a rectosigmoidoscopy with high-definition colonoscopes (HDV Olympus 180 Exera) or dual-focus colonoscopes (HDV Olympus 190 Exera) with NBI evaluation and histological assessment. Three NBI patterns were identified: i) pattern I, elongation of intrapapillary capillary loops toward epithelial surface; ii) pattern II, thickened and tortuous intrapapillary capillary loops; iii) pattern III, mosaic-like disposition of intrapapillary capillary loops.

SILs were classified according to the LAST classification in high-grade (HSIL) and low-grade (LSIL). Correlation between tumour grade and NBI was evaluated with Spearman’s ρ coefficient. We calculated diagnostic accuracy of NBI in detecting the presence of HSIL or SISCCA vs. LSIL.

Results  We documented 45 lesions in 42 patients (mean age 54.5 years; 24 females). In details, 33 (73.3%) lesions were LSIL, 9 (20%) were HSIL, and 3 (6.7%) were SISCCA. NBI pattern positively correlated to the tumour grade (Spearman’s ρ = 0.952, p < 0.001). Furthermore, 33/33 (100%) LSILs had NBI pattern I, 8/9 (88.9%) HSILs had NBI pattern II, and 3/3 SISCCAs had NBI pattern III. Diagnostic accuracy of NBI pattern II or III in detecting HSIL or SISCCA vs. LSIL was high (sensitivity = 91.7%, 95% CI 61.5–98.9%; specificity = 100%, 95% CI 89.4–100%).

Conclusions  NBI evaluation of suspected SIL can differentiate low grade SIL from high grade SIL and SISCCA with high accuracy. The mosaic-like NBI pattern is strongly associated with SISCCA.
Radiation proctitis is a known complication following radiation therapy for pelvic malignancy. The majority of cases are treated with conservative management, including endoscopic treatment.

We present a patient with a chronic radiation proctitis despite treatment with argon plasma coagulation.

Case report A 67-year-old man with a history of prostate adenocarcinoma and chronic radiation proctitis was initially treated with several sessions of argon plasma coagulation in other hospital. He maintained rectal bleeding daily and secondary anemia requiring intravenous iron therapy.

In the colonoscopy we observed radiation proctitis over hemorrhoids in distal rectum (image 1). Due to the impossibility of a new fulguration it was decided to perform endoscopic band ligation (image 2) with no complications. Six weeks later, a control endoscopy was performed, identifying post-banding ulcers (image 3), so we postponed a new control for two months. In this colonoscoppy we observed a scar tissue and petechial erythematous area on hemorrhoidal pedicle (image 4), performing a new endoscopic band ligation.

In the last endoscopy, six months after the first ligation, findings were post-banding scars and slight proctitis above two hemorrhoid pedicles, performing a new ligation (image 5).

Clinically, after the first endoscopic band ligation, symptoms improved only for a week, with further deterioration due to rectal bleeding secondary to rectal ulcers.

After the second endoscopic band ligation, the patient refers clear improvement of symptoms with rectal bleeding episodes reduced to rare events and hemoglobin normalization.

Discussion Medical and endoscopic management of chronic radiation proctitis is complex, with no evidence of an efficient therapeutic option. In this case, endoscopic band ligation as an effective treatment of chronic radiation proctitis refractory to argon plasma coagulation. It is not clear the number of sessions required to control of symptoms, but it seems a possible alternative to thermal treatments.

Friday, April 5, 2019 10:30 – 11:00
Colon stent ePoster Podium 2

ePP4 SCHEDULED INSERTION OF SELF-EXPANDING METAL STENT (SEMS) OF COLON IN SUBOCCLUSION SECONDARY TO COLORECTAL CANCER. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

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Aims Colon cancer obstruction occurs in 8 – 13% of patients with advanced colorectal cancer (CRC).
Objective To analyze the efficacy and safety of early insertion of SEMS in patients with malignant colorectal obstruction that does not allow the passage of the colonoscope but without acute obstructive symptoms.
Methods Randomized and double-blind clinical trial. Patients with stage IV CRC or locally advanced rectum between 2014 and 2017 with malignant stenosis that prevent the passage of the colonoscope at the diagnosis but without acute obstructive clinic were randomized to SMA placement or not. We analyze demographic variables, clinical scales of obstruction, treatments received and complications.
Results We include 17 patients. 7 patients were assigned to the ‘SEMS group’ and 10 to ‘no SEMS’. The mean follow-up was 164 days (7 – 616). Most frequent localization: left colon and rectum (23.5% both). Without differences in demographic characteristics between both groups. During the follow-up a clinical scale of obstruction was used which improved in 100% of the patients in the SEMS group compared to 30% in the non-SEMS group (associated with chemotherapy treatment).

60% of those included in the non-SEMS group required urgent SEMS placement (mean time since diagnosis: 136 days; SD 74). Finally, 16 SEMS were placed (7 early and 9 urgently for different reasons in both groups). There were no significant differences between the two groups in terms of complications, although migration and perforation were more frequent in the non-SEMS group. The 2 perforations were deferred in patients treated with bevazumab.

Conclusions:
- Sixty percent of the patients in the non-SEMS group had an episode of acute colonic obstruction that required the placement of urgent colon SEMS.
- Migration and perforation were more frequent in the non-SEMS group.
- The small number of patients evaluated to date makes it necessary to extend the inclusion period in order to obtain more reliable conclusions.

ePP5 FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH TECHNICAL SUCCESS IN COLONIC STENT PLACEMENT

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Aims To evaluate factors associated with the successful placement of colonic stents.

Tab. 1 Multivariate analysis of factors associated with technical success in endoscopic stent placement

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Methods We performed an observational and retrospective study of patients attended in a single center between 2007 and 2014, with colonic stents placed for any reason. Technical success was defined as the correct placement of the stent in the radiological image. Three doctors had more experience in endoscopic stents and skills in ERCP, and were referred to “experts”.

Results There were included 217 patients, with technical success in 189 (87.1%). There were no differences attending to the length of the stent, level of the neoplasia, or emergency setting. The groups of expert endoscopists achieved a technical success in 110 (93.2%) cases, and the other group in 79 (79.8%), with an OR 3.4 (1.4 – 8.3). In the multivariate analysis, the presence of peritoneal carcinomatosis was associated with less technical success and the experience of the endoscopist with higher.

Conclusions In our study, the technical success of the placement of colonic stents was associated with the experience of the endoscopist and the absence of peritoneal carcinomatosis.

ePP6 THE PROGNOSTIC IMPACT OF BOWEL PERFORATION FOLLOWING SELF-EXPANDABLE METAL STENT AS A BRIDGE TO SURGERY FOR MALIGNANT COLORECTAL OBSTRUCTION

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Methods We performed a retrospective cohort study of patients with colorectal obstruction treated with self-expandable metal stent (SEMS) as bridge to surgery for malignant colorectal cancer between 2007 and 2014, at the Hallym University Sacred Heart Hospital. The main events of interest were: bowel perforation during SEMS placement, stent migration and stent-related perforation. We performed a multivariate analysis to determine factors associated with complications. The chi-square test was used for categorical variables, and the Student’s t-test for continuous variables.

Results We included 324 patients, with a mean age of 71.4 years (range 26–92). The median follow-up was 36.1 months (range 1–152). The main events of interest were: bowel perforation during SEMS placement (19.1%), stent migration (8.3%), and stent-related perforation (1.5%). The factors associated with bowel perforation were: high BMI (OR 1.5; CI 1.1–2.0), previous radiotherapy (OR 1.8; CI 1.1–2.9), and obstructive symptoms (OR 2.2; CI 1.3–3.7).

Conclusions Bowel perforation during SEMS placement is a common complication after SEMS placement as bridge to surgery for malignant colorectal obstruction. The factors associated with bowel perforation were: high BMI, previous radiotherapy, and obstructive symptoms.
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Aims Although self-expandable metal stent (SEMS) is very useful for relieving malignant colorectal obstruction, it may cause bowel perforation and result in impaired oncological outcomes. However, data comparing the outcomes of patients with or without perforation are limited. We aimed to compare overall survival and recurrence rates depending on SEMS-related bowel perforation.

Methods This multicenter study included obstructive colorectal cancer patients treated with SEMS as a bridge to surgery. The data were retrospectively collected and the patients were matched at a ratio of 1:5 according to age, sex, tumor location, pathologic stage, and curative resection. The oncological outcomes according to perforation were evaluated using the Kaplan-Meier method.

Results From January 2009 to February 2018, 258 patients underwent SEMS as a bridge to surgery. Of these patients, 18 (7.0%) had SEMS-related perforations (the perforation group). Overt and silent perforations were identified in 16 and 2, respectively. The rate of more than 14 cm of SEMS length was higher in the perforation group compared to the entire patients without perforation (16.7% vs. 2.5%, p = 0.019 by Fisher’s exact test). In comparison with 90 matched controls (the non-perforation group), the 5-year overall survival rate was lower in the perforation group (54.3% vs. 77.2%, p = 0.078). The 5-year recurrence rate was significantly higher in the perforation group compared to the non-perforation group (50.1% vs. 23.6%, p = 0.003).

Conclusions Insertion of longer SEMS increases the risk of perforation. SEMS-related perforation is associated with increased recurrence rate.

ePP11 RESULTS OF A COLORECTAL SCREENING PROGRAMME BELOW THE FIT THRESHOLD OF 100 NG/ML (20UG/G)

Aims The CRC screening programmes based on the immunological FOBT/FIT (faecal occult blood test) among asymptomatic subjects between 50–69 years old have proved its efficacy in the reduction of CRC incidence and mortality. The threshold to consider a FIT positive in the Spanish CRC screening programme and therefore be invited to undergo colonoscopy is 100 ng/mL. Considering that values above 50 ng/mL are considered positive out of the screening programme, there is a % of asymptomatic subjects with values between 50–99 ng/mL that could have undetected lesions.

Aim TO ANALYSE THE ENDOSCOPIC FINDINGS IN PATIENTS WITH FIT RESULTS BETWEEN 50 – 99 NG/ML.

Tab. 1 Comparative of endoscopic findings FIT50 – 99 vs. FIT>100

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<td>Adenomas: Total/Male/Female</td>
<td>879 (69.2%)/322 (61.2%)</td>
<td>32 (45.7%)/17 (58.8%)/15 (38.5%)</td>
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<td>High risk adenoma: Total/Male/Female</td>
<td>608 (47.9%)/182 (36.6%)</td>
<td>14 (20%)/10 (32.3%)/4 (10.1%)</td>
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<td>CRC: Total/Male/Female</td>
<td>105 (8.3%)/71 (10.3%)/34 (6.5%)</td>
<td>2 (2.9%)/1 (3.1%)/1 (2.4%)</td>
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Methods We analysed retrospectively FIT results (OC-SENSOR, Biogen) received in the laboratory of León’s Hospital in the first round of CRC screening between 2014–2016. We selected those patients with FIT results between 50–99 ng/mL that had undergone colonoscopy by their doctor’s indication as screening. As a control group, we used subjects that underwent colonoscopy as part of the CRC screening programme (FIT ≥ 100).

Results A total of 989 subjects between 60–69 years old presented FIT results ranging from 50 to 99 ng/mL 70 (7%) of them underwent colonoscopy. We detected adenomas in 32 (45.7%), high risk adenomas in 14 (20%) and CRC in 2 (2.9%). In the indexed table, we present the results comparing with the control group.

Conclusions The FIT threshold established for the population CRC screening in Spain is efficient, but it can increase the false negative (FN) situations. It is necessary to evaluate these results with larger series to find the risk factors associated to FN as well as allow us to propose evidence-based changes to the threshold or modifications to the screening interval.
ePP12 THE ROLE OF COLON CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY IN COLONRECTAL CANCER SCREENING: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW
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Aims Colorectal cancer (CRC) screening programs have been implemented in many countries in order to decrease CRC incidence and mortality. Primary colonoscopy (OC) and fecal immunochemical test (FIT) are the most commonly used screening modalities. An alternative screening instrument is colon capsule endoscopy (CCE). Although the accuracy has already been proven, information on the performance of CCE in a screening population remains scarce. This is the first systematic review on the role of CCE as a CRC screening tool.
Methods A systematic search was conducted until November 2018 to retrieve studies from Embase, Web of Science, Medline Ovid and Cochrane Central. Studies were included when subjects underwent both CCE and OC and reported on test accuracy of CCE compared to OC in a screening population. Primary outcomes were participation, detection rate of polyps and sensitivity and specificity of any polyp. Secondary outcomes were the rate of complete colon visualization and cleansing score.
Results Literature search retrieved 499 studies, of these 7 met the inclusion criteria. In total 975 patients were included. All studies concerned a first (n = 6) or second (n = 1) round FIT-positive screening population. Studies that reported on participation showed rates of 8.9% and 22.9%. The polyp detection rate in CCE varied from 69% to 82%. All CRCs found during CCE were also reported during OC. Sensitivity of any polyp ranged between 79% and 98.5% and specificity between 65% and 99%. Bowel preparation was adequate in 70% to 92% and completion rate varied from 54% to 90%. No adverse events with CCE were reported in the included studies.
Conclusions CCE is a safe and effective diagnostic tool for the detection of cancer and polyps in a screening population. Bowel preparation is adequate in most studies, but the low completion rates affect the performance of CCE. More studies are needed to determine the role of CCE as screening instrument.

ePP9 MUCOSAL FLATTENING ASSISTED COLONOSCOPY (FAC) FOR IMPROVING ADENOMA DETECTION RATE: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW WITH PAIRWISE AND NETWORK META-ANALYSIS
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Aims Improving ADR is currently the central focus of quality improvement in colonoscopy. Fold flattening devices could ameliorate the ADR. Aims of study; to compare efficacy of mucosal flattening assisted colonoscopy vs. standard colonoscopy in improving adenoma detection rate.
Methods Full text Randomized Clinical Trials (RCT) included in the analysis. Pairwise and then network meta-analysis performed; relative ranking was evaluated by surface under the cumulative ranking curves (SUCRA).
Results 13 articles included; total of 8243 patients. Endocuff (EC), EndoRing (ER), G-Eye and Standard Colonoscopy (SC) were compared. Pairwise meta-analysis: SC vs. EC, improved ADR with an OR of 1.36 (c.l.95% 1.12 to 1.60) p = 0.001. A significant Heterogeneity was present: sub grouping studies in three level of ADR in the SC, the OR between the two treatment arms were significantly different. When in SC the ADR> 40% no difference was present: OR 1.07 (c.l.95% 0.85 to 1.34) p = 0.184; when ADR= 25% OR 1.85 (c.l.95% 1.35 to 2.53) p = 0.000; when ADR was > 25 and =41, OR 1.43 (c.l.95% 1.13 to1.77) p = 0.014. SC vs. ER no difference was observed between the two procedures OR 1.063 (c.l.95% 0.875 to 1.291) p = 0.540. SC vs. G-Eye - OR = 0.63 (c.l.95% 0.48 to 0.83) p =< 0.001. Network meta analysis ER vs EC indirect comparison provided a trend favoring ER: ADR Log OR = -0.33 (c.l. 95% -0.72 to 0.00) p< 0.04. G EYE device reach the higher (SUCRA) percentage of effectiveness: SUCRA Estimated Probabilities = 90.5 and the probability best = 78.1%; EC SUCRA = 67.8 and probability best 17.4%.
Conclusions Endocuff devices improve ADR when the ADR in SC is <= 40%. G EYE reach the higher probability to be best device for improving ADR.
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**ePP13V**

**EUS TISSUE DIAGNOSIS OF A MALIGNANT SOLID PSEUDOPAPILLARY TUMOR OF THE PANCREAS IN A YOUNG MALE RARE PRESENTATION OF A RARE PANCREATIC TUMOR -CASE REPORT-

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**Introduction**

Solid pseudopapillary tumors (SPT) of the pancreas are rare neoplasms of uncertain origin that account for 0.2 to 2.7% of all pancreatic tumors. SPT’s have an unclear malignant potential and can mimic aggressive tumors. Preoperative EUS sampling can predict the type of tissue that will be resected with an overall favorable prognosis.

We report the case of a 50 year-old man consulting for lower back pain who was found on CT scan to have a large pancreatic tail mass. Serum markers were negative and no distant metastases were present.

**Procedure and Results**

EUS confirmed the presence of a 42 mm hypchoic, heterogeneous, solid lesion with cystic components and calcifications. There was contact with the splenic vein without flow interruption. Fine needle aspiration was performed. Cytologically, minimally cohesive, uniform and monotonous cells were present, lining delicate capillary-sized blood vessels, with a pseudopapillary architecture. Immunohistochemical test was positive for vimentin, CD56, receptor of progesterone, and focal synaptophysin.

Distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy was subsequently performed with a pathologic staging pT2 pN0 (0/6)(A)CC 2017. No adjuvant therapy was administered as decided on multidisciplinary board.

**Conclusion**

SPTs are exocrine neoplasms that mainly affects young women, rarely men. Symptoms are vague. Cross sectional imaging typically shows a well-encapsulated lesion with solid and cystic components and varying degrees of central necrosis; but none are specific.

EUS plays an important role in diagnosis and staging, providing the possibility of cytologic – histologic evaluation. Immunohistochemical pattern is critical in diagnosing these tumors for differentiating them from other pancreatic tumors with a radical different prognosis.

First line treatment is complete surgical resection given its malignant potential. Larger tumors (diameter > 5 cm), lymphovascular invasion, lymph node metastasis, synchronous metastasis and positive margin may indicate future risk of metastasis.

**ePP14**

**HIGH DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY OF ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASONOGRAPHY IN PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED CHOLEDOCHOLITHIASIS**

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**Aims**

The likelihood of common bile duct (CBD) stones can be prognosticated by various clinical predictors, however the sensitivity and specificity of these factors is moderate. Endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) has been shown to be a non-invasive precise test for the detection of CBD stones. Our aim was to assess the diagnostic accuracy of EUS in patients with suspected choledocho lithiasis in two centers during the period of 1 year.

**Methods**

Prospective study of patients with cholelithiasis and clinical symptoms associated with abnormal liver function tests or suspicion of biliary obstruction due to stones detected by imaging modalities were categorized and divided into an intermediate- and high likelihood groups according to the clinical predictors defined by the ASGE guidelines and referred for linear EUS.

**Results**

Total of 95 patients (70 females, 25 males; mean age of 60.9 ± 19.1 and 61.3 ± 17.8 years, respectively) were assessed. CBD stones were detected by EUS overall in 53 (55%) patients: 41% (20/49) in the intermediate likelihood and 72% (33/46) in the high likelihood group of patients, respectively.

The size and the number of detected CBD stones in all patients were confirmed by the following endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP). No significant difference was observed between the two likelihood groups concerning the detection of CBD stones. Two-month follow up of patients with no CBD stones detected on EUS revealed clinical findings in 4% (2/42) suspicious for biliary obstruction; 1 ERCP had to be performed in the follow-up period. The specificity and sensitivity of EUS was 100% and 95%, the positive predictive value and negative predictive value was 100% and 93%, respectively. No correlation was found between the stones detected by ERCP and the analyzed liver function tests.

**Conclusions**

EUS is highly sensitive and accurate diagnostic tool for the detection and evaluation of CBD stones also in patients with previous normal imaging findings.

**ePP15**

**DILATION OF THE COMMON BILE DUCT OF UNDETERMINATE CAUSE – THE ROLE OF ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASONOGRAPHY**

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**Aims**

Dilation of the common bile duct (CBD) of undetermined cause is commonly observed in clinical practice and may have multiple etiologies. The aim of this study was to identify positive endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) predictors and to assess agreement with magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography (MRCP).

**Methods**

Retrospective study including patients who underwent EUS for dilation of CBD detected on ultrasound (VBP>= 7 mm) or computerized tomography (VBP>= 10 mm) with no identified cause between 2010 – 2017.

**Results**

We included 56 patients – mean age of 70 years, 70% female, 29% cholecystectomy. The EUS was positive in 30% of the patients – 6 patients had cholecodolithiasis, 3 ampuloma, 2 choledochal cyst, 2 benign CBD stenosis, 1 cyst of the head of the pancreas, 1 cholangiocarcinoma, 1 chronic pancreatitis and 1 CBD compression due to adenomagaly.

Factors positively related with findings in EUS were an increased gamma glutamyl transferase (331 U/L vs. 104 U/L, p = 0.039), alkaline phosphatase (226 U/L vs. 114 U/L, p = 0.041), total bilirubin (7.8 g/dL vs. 1.2 g/dL, p = 0.035) and the presence of signs/symptoms (p = 0.042).

MRCP was concordant with EUS findings in 76% of the cases (n = 46; MRCP did not identify 3 cases of lithiasis, 2 ampulomas and 1 CBD compression due to adenomagaly and EUS did not identify 3 cases of benign stenosis CBD, 1 choledocholithiasis and 1 cyst of the bile duct). Seven patients repeated EUS and the findings were concordant with first in 86% of cases (1 case of unidentified ampuloma in the first EUS).

**Conclusions**

EUS identified a cause for CBD dilatation in 30% of cases, with increased cholestasis enzymes, increased TB and presence of signs and symptoms being predictors of a positive test. Agreement with MRCP was 76%.
ePP16 ACUTE UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING: ADHERENT CLOTS, ADHERENCE TO GUIDELINES

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Aims Acute upper gastrointestinal haemorrhage secondary to peptic ulcer disease carries a significant mortality risk. The management of peptic ulcers with adherent clots (Forrest IIb) remains uncertain. ESGE recommends consideration of endoscopic clot removal. We aim to describe the demographics and outcomes of patients with adherent clots at a district general hospital.

Methods Data for patients admitted to Mid-Essex Hospital Trust (MEHT) and diagnosed with a peptic ulcer over the last 3 years was obtained from the coding department using ICD-10 codes (K25.0, K25.2, K26.0, K26.2, K27.0 and K27.2). 89 patients that had undergone inpatient endoscopy were identified.

Results 89 patients; female 28 (31.5%), mean age 72.9 (23–96). 17 (19.1%) patients were taking anticoagulants/antiplatelet (8 warfarin, 4 DOACs, 5 clopidogrel/ticagrelor). Mean length of stay was 12.7 days. 6 (6.7%) patients had rebleeds, 2 (2.2%) patients underwent surgery and 6 (6.7%) patients died. 29 (32.6%) patients had adherent clots found at endoscopy.

Of 29 patients with adherent clots; 3 (10.3%) had documented endoscopic removal; 14 (48.3%) had documented not removal and 12 (41.4%) had no documentation of adherent clot management. 13 of the 14 adherent clots (93%) that were not removed were located in D 1. 8 (27.6%) patients with an adherent clot only received monotherapy.

Conclusions Patients with adherent clots presented with more severe symptoms, had larger ulcers and required more transfusions. Only 10% of adherent clots had documentation of endoscopic removal and almost half of adherent clots were not removed. Clearer documentation is required for future practice. Ambiguous guidelines could be contributing to variability in practice and suboptimal management.

ePP17 UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING (UGIB)-TRANSFUSION POLICIES AND TIMING OF ENDOSCOPY. ARE GUIDELINE RECOMMENDATIONS INCORPORATED IN 'REAL WORLD' CLINICAL PRACTICE? A NORTHERN GREECE, SINGLE-CENTRE, 1 YEAR EXPERIENCE

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Aims Aim of the study is to assess whether guidelines are incorporated in our clinical practice and to recommend performance improvement strategies.

Tab. 1 Adherent Clot versus No Adherent Clot – Demographics and ulcer outcomes

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<th>No Adherent Clot (n = 60)</th>
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<td>Indication (Haematoma &amp; Melena), n (%)</td>
<td>15 (51.7)</td>
<td>10 (16.7)</td>
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<td>Size (cm), mean (range)</td>
<td>1.5 (0.5–5)</td>
<td>1.1 (0.5–3)</td>
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<td>Transfused, n (%)</td>
<td>26 (89.7)</td>
<td>42 (70.0)</td>
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Conclusions Patients with adherent clots presented with more severe symptoms, had larger ulcers and required more transfusions. Only 10% of adherent clots had documentation of endoscopic removal and almost half of adherent clots were not removed. Clearer documentation is required for future practice. Ambiguous guidelines could be contributing to variability in practice and suboptimal management.

ePP19 EFFECT OF FELLOW INVOLVEMENT ON COLONOSCOPY OUTCOMES: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

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Aims The effect of fellow involvement on colonoscopy outcomes is controversial. Thus, we evaluated this effect on adenoma detection rate (ADR) and on other colonoscopy quality indicators.

Methods MEDLINE and Cochrane central register of controlled trials were searched up to September 2018 for studies evaluating fellow-involved colonoscopies vs. attending physicians-only examinations in terms of colonoscopy outcomes. Primary outcome was ADR, while advanced ADR (AADR), mean number of adenomas per colonoscopy (MAC), cecum intubation rate (CIR) and adverse events rate comprised the secondary outcomes. The effect size on study outcomes was calculated using random-effects model and it is presented as Odds Ratio (OR) or Mean Difference (MD) with 95% confidence interval (CI).

Results Nineteen observational studies involving 34059 patients (fellow-involved 16875, attending physician-only 17184) were included. Compared to the attending physician-only group, fellow involvement marginally increased ADR [OR (95% CI)] = 1.12 (1.00–1.26); P = 0.02]. Attending physicians with low-to-moderate ADR (<35%) benefited most from fellow’s participation [OR (95% CI): 1.26 (1.13–1.40) vs. 1.12 (1.00–1.26); p = 0.23 when ADR<35% and OR (95% CI): 1.29 (1.13–1.46) vs. 0.95 (0.78–1.16);
p = 0.01 when ADR < 30%, respectively). Moreover, fellow-involved group had higher MAC compared to attending-only group [MD (95% CI) = 0.12 (0.04 – 0.20); I² = 53%]. No benefit from fellow involvement was detected either for AADDR, CIR or adverse events rate.

**Conclusions** Fellow involvement during colonoscopy is associated with more adenomas detected per procedure and higher ADR compared to the attending physician-only group, especially for those with ADR < 35%.

### ePP20 INFLUENCE OF BOWEL PREPARATION (BP) QUALITY ON THE DETECTION OF SERRATED POLYPS (SP): A PROSPECTIVE STUDY IN A REGIONAL FOBT-BASED COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM

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**Aims**
1. To determine the influence of BP quality on the serrated polyp detection rate (SPDR);
2. To describe the proportion of serrated lesions detected in second examinations performed after a poor-prepared initial screening colonoscopy.

**Methods** Prospective study in which all individuals referred for a screening colonoscopy after a positive FOBT between April 2017 and October 2018 were included. Only complete colonoscopies were considered. Six endoscopists and 3 pathologists participated. The Boston BP scale was used (0–5 = inadequate; 6–7 adequate; 8–9 good). The main outcome was SPDR. Secondary outcomes were ADR, advanced adenoma detection rates (AADR) and proximal SPDR.

**Results** In 718 of 750 patients (95.7%) cecum was intubated [women 334 (46.5%); mean (SD) age: 61.6 (5.8)]. A total of 2118 lesions were detected [1368 (64.6%) adenomas and 107 (5.0%) SP]. Overall SPDR was 10.3% (IC 95% 7.4 – 13.2) while overall ADR was 67.3% (IC 95% 63.5 – 71.0). The relationship of SP with BP and SPDR is summarized in Table 1.

**Tab. 1** Relationship between bowel preparation and detection rates (*p<0.05*)

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No relationship between SPDR and BP adjusted for age, sex, withdrawal time and endoscopist was found. Forty-four (54.3%) of the 81 reexaminations were because of poor BP. SPDR and ADR in these colonoscopies was 6.8% (IC 95% 4.8 – 8.8) and 68.2% (IC 95% 64.3 – 71.7) respectively. Presence of a SP in the initial endoscopy did not predict a SP in the reexamination.

**Conclusions:**
1. Unlike ADR and AADDR, SPDR is not influenced by BP.
2. SPDR in reexaminations is similar to that of the initial colonoscopies. A different approach to reexaminations depending on the initial findings is not warranted.

### ePP21 RECORDING OF EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY (ESGE) PERFORMANCE MEASURES: OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EUROPEAN COLONOSCOPY QUALITY INVESTIGATION (ECQI) QUESTIONNAIRE

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**Aims** To investigate how selected ESGE performance measures are assessed in current clinical practice, using online questionnaires.

**Methods** The development of the online practitioner and institution questionnaires, by the European Colonoscopy Quality Investigation (ECQI) Group, has been previously described in posters presented at UEGW, 2015 and 2016. Data collection is an ongoing process: we analysed data collected between 2/6/16 and 30/4/18.

**Results** We received 91 completed practitioner questionnaires and 52 completed institution forms from 12 European countries.

The ESGE recommends that adenoma detection rate (ADR) should be used as a measure of adequate inspection at screening or diagnostic colonoscopy in patients aged ≥ 50 years. ADR was reported as routinely recorded by only 34% of practitioners and in 29% of institutions. Polyp detection rate (PDR) was routinely recorded by 47% of practitioners and 42% of institutions. The responses also showed that caecal intubation rate (CIR) was reported as routinely recorded by 64% of practitioners and in 62% of institutions.

Furthermore, the collected responses showed that scale-based bowel cleansing quality was reported as routinely recorded in 56% of institutions while 76% of practitioners reported routinely using a cleansing scale. The proportion of practitioners reporting routinely recording polyp removal rate was 44%, polyp retrieval rate 37%, and retraction time 60%. 77% of practitioners routinely used a polyp classification scale, and 54% routinely placed tattoos following polyp removal based on guidelines.

Patient satisfaction was recorded in 25% of institutions, during-procedure complications were reported to be routinely recorded in 83%, but post-procedure complications by only 56%. 69% of institutions reported that quality guidelines were routinely followed.

**Conclusions** Data collected by ECQI, thus far, indicate that many performance measures recommended by the ESGE are not currently being recorded in real-life practice.
**ePP22** NEAR-FOCUS NBI CLASSIFICATION OF VILLOUS ATROPHY IN SUSPECTED COELIAC DISEASE: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION

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**Aims** To develop a reliable and validated endoscopic classification of villous atrophy in suspected coeliac disease using near focus Narrow Band Imaging (NF-NBI).

**Methods** Patients with symptoms/investigations warranting duodenal biopsy were prospectively recruited between September 2017 to August 2018. Six paired NF-white light (NF-WLE) and NF-NBI images with biopsy (2 from the first part of the duodenum, 4 from the second) were obtained from each patient. Histopathology grading used Marsh-Oberhuber classification (M-O). Images were reviewed for quality and biopsy orientation. Separate images were used for development of the classification, training and validation steps. A modified Delphi process was performed on images and video recordings by 3 endoscopists to define NF-NBI characteristics (included if kappa> 0.6). 10 blinded endoscopists (3 expert, 7 non-expert) underwent a short training module on the proposed classification and evaluated paired (NF-WLE/NF-NBI) images.

**Results** 100 consecutive patients were recruited and n = 97 completed the study (66F, 51.2±17.3yrs). TTG positive n = 17/88, M-O VA (3a/3b/3c): n = 22. After image quality and biopsy orientation review, 573 paired images remained (M-O 0/1/2: n = 470/VA n = 103). 510 paired images developed the classification with modified Delphi; Villous shape, vascular discrimination, crypt phenotype. 10 endoscopists evaluated 50 paired images each (500 paired total observations made for validation). Sensitivity, specificity, NPV and accuracy of NF-NBI for the diagnosis of VA (Subtotal/total atrophy) using this classification: 97.9 (95.2 – 99.3); 86.2 (81.4 – 90.1); 97.8 (95.0 – 99.1); 91.8 (89.04 – 94.05) respectively. Mean of difference in confidence using NF-NBI vs. WLE was 0.61 (0.51 – 0.71), p<0.0001: The classification was further validated in histopathologically proven duodenitis (n = 15) images with no features of VA used for the proposed classification.

**Conclusions** A novel NF-NBI classification for VA was developed to reliably diagnose VA in suspected CD amongst both expert/non-expert endoscopists using readily available equipment and required only short training supporting translation to wider practice.

**ePP24** ARE WE DOING UNNECESSARY DUODENAL BIOPSIES FOR COELIAC DISEASE IN PATIENTS REFERRED WITH IRON DEFICIENCY ANAEMIA (IDA)?

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**Aims** According to British Society of Gastroenterologists (BSG) guidance, all patients referred with iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) should first be screened for Coeliac Disease (CD) with serology, Tissue Transglutaminase (TTG). If Coeliac serology is negative, duodenal biopsies do not need to be collected at gastroscopy unless there are specific clinical features to suggest CD. The aim of this study was to evaluate the investigation of Coeliac Disease amongst patients referred with IDA to the Two Week Wait suspected Gastrointestinal (GI) cancer pathway.

**Methods** All patients referred through suspected Gastrointestinal cancer pathway between January 2017 and October 2017 were identified from the Cancer Referral Database. Clinic letters for all the referrals were reviewed to identify patients referred with IDA and included in the study. A database was established in Microsoft Excel recording patient demographics, symptoms, Full blood count, Ferritin, Serum TTG, endoscopic procedures including biopsies and radiological investigations.

**Results** Out of a total of 1769 referrals, 274 were for IDA and included in the study. Median age was 75 (range: 35-94) and male: female ratio was 119:155. Upper GI endoscopy was done in 232 patients (n = 232) as part of their investigation. A total of 137 (59%) patients had duodenal biopsy of which only 44 (19%) had CD related symptoms. This resulted in potentially 93 (40%) unnecessary duodenal biopsies. Serum TTG done only in 50 patients (21.5%) and were all negative. 182 patients (79.3%) did not have serum TTG checked. 67 patients (29%) had no investigations for coeliac disease at all. Coeliac disease was diagnosed in 9 patients based on duodenal biopsy.

**Conclusions** A significant number of patients had unnecessary duodenal biopsies. Performing serum TTG for all patients referred with IDA can decrease the need for duodenal biopsy thus reduce overall cost and increase the efficacy of detecting CD.
ePP25 TOLERANCE AND EFFICACY OF A NOVEL LOW-VOLUME PEG + ASCORBATE (NER1006) PREPARATION IN THE ELDERLY: A REAL-LIFE SINGLE CENTER STUDY

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Aims A low-volume preparation with Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) and Ascorbate (PEG-Asc) – NER1006 was recently launched, however, its efficacy and tolerance in the elderly population remain unclear. We evaluated efficacy, tolerance, and acceptability of the NER1006 (1L) preparation, in comparison to the standard PEG-Asc 2L preparation, in elderly patients.

Methods Single center, investigator-blinded study, directed for patients aged >65, choosing between the new preparation (group A – NER1006) or the standard preparation of the endoscopy center (group B – 15 mg bisacodyl + 2L PEG-Asc), both split-dosis. Primary outcomes: patient-reported tolerance (adverse events – AE) efficacy (overall successful bowel cleansing, high quality cleansing in the right colon), measured by Harfield Cleansing Scale (HCS) and Boston Bowel Preparation Scale (BBPS). Secondary-end points: polyph detection rate (PDR) for overall and right colon (site colonoscopist assessment), adenoma detection rate (ADR), comparison of the new preparation with previous experiences (Group A); willingness to repeat the preparation that was used.

Results 149 patients enrolled (group A: 94, aged 65–94; group B: 55, aged 65–86). With the exception of a higher occurrence of nausea/disgust for group A (28.72% vs. 12.72%; p = 0.02), AEs did not differ. No group differences in overall successful cleansing, but high quality cleansing was achieved for the group A in overall colon (BBPS = 9–47.2% vs. 54.5% p < 0.005; HCS = A – 74.5% vs. 38.2% p < 0.005) and in the right colon (HCS score 3/4 = 80.9% vs. 47.3% p < 0.005). For secondary endpoints no differences in PDR or ADR and willingness to repeat the preparation were found; 75.6% of the Group A preferred this preparation regarding previous experiences.

Conclusions In elderly individuals, in a real-life scenario, the novel 1L PEG-Asc preparation with a split-dosis regimen has comparable tolerance, and superior colon cleansing versus 2L PEG-Asc, and is preferred by patients that had previous examinations.

ePP26 EFFECTS OF THE RESPECT OF EDUCATIONAL PATIENT MESSAGES BEFORE COLONOSCOPY ON BOWEL PREPARATION

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Aims Adequate bowel preparation is essential for a successful endoscopy for screening as well as surveillance. Despite patients’ educational oral or written messages, inadequate bowel preparation remains high.

Methods This is a prospective study in the endoscopy center of the gastrointestinal department from January 2018 to June 2018. A thorough questionnaire was taken by all the patients who had a colonoscopy during the period of the study. The bowel preparation quality was evaluated by the Boston bowel preparation scale (BBPS) score and the rate of adequacy (BBPS ≥6).

Results 120 patients were included. 70% were female. All patients received standard instructions regarding the bowel preparation. Low fiber diet was prescribed for all the patients, and a written educative paper was delivered in the first consulta. The bowel preparation was the polyethylene glycol (4 liters). Before proceeding to the endoscopy, all patients were interrogated. 63.3% respected the low fiber diet during the week before the colonoscopy. During the procedure, only 43.3% had an adequate bowel preparation (BBPS ≥6). Statistical analysis showed that respect of the low fiber diet during the week before the colonoscopy is significantly correlated to an adequate bowel preparation (p < 0.005).

Conclusions Insisting on respecting the low fiber diet during the week before the colonoscopy is primordial to have a good bowel preparation and a then better detection of colic lesions.

ePP27 ORAL SULFATE SOLUTION IN OBESE PATIENTS AS PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY: A PROSPECTIVE, MULTICENTER, NONINFERIORITY TRIAL

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Aims Obesity might be related to inadequate bowel preparation with conventional lavage solution. A new formulation of oral sulfate solution (OSS, Suclear) showed effective bowel preparation compared with a standard 4L polyethylene glycol regimen in general population. However, there is no study on bowel preparation with OSS in obese patients. We investigated whether OSS is effective in obese patients as bowel preparation for colonoscopy.

Methods We compared the efficacy of OSS in obese patients with those in non-obese patients as bowel preparation for colonoscopy. This was a prospective, multicenter, single-blind, noninferiority study of adult outpatients undergoing routine elective colonoscopy. Body mass index (BMI) was categorized as obese (BMI 25 or more 25 kg/m2) or non-obese (less than 25 kg/m2). Both obese and non-obese patients respectively received OSS given in equally divided doses the evening before and the morning of colonoscopy. Adequate bowel preparation was defined as the Boston bowel preparation scale score ≥6. The noninferiority margin for the difference in adequate bowel preparation rate was defined as -15%.

Results Colonoscopic examinations were performed in 96 obese and 98 non-obese patients. Adequate bowel preparation rate was 88.5% in obese patients and 94.9% in non-obese patients. With an absolute difference -6.4%, 95% CI -0.142 to 0.015, bowel preparation in obese patients was noninferior to that in non-obese patients.

Conclusions Bowel preparation with OSS for colonoscopy in obese patients is noninferior compared to that in non-obese patients.
**ePP28 ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF RECTAL NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS IN A 12 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE SINGLE CENTER STUDY**

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**Aims** Our aim was to analyse the clinical, endoscopic and pathological characteristics of rectal neuroendocrine tumors and check whether the neuroendocrine origin of lesions was suspected during endoscopy and subsequently these lesions were removed with appropriate method.

**Methods** Retrospective analysis of patients hospitalized in our department (2006–2018) was done to look for rectal NENs. Clinical data were analysed. Further patients fate was checked by analysing their follow-up imaging results and by an information obtained from patient in a phone call.

**Results** 27 patients (equal sexual distribution) with rectal NENs were diagnosed (3 patients who underwent surgery were excluded). The patients mean age was 51 (range 33–64). Most of the patients were asymptomatic (67%). Endoscopically there were three main lesion appearances; “typical” (15 patients) smooth sitting polyyps with yellowish reflexion, atypical sitting small flat polyyps (6 patients) or lesions with central depression (3 patients). Only 9 out of 24 of the lesions were suspected of neuroendocrine origin and removed with ESD/EMR (R0 resection in all), the rest 15/24 were removed with biopsy forces or snare polypectomy (R0 not obtained). Mean size of lesions was 6.5 mm (range 3–10 mm) and majority of lesions were G1 lesions (21 patients), with only three G2 lesions. The follow-up (median 68 months) was longer in the group treated with polypectomy than ESD/EMR (75 months vs. 51.5 months). Most of the patients are disease free apart from one patient who after seven years after snare polypectomy of G1 tumor, developed local recurrence and distal metastases (the patient was referred to our department for follow-up rectal EUS).

**Conclusions** Rectal neuroendocrine tumors, mostly, are small lesions with low potential of malignancy, however, with the risk of metastatic spread. In majority of cases the origin of the lesions is not suspected during colonoscopy and subsequently these lesions are removed with not appropriate method. More impact must be put on education of endoscopists in this field.

**ePP29 SAFETY AND FEASIBILITY OF ENDOSCOPIC FULL-THICKNESS RESECTION IN COLORECTUM USING OVER THE SCOPE CLIP. A MULTICENTER SPANISH EXPERIENCE 2015 – 2018**

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**Aims** To study the safety and feasibility of the endoscopic full-thickness resection (EFR) in colorectal lesions using an over-the-scope-clip.

**Methods** The clinical, endoscopic and histological data were collected prospectively in all cases of EFR performed in 10 centers of Spain using the FTRD kit (Ovesco Endoscopy, Tübingen, Germany) during the period from June 2015 to July 2018.

**Results** 71 EFR were scheduled. In 3 patients EFR was not possible due to impossibility to pass the sigmoid with the kit.

In the other 68 patients the technical success was 85.2% with en-bloc resection in 83.8%.

The mean age of the patients was 67 years (range 40 – 86), being men 64.79%.

Indications were: non-lifting sign recurrent lesions (46.47%), non-lifting sign untreated lesions (23.94%), incomplete resection of non-lifting sign lesions (11.26%), appendicular lesions (2.8%), suspected T1 lesion (7%), EFR of suspicious scar (4.2%), subepithelial lesions (4.2%).

The mean diameter of the resected specimen was 21.53 mm (95% CI 19.87 – 23.2).

Final histology: LGD adenoma (40%), HGD adenoma (23%), intramusosal adenocarcinoma (4.47%), SSP (5.87%), T1sm1 (2.9%), advanced adenocarcinoma >sm2 (13%), scar tissue (6%) and others (2.8%).

In one case the OTSC was not deployed, with intraprocedural perforation. There were 2 cases of delayed perforation and 1 case of delayed bleeding. 10 patients underwent surgery: 3 perforation, 1 intraappendicular lesion, and 6 for advanced adenocarcinoma. During the follow-up, 3 recurrences/residual tissues were detected, which were treated endoscopically.

**Conclusions** EFR using a modified OTSC (FTRD system) for selected cases (such as failure of other endoscopic treatments in lesions <25 mm) is a safe and feasible technique. Evaluation of the insertion with a long cap (e.g. "prOVE" cap) and traction of the lesion prior to EFR is highly recommended. Special care must be taken to avoid performing the resection if the OTSC is not deployed.

**ePP30 ENDOSCOPIC FULL-THICKNESS RESECTION OF THE COLORECTAL LESIONS – A CZECH MULTICENTER EXPERIENCE**

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**Aims** The purpose of the analysis was to evaluate feasibility, efficacy and safety of endoscopic full-thickness resection (EFR) of the colorectal lesions performed in the Czech Republic.
Methods We prospectively evaluated patients treated with FTR in seven tertiary endoscopy centers in the Czech Republic performing FTR.

Results A total of 63 patients (mean age 68.3 ± 12.1 years, 79% males) have been treated since June 2016. Indication for FTR was local residual neoplasia in 32 (51%), non-lifting neoplasia in 19 (30%), periappendiceal neoplasia in 8 (13%), subepithelial tumor in 2 (3%) and transmural rectal biopsy in 2 patients (3%). FTR was technically feasible in 85% (S2/63) including resections with standard snare following FTR snare resection. Resections were considered curative in 79% (48/63), 6 cases of cancer with deep submucosal invasion were referred for surgery. In curatively treated patients, there were 9 cases of sm1 cancer, 3 cases of intramucosal cancer, 20 cases of high-grade dysplasia adenoma, 10 cases of low-grade dysplasia adenoma, 5 cases of completely resected scar and 1 case of granular tissue. Complications occurred in 13% (8/63). There were 2 cases of delayed perforation treated surgically, 2 cases of acute appendicitis responded to conservative treatment and 4 cases of delayed bleeding.

Conclusions In our series of 63 patients treated by FTR in the Czech Republic, we demonstrate high technical feasibility in 89%, R0 resection rate in 85% and curative resection rate in 79% of cases. Complications occurred in 13% of patients, including two cases of delayed perforation requiring surgical therapy.

ePP31 PUBLIC ATTITUDES TO COLONOSCOPY: THE PURPOSE OF COLONOSCOPY

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Aims European public beliefs and attitudes to colonoscopy are poorly understood. A survey was conducted to better understand the issue.

Methods An online survey was conducted in five large European countries (UK, Germany, France, Spain, and Italy), among members of the general public who had not had a colonoscopy. One of 10 questions asked: Which of the following do you think colonoscopy is used for?

A) Diagnosing diseases of the bowel;
B) Screening for bowel cancer;
C) Monitoring of people with bowel cancer;
D) Preventing bowel cancer;
E) Removal of unusual growth in the bowel;
F) Abdominal surgery;
G) Radiology;
H) None of the above.

The survey targeted 500 people aged 18 – 70 years from each country, and aimed to balance respondent groups for region, gender, age and occupation.

Results Among 53,795 invited persons, 18,650 (35%) responded to the survey and 2,500 (5%) completed the survey who had never had a colonoscopy before across the five European countries. Among these, responses to A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H were 78%, 65%, 48%, 45%, 35%, 11%, 7%, and 4%. Nearly half of all respondents, 45%, knew that colonoscopy can prevent bowel cancer while 35% recognised removal of an unusual growth as a potential use of colonoscopy. Response levels were generally comparable across Germany, France, Spain, and Italy, however in the UK fewer respondents (26%) selected D) Preventing bowel cancer and more respondents (41%) indicated E) Removal of unusual growth in the bowel.

Conclusions Most people in the UK, Germany, France, Spain, and Italy believe that colonoscopy is mainly a diagnostic procedure. Depending on what respondents considered for the response option “Preventing bowel cancer”, only one out of three people in the assessed five countries may be aware that colonoscopy can also be curative through removal of detected lesions.

ePP32 POST-POLYECTOMY SURVEILLANCE IN THE ENGLISH BOWEL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMME: RESULTS OF SECOND SURVEILLANCE

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Aims The English Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP) offers individuals aged 60 to 74 years guaiac FOB testing, with an invitation for colonoscopy if positive. Post-polyectomy surveillance is performed within the BCSP for individuals within the screening age range.

Methods Details were extracted from the BCSP database for individuals who attended surveillance from the start of the BCSP in 2006 until January 2017. Data were analysed using Stata 14.

Results 9742 individuals with high risk (HR) adenomas at baseline subsequently attended for 2nd surveillance (S2). In this group,

- Of 3639 with no further adenoma at 1st surveillance (S1), 288 (7.9%) had advanced adenoma (AA) and 20 (0.5%) CRC at S2
- Of 3347 with LR adenomas at S1, 342 (10.2%) had AA and 9 (0.3%) CRC at S2
- Of 1533 with IR adenomas at S1, 217 (14.1%) had AA and 8 (0.5%) CRC at S2
- Of 1223 with HR adenomas at S1, 181 (14.7%) had AA and 5 (0.4%) CRC at S2

7822 individuals with IR adenomas at baseline attended S2.

- Of 4342 with no adenoma at S1, 203 (4.7%) had AA and 13 (0.3%) CRC at S2
- Of 2324 with LR adenomas at S1, 149 (6.4%) had AA and 7 (0.3%) CRC at S2
- Of 586 with IR adenomas at S1, 47 (8.0%) had AA and 1 (0.2%) CRC at S2
- Of 570 with HR adenomas at S1, 62 (10.9%) had AA and 1 (0.2%) CRC at S2

Conclusions AA at S2 occurs in 7.9% – 14.7% for HR at baseline and 4.7% – 10.9% for IR at baseline. For those with a maximum risk of IR at both baseline and S1, AA occurs in ≤8.0% at S2. These findings support the discontinuation of surveillance in lower risk groups.

ePP33 PROXIMAL NEOPLASIA YIELD AMONG SUBJECTS REFERRED FOR COLONOSCOPY FOLLOWING A POSITIVE SCREENING SIGMOIDOSCOPY, ACCORDING TO REFERRAL INDICATION

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Aims The Piedmont (Italy) CRC screening program adopted once-only sigmoidoscopy (FNS), at age 58, as primary screening test. Screenees are referred for colonoscopy (TC), based on the following criteria: ≥1 high-risk (HR) – size > 9 mm; size < 10 mm and villous component ≥20% or high-grade dysplasia; > 2 adenomas < 10 mm; distal polyp; inadequate bowel preparation in subjects with polyps (any size); increased CRC risk due to family history (FH), or symptoms (endoscopist’s judgement), among subjects with negative FNS. Lim-
It is available about the proximal neoplasia yield of the different indications.

**Methods** We estimated positive predictive value (PPV) for CRC, advanced adenoma (AA) and advanced neoplasia (AN – CRC+AA) of TC referral and the number needed to scope (NNScope) to detect 1 AN, by referral indication, among subjects referred for TC between January 1st 2012 and December 12th.

**Results** Out of the 6832 screenees undergoing TCs during the study period, positive FF accounted for 15% of referrals and symptoms for 6%, while 35% and 42% of patients had been detected with a HR polypl or with polyps during a FS with inadequate preparation, respectively. The AN PPV was 5.1% among screenees with positive FF (only 1 CRC detected), 6.6% among symptomatic patients; 12.7% among those with HR polyps and 8.6% among those with inadequate bowel preparation and polyps; the corresponding figures for the NNScope to detect 1 AN were: 19.4, 7.8, 11.6, 15.1. The NNScope was higher among women (25.6) than among men (11.7) when considering symptomatic subjects.

**Conclusions** The proximal AN yield is high when polyps are detected in the distal colon, while it is low for other indications. A wide variability among endoscopists was observed in the proportion of TC referrals for FF, or symptoms, suggesting the need to implement efforts aimed to promote a more efficient TC utilization.

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**ePP34 ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PANCREATITIS IN PEDIATRIC POPULATION: LONG-TERM EFFICACY AND SAFETY**

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**Methods** Records of 38 patients <18 years, referred to Digestive Endoscopy Unit at Catholic University, Policlinico “A. Gemelli” between 1991 and 2017, were reviewed. Abdominal pain, analgesia and number of episodes of acute pancreatitis in pre- and post-ERCP period were evaluated. Need for surgery was addressed. Therapeutic intervention data and complications were interrogated.

**Results** 158 ERCPs were performed. Median post-ERCP follow-up was 7 years. Majority of patients had CP type IV (47%) and type Ib (37%) (Cremer's classification). Major papilla pancreatic sphincterotomy was performed in 47%, major and minor in 24% and minor in 29%. Stones/plugs were removed in at least one of ERCPs in 66% individuals. Eleven out of 38 patients had stricture of pancreatic duct; these were dilated and stented in 5/11 and stented in 6/11. Five complications were recorded (3%). Severity and frequency of abdominal pain improved significantly; p<0.001. Use of analgesia and number of episodes of AP decreased significantly; p<0.001. One child required subsequent surgery.

**Conclusions** Endoscopic management of symptomatic CP in children is safe and effective.
refractory symptomatic pancreatic strictures. Outcomes were technical success, stricture and pain resolution, recurrence of symptoms, adverse events and need for surgery. We reported proportions (expressed as a percentage), with their 95% CI, found in the individual studies included in the meta-analysis, given both for the Fixed effects model and the Random effects model. Pooled analysis was performed using a proportion with Medcalc statistical software.

Results 9 studies were identified, for a total of 139 patients. FC-SEMSs had a pooled rate (PR) of 98.5% for technical success, 85.3% (95% CI 69.3 – 96.1) for stricture resolution and 68.6% (95% CI 47.3 – 87.8) for complete pain resolution. Other outcomes were as follows: stricture recurrence (PR 15.4% 95% CI 6.1 – 27.9), need for re-stenting (PR 26.8% 95% CI 9.5 – 48.9), adverse event (PR 12.1% 95% CI 7.4 – 18.5), stent migration (PR 17.2% 95% CI 3.74 – 37.8), PEP (PR 12.7% 95% CI 5.7 – 23.3) severe pain (PR 18.7% 95% CI 6.0 – 39.2), de novo stricture (PR 18.6% 95% CI 7.7 – 34.8), need for surgery (PR 10% 95% CI 1.8 – 28.3).

Conclusions FC-SEMSs are effective in the treatment of refractory strictures with a pooled rate of 85% for stricture resolution and 68% for pain resolution. However, FC-SEMSs carry a high rate of adverse events and stricture recurrence with the need for intervention mostly related to stent migration. Further studies are needed to define the role of FC-SEMSs in refractory MPD strictures.

ePP37 IMPACT OF EUS-FNB FROM PERITONEAL LESIONS FOR AVOIDING DIAGNOSTIC LAPAROSCOPY: A PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY (THE IMPALA STUDY)

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Aims To prospectively study impact and amount of tissue for immunohistochemical staining (IHCs) of EUS-FNB from peritoneal lesions.

Methods From March 2017 to June 2018, a total of 36 EUS-FNB passes were prospectively performed in 15 patients with peritoneal lesions (7 males, 8 females; mean age 60.9 ± 11.3 years) at the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand.

Results Ascites was detected by CT and EUS in 87.7% (13/15) and 93.3% (14/15) of patients, respectively. Percutaneous abdominal paracentesis was feasible in 80% (12/15) of patients. Ascites cytology was positive for malignancy in only 6.7% (n = 1) of patients. Median number of passages of EUS-FNB was 3 (2 – 3) times per case. Needle types were 20G needle. No procedure related adverse events. Amount of tissue was graded as grade A (sufficient core tissue for diagnosis and IHCs), B (a diagnosis based on cell morphology), and C (not enough tissue for diagnosis) in 72.2% (26/36), 11.1% (4/36), and 16.7% (n = 6/36) of 36 passes, respectively. Blood contamination was < 25%, 25 – 50% and > 50% in 88.9% (32/36), 5.6% (2/36), and 5.6% (2/36), respectively. Of 13 patients with amount of tissue was graded as A, 9 from 13 showed positive results for malignancy. Diagnoses by IHCs were confirmed by subsequent surgery in 33.3% (3/9) of patients. Benign diagnosis was finally made with long term follow up in 1 from 15 patients. Malignancy was correctly diagnosed by core tissue biopsy from EUS-FNB in 9 from 14 patients (64.3%). For another 5 patients with malignancy, diagnoses were finally made by tissue (n = 3) and follow up (n = 2).

Conclusions EUS-FNB from peritoneal lesions provided adequate tissue for IHCs in majority of patients and diagnostic laparoscopy is not required in positive cases.

ePP38 HIGH PERFORMANCE OF A NEW FRANSEEN NEEDLE FOR ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED FINE-NEEDLE BIOPSY IN SOLID LESIONS: A RETROSPECTIVE MULTICENTER STUDY

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Aims Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration (FNA) is the standard choice to sample gastrointestinal/pancreatic lesions. EUS-FNA is accurate when rapid on-site evaluation (ROSE) is performed, but ROSE is not always available. EUS-guided fine needle biopsy (EUS-FNB) can give a better chance to reach a diagnosis providing more tissue. It is not simple to use 19-gauge needles especially in transduodenal settings for risk of complications. A new needle for EUS-FNB, the AcquireTM needle is available from 2016. Data for pancreatic and non pancreatic solid lesions are available but these are based only on small sample size studies. The aim of our study is to perform a retrospective evaluation of all sampling procedures performed using the 22/25 gauge AcquireTM needle in patients with solid lesions.

Methods We performed a retrospective analysis of prospective, multicentric databases in five Italian Endoscopic centres, including all consecutive patients with solid lesions who underwent EUS with tissue sampling 22/25-gauge Acquire needles between June 2016 and October 2018. All lesions localized at pancreas, nodes, biliary, kidney/liver masses, periduodenal/perigastric abdominal masses were enrolled in the study. Features of masses at EUS evaluations and technical details of FNB were recorded.

Results 370 patients (60.2% males, mean age 64.3) were enrolled. EUS-FNB was performed using the 22 and 25 gauge AcquireTM needle. The biopsies were done transgastrically in 160 (43%) cases and transduodenally in 210 (57%) ones. A mean of 2.2 ± 0.32 passes per lesion site were performed, without any complication. A tissue core biopsy sample for histological evaluation was obtained in 362 (97%) cases. In all the cases, the specimens were useful for cytological analysis. Acquire sensitivity, specificity and diagnostic accuracy were 98.8%, 100% and 98.7% respectively.

Conclusions EUS-FNB using the 22 and the 25-gauge AcquireTM needle has a very high accuracy and is useful to achieve histological sample in almost all the patients.

ePP39 CONSCIOUS SEDATION FOR ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASONOGRAPHY WITH FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION IS EFFECTIVE AND WELL-TOLERATED

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Aims Endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) is an important procedure for the diagnosis of pancreatic disorders allowing fine-needle aspiration (FNA). We aimed to investigate the efficacy and tolerance of the procedure in patients who received only conscious sedation.

Methods Patients who underwent EUS for diagnostic evaluation and tissue acquisition for pancreatic disorders were prospectively evaluated for the efficacy and tolerance of sedation. Sedation used included combination of midazolam and fentanyl to achieve relaxation or mild sleep, but keeping patient
responsive to orders and able to open his eyes when instructed to do so. Oxygen saturation, blood pressure and pulse rate was constantly monitored during procedure and until complete recovery of patients.

**Results** In total 80 subsequent patients who underwent evaluation of a pancreatic solid or cystic lesion were studied (45 males, median age 72, range 42 – 88 years). The patients received midazolam at a median dose of 3.2 mg (range 1 – 8 mg) and fentanyl at a median dose of 50 mcg (range 25 – 150 mcg). Procedure was tolerated rather well in all patients and was abandoned after a less than expected number of needle passes in only four patients. When interviewed, 52 patients found procedure comfortable, 14 patients well-tolerable, 14 patients uncomfortable. Pancreatic evaluation achieved in all patients and tissue acquisition achieved in 74. In the remaining patients procedure had to be repeated (in 4) or surgical biopsy was preferred (in 2). The median duration of the procedure was 32 minutes (range 18 – 72 minutes). However, physicians performing procedure found that deep sedation would be preferable for at least half of the patients.

**Conclusions** EUS-FNA can safely be performed with conscious sedation in the majority of patients, if there is no availability of deep sedation. This may not be the case in patients who cannot be easily sedated of if patient has to undergo more complex procedure.

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**ePP40** THE EVOLUTION OF OESOPHAGEAL VARICES IN NON CIRRHOTIC PORTAL HYPERTENSION CAUSED BY PORTAL VEIN THROMBOSIS

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**Aims** The aim of our study is to specify the evolution of esogastic varices and thus haemorrhagic recurrence risk in patients with portal hypertension (PHT) by portal vein thrombosis (PVT).

**Methods** This is a retrospective study from January 1991 to February 2017, including 163 patients followed for PHT due to PVT without liver disease. PVT was diagnosed by abdominal doppler ultrasonography in all patients.

**Results** The mean age was 34.4 ± 14 years. The sex ratio M/F was 0.49. In all patients, upper GI endoscopy was performed. Hypertensive gastropathy was found in 30.7% (n = 50), Grade I oesophageal varices (OV) in 6% (n = 10), grade II in 30.7% (n = 50), grade III in 47.2% (n = 77) and gastric varices were noted in 14.7% (n = 24). These varices were the site of red signs in 19%. All patients had abdominal doppler ultrasonography showing a PVT in 54.6% (n = 89), this was partial in 31.9% (n = 52), complete in 11.6% (n = 19) and extended to the splenic venous in 11.1% (n = 18). Portal cavernoma was found in 45.4% (n = 74). All patients performed an etiologic assessment of thrombosis, myeloproliferative syndrome was found in 7.3% (n = 12), deficiency in coagulation inhibitor in 31.3% (n = 51), celiac disease in 4.9% (n = 8), neoplasia in 3.7% (n = 6), abdominal surgery in 9.2% (n = 15), pregnancy in 1.2% (n = 2) and no etiology was found in 42% (n = 69). Endoscopic variceal ligation (EVL) was performed in 65.6% (n = 107), the mean number of ligation sessions was 3 and eradication of varices was noted in 99% (n = 106). All patients received anticoagulant therapy except those having portal cavernoma with no obvious cause. During following up, no bleeding recurrence was noted in 84% (n = 137) and 6% (n = 10) of deaths were reported.

**Conclusions** The evolution of oesophageal varices in portal hypertension due to PVT unrelated to cirrhosis seems to be better than in cirrhotic portal hypertension.

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**ePP41** ACUTE GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WITH FEW RESOURCES: A STUDY OF 1347 PATIENTS IN SPECIALIZED CENTRE

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**Aims** Acute gastrointestinal blood loss presents a management challenge and a crucial threat to the patients. The bleeding lesion cannot be easily controlled by endoscopy for unexperienced hand, but it is necessary for definitive diagnosis and management. The aim of this study is to reflect the causes, and management of acute gastrointestinal bleeding in Sudanese patients.

**Methods** It is cross sectional hospital based study, it included 1347 patients who presented to Mohamed saleh idris-bleeding centre, Ibn sina specialized hospital, Khartoum, Sudan, a specialized centre that receives 1900 – 2200 active gastrointestinal bleeding patients per year as an emergency, all patients were admitted, resuscitated and decision of endoscopy was made for all, data collected and analysed by SSPS.

**Results** Nearly 95% of patients had upper gastrointestinal bleeding, it is common in male and the mean age was 45 years. Oesophageal varices due to bilarhial portal hypertension was diagnosed in more than 90%, most of them had active bleeding. Sclerotherapy was used in the majority of them to stop bleeding, band ligation in 10.1%, both sclerotherapy and band ligation in only 1.8%. Sengestaken tube was used in 9.4%, approximately 9% had fundal varix and only 6% had both oesophageal and fundal varix, and few patients had ectopic duodenal varix, all of them were injected with N-butyl-2-cyanoacrylate (Histoacryl), while only 5.6% of the patients had ulcer and few patients had gastric malignancy. The most common cause of lower gastrointestinal bleeding was upper gastrointestinal bleeding followed by diverticular disease in 39.6%, colonic tumours 12.34%, inflammatory bowel disease 10.4%, angiodysplasia 4.5%, and the remaining were ischemic colitis, rectal varix and small bowel origin.

**Conclusions** Oesophageal varices and diverticular disease being the commonest causes of acute gastrointestinal bleeding. Sclerotherapy is cheap and beneficial in cessation of active oesophageal varical bleeding, and N-butyl-2-cyanoacrylate is effective in gastric and duodenal varix.

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**ePP42V** THE USE OF OVER-THE-SCOPE CLIP IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE ESOPHAGEAL VARICEAL BLEEDING

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**Aim** Esophageal bleeding control associated to portal hypertension (PHT) might be difficult using endoscopy band ligation (EBL) due to either collapse of the bleeding varix or scarring the mucosa due to fibrosis secondary to prior banding. The over-the-scope clip (OTSCs; Ovesco, Tübingen, Germany) has been reported to control non-variceal bleeding, but there is scarce data about the use related to variceal bleeding (VB). So our aim is to describe our experience in terms of efficacy and safety with this novel method.

**Methods** We report a case series study of consecutive adult patients with active VB treated with OTSC after EBL failure between October 2017 to September 2018 at a two tertiary care centers in our region. Efficacy of bleeding control is the absence of bleeding immediately after using OTSC until 7-days after; safety is the absence of complications associated with OTSC placement during 30-day follow-up period.

**Results** Total 5 patients are included (3men/2women), and the mean age is 57 years (50 – 64 years). 4 patients have PHT due to liver cirrhosis and one has
niodular regenerative hyperplasia because of Osler-Weber-Rendu disease. 80% have clinically significant PHT (HVPg mean 15 mm Hg, 13 – 16 mm Hg) and 100% of patients had prior EBL (1 – 3 sessions). In 4 cases EBL was not possible due to collapse of the varix and the other was due to scarring the mucosa. We use OTSC type “t” (pointed teeth) 12 mm using a diagnostic videogastroscope (GIF-H290; Olympus Medical Systems, Tokyo, Japan) in all cases. Adequate bleeding control was achieved in 100% of patients, and no re-bleeding occurred. There were no complications during 30-day follow-up and only one patient developed dysphagia after 4 months of placement.

**Conclusion**

When there is an esophageal variceal bleeding refractory to EBL, the use of OTSC can be an endoscopic effective and safety alternative in the pursuit of bleeding control.

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**ePP43  PATIENT SATISFACTION AFTER THE REALIZATION OF AN ENDOSCOPY: A QUALITY CRITERIA IN OUR UNITS**

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**Aims** To determine the satisfaction level and to know the main quality problems that patient perceives after a endoscopy in gastrointestinal endoscopy unit, through a satisfaction test.

**Methods** A cross-sectional descriptive study was performed at endoscopy unit between May-July 2018. After the recovery, patients were offered anonymously and voluntarily to answer a questionnaire, an adaptation of mGHAAS-9; validated and easy to apply.

**Results** 754 surveys were carried out, 489 in the morning and 542 colonoscopies. Half patients were males. The 88% said they read the informed consent. Almost all the procedures were under sedation: 66% was sedated with propofol (P). 57% of patients did not feel any discomfort; patients sedated with P have significantly less discomfort than those with F/D (p = 0.05). Waiting time to the appointment was too much for 24%, the delay at the same day of endoscopy was acceptable to 91% of participants. To the patients of the afternoon shift, normal priority, the time of delay seemed significantly greater (p < 0.05); the wait on the same day of the test was higher in the morning shift (p < 0.05). The courtesy of staff and respect for privacy were scored as very good or excellent by 85 and 72%, without differences between groups. The overall score was excellent and very good in 80% of the cases; There were differences between shifts, with the total score being significantly better in the afternoon (p < 0.05), and also in men compared to women. The information received about test and preparation was adequate (27 – 39%) or very good (34 – 39%) in more than half of patients. Finally most of patients would repeat the test in our hospital with same staff.

**Conclusions** Sedation with propofol significantly decreases discomfort, its use should be considered. Courtesy and respect for privacy are important to maintain patient confidence. Endoscopy waiting list and information given to patients are areas to improve.

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**ePP44  COMFORT: IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER?**

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**Aims** Patient comfort score is a recognised key performance indicator in the delivery of colonoscopy. Limited data exists regarding the degree of agreement between endoscopy staff and patients regarding comfort level during colonoscopy.

**Methods** Endoscopist and nurse recorded comfort scores were prospectively recorded for each colonoscopy from the endoscopy documentation, and a patient comfort score was completed by the patient in the recovery area using the standard Gloucester comfort scoring system. Results were compared among groups using Pearson’s correlation coefficient and a chi square test with a p ≤ 0.05 considered significant.

**Results** To date, 104 patients have been included, 61% female (n = 63), and the majority of patients were > 50 yrs (mean 59 yrs, range 23 – 89 yrs, n = 75). 86% (n = 89) were diagnostic procedures and 80% (n = 83) of the procedures were performed by gastroenterologists. The median sedation used was 3 mg of midazolam (0 – 5 mg) and 50mcg of fentanyl (0 – 100mcg). We identified discordance between reported comfort levels between patients, nurses and doctors. Correlation was greatest when comparing nurses and doctors (r = 0.85). Agreement between patients and doctors was moderate at best (r = 0.51), with moderate levels of agreement also noted between patients and nurses (r = 0.55). 38% (n = 40) of patients reported higher levels of discomfort (comfort score ≥ 3), compared with 25% (n = 26) of doctors (p = 0.05) and 30% of nurses (n = 31) (p = 0.1). Significantly higher doses of sedatives (≥ 3 mg midazolam) were recorded in these patients with the greatest level of discomfort compared with patients with Gloucester score 1 – 2 (63% [n = 25/40] vs. 40% [n = 26/64], p = 0.03). Comparison of comfort scores according to procedure duration, age, or gender did not reveal significant differences. However, younger patients (n = 29), 31% (n = 9) self-reported higher levels of discomfort, all of whom were female (p = 0.002).

**Conclusions** These results suggest that the perception of procedure related discomfort varies between these three groups, including endoscopists and nurses. This study also highlights the challenge of accurate patient comfort score reporting as a quality performance indicator during colonoscopy.

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**ePP45  HOW LONG TIME SHOULD AN ESOPHAGOGASTRODUODENOSCOPY BE DONE?**

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**Aims** Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) is commonly used to detect upper gastrointestinal (GI) neoplasms. However, it is not clear how the time of EGD affects the detection of cancer or premalignant lesions that increase the risk for GI cancer. We investigate whether differences in endoscopy exam time of cancer affect cancer detection rates.

**Methods** We performed a retrospective analysis of data from 24,604 subjects who underwent EGD as part of a comprehensive health-screening program from January 2016 to December 2016 in Korea. Endoscopy findings were extracted from reports prepared by 9 board-certified endoscopists. Endoscopists were classified as fast, moderate or slow based on their mean examination time for a normal EGD without biopsy during their first year of the study. All endoscopists used the same endoscopy unit.

**Results** Mean examination time of EGD without biopsy was 3.9 min (range, 2 – 14 min). When cut-off times of 3 and 7 min were used, three endoscopists were classified into the fast (mean duration, 2.6 ± 1.0 min), 4 into the moderate (3.8 ± 1.4 min), and two into the slow (7.2 ± 1.3 min) groups. Neoplastic lesion detection rates in the fast, moderate, and slow groups were 0.95%, 0.96%, and 0.95%, respectively. There was no statistical difference in the detection rate. The rate of complications such as Mallory-Weiss tear was higher in slow group.

**Conclusions** Examination time is important in endoscopy. However, a simple increase in the examination time did not increase the detection rate of precancerous lesions. It is important to more detailed observation about the suspicious lesion during the examination and to learn the blind spot test. Further research is needed in the future.
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ePP46 PROGNOSIS OF GASTRIC DYSPLASIA AFTER COMPLETE RESECTION WITH ENDOSCOPIC PROCEDURES CONSIDERING MUCIN PHENOTYPE

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Aims Gastric adenomas are considered premalignant, and some can be interpreted as cancer according to different pathologic guidelines. The dysplastic lesions share histologic characteristics including mucin phenotype that are related prognosis. The prognosis of the lesions has been studied but tends to be researched separately. Moreover, the proposed prognostic factors are mostly derived from the study of surgical specimens, and most of them did not consider the anatomical changes after surgery. Previously researched prognostic factors of gastric dysplasia were evaluated on the recurrence after complete resection with endoscopic procedure.

Methods From 2005 to 2016, 1678 gastric dysplasia were endoscopically removed in Soochunhyang university hospital, Seoul. They were followed up with endoscopy under a standardized protocol. For the 716 lesions were histologically evaluated including mucin phenotype with immunohistochemical stain of MUC5AC, MUC6, MUC2, and CD10. Recurrence of dysplastic lesions were analyzed for the 688 lesions with at least 1 year's follow-up.

Results Five-hundred and forty-three malignant lesions including in situ lesions were completely resected with endoscopic procedures. Endoscopic submucosal dissection was performed on 603 lesions and other lesions were removed with endoscopic mucosal resection. Submucosal invasion was on 83 lesions of carcinoma. The mucin phenotype of lesions was immunohistologically evaluated. During median 40 months of follow-up, there was 89 cases of recurrence (12.9%). Kaplan-Meier analysis of the recurrence-free survival were estimated and the elderly over 65 years of age showed statistical significance (p = 0.039).

Conclusions Completely resected early stage of gastric dysplasia showed relatively low recurrence rate. Previously proposed histologic features did not affect prognosis. However, the age of patient showed statistical significance on recurrence-free survival. Regular surveillance on elderly patients is important to improve the clinical outcome of gastric dysplasia.

ePP47 THE PREVALENCE OF GASTRIC NEOPLASIA IS INCREASED IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE COMPARED TO A HEALTHY SCREENING POPULATION

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Aims The standard paradigm of screening varices in patients with cirrhosis has for the greater part involved esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD). More recently, however, the Baveno VI criteria were proposed to identify patients who could safely avoid screening EGD. Epidemiological studies have suggested that patients with cirrhosis have an increased risk for gastric cancer. We aimed to evaluate the prevalence of gastric neoplasia in cirrhotic patients who underwent screening EGD in a country with intermediate gastric cancer risk.

Methods This retrospective case-control study enrolled all asymptomatic cirrhotic patients who underwent EGD for varices screening from January 2008 to June 2018. Cases were matched with asymptomatic healthy individuals who underwent EGD for gastric cancer screening at the same time as colonoscopy performed for colorectal cancer screening.

Results We included 1974 subjects (610 patients, 1364 controls). Besides a male predominance in cases, no other demographic characteristic differed between groups. The leading aetiology of cirrhosis was alcoholic liver disease (53.3%) and chronic hepatitis C (16.2%). Of the 610 patients with cirrhosis, 13 (2.1%) had gastric neoplasia [gastric cancer, n = 10; high-grade dysplasia, n = 2; low-grade dysplasia, n = 1]. Most of the lesions (61.5%) were located in the gastric body, with a median size of 18 mm (15 – 24). Eight patients underwent surgical resection, 3 endoscopic resection (n = 2 ESD, n = 1 EMR) and 2 were referred for palliative care due to decompenated liver disease. Compared to controls, cirrhotic patients had a higher prevalence of gastric neoplasia [2.1% vs. 1%, p = 0.044; gastric cancer 1.6% vs. 0.8%, p = 0.08]. The prevalence of Helicobacter pylori infection was lower in patients compared to controls (36.2% vs. 47.2%, p = 0.004).

Conclusions The prevalence of gastric neoplasia is significantly increased in patients with cirrhosis compared to healthy screening population. Despite growing evidence supporting the role of non-invasive methods to rule out varices, EGD should still be considered in cirrhotics, at least in those from countries with intermediate gastric cancer risk.

ePP48 GASTRIC ADENOCARCINOMA UNDER THE AGE OF 60: A MULTICENTRIC STUDY FROM SOUTHERN EUROPE

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Aims In Europe, gastric adenocarcinoma (GC) is commonly regarded as a disease of the elderly. This study aims to assess the proportion, characteristics, and survival of patients diagnosed with GC under the age of 60.

Methods This is a retrospective, multicentric, and analytical study conducted at four tertiary hospitals. All patients diagnosed with GC between 2008 – 2015 were included. Demographic, clinical, endoscopic, histologic, and survival data were retrieved. A multivariate analysis was performed to compare GC in young (age ≤ 60 years) and elderly patients.

Results A total of 1,374 GC were included. The mean age was 74 years (SD:11.1) and 62.2% were males. One hundred seventy-seven patients were under the age of 60 (12.9%, 95% CI = 11.2 – 14.8%). GC was frequently encountered as a metastatic disease in both young and elderly patients (Stage IV: 45.7% and 41%, respectively). In the multivariate analysis, alcohol abuse, ASA functional status I-II, diffuse subtype, neoadjuvant, and palliative therapy were independently associated (p <0.05) with GC≤60 years. No differences were found in 2-year survival (GC≤60: 39% vs. 35%, p = 0.45). Curative- intent surgery, TNM stage I-II, body mass index <30kg/m2, and better functional status at diagnosis were independent predictors of survival in GC under the age of 60.

Conclusions One out of eight cases of GC were diagnosed below 60 years. Overall survival was poor regardless of age. Factors associated with localized disease correlated with improved survival in younger patients, altogether underlining the urgent need for early diagnosis strategies in Western countries.
ePP49 A COMPARISON OF A COMPARISON STUDY OF 2L PEG-ASCORBIC ACID VERSUS 1L PEG-ASCORBIC ACID WITH BISACODYL VERSUS SODIUM PICO SULFATE/MAGNESIUM CITRATE WITH BISACODYL AS BOWEL PREPARATION

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Aims Bowel preparation is the most important colorectal surgery quality indicator because it affects both the cecal intubation and adenoma detection rates. Ingestion of a large volume of PEG, as well as its unpleasant taste, results in low compliance rates and unsatisfactory cleansing quality. To reduce drug dose and increase patients satisfaction, we would like to compare the efficacy and patient satisfaction of the following three methods: 2 Liters of PEG-ascorbic acid mono regimen versus 1 Liters of PEG-ascorbic acid plus bisacodyl versus Sodium picosulfate with magnesium citrate (SPMC) plus bisacodyl.

Methods This study was a single center, randomized, prospective, observer-blinded study. The study was performed from April 2016 to July 2018 and we enrolled 300 patients and randomly classified them into three groups of 100 patients each. To evaluate bowel cleansing, we used the Boston bowel preparation scale (BBPS). The degree of discomfort and satisfaction of the patients in the bowel preparation process was investigated through questionnaire.

Results Baseline characteristics of the three groups were similar. There was no significant difference in the bowel preparation quality using BBPS in three groups. Abdomen fullness was statistically significantly lower in SPMC and bisacodyl group (P-value = 0.003) Also patients' satisfaction compare with previous preparation was significantly higher in the SPMC and bisacodyl group. (P-value = 0.016).

Conclusions In this study, the combination of SPMC and bisacodyl group is similar for the improvement of the bowel preparation than the other PEG groups. However, the SPMC and bisacodyl group patients feel more comfortable than other groups. Therefore, in order to satisfy both good intestinal cleansing and patient compliance, we conclude that bowel preparation with the SPMC and bisacodyl group might be the better method than others.

ePP50 LAB AUTOMATIC EVALUATION OF COLON CLEANSING

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Aims For objective estimation of colon cleansing, we propose a LAB color selection procedure to automatically detect and compute the Bowel Preparation Coefficient (BPC) on more scales, on the informative frames of a video colonoscopy.

Methods The advantage of LAB color space is that one of the three numerical values used to express color, is the lightness (L). The other two axes green-red (a) and blue-yellow (b) components, are more approached to the human perception than other color spaces.

To retain only the relevant video colonoscopy frames and to decrease the complexity, we detect the edges on each frame, we test the entropy levels on sub-frames and we discard the non-informative images. On a semi-supervised detection we identify the color cube and color squares corresponding to residual material presence on bowels, slightly varying for each patient. Areas for valid frames are computed and summed, obtaining the overall final estimation.

Results Tests have been made on tens of thousands of frames. We may obtain up to 50,000 frames from a 20 minutes video colonoscopy. We used 17 videos of slightly different lengths. Blurred frames, highly lighted, light reflections were automatically discarded. On the remaining frames we identified fecal residues and computed a “b” color features. For speed, we take into consideration only the two color variables during the final total color evaluation on the valid frames of a video.

Conclusions Previous attempts have been made using RGB color space, characterized by computing burden. Our method offers an algorithm easy to compute, results being obtained faster. This procedure can be applied to the video recordings, saving time and facilitating the computer-assisted analysis of the cleansing aspects, relevant for diagnosis in colonoscopy.

ePP51 SPLIT-DOSE LACTULOSE WITH ADJUNCTIVE ORAL BISACODYL AND ORAL SODIUM PHOSPHATE: A PILOT STUDY OF A NOVEL BOWEL PREPARATION

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Aims Various colonoscopic bowel preparations are in use clinically. Split-dose preparations are generally recommended for morning colonoscopies. We herein present a novel form of bowel preparation with split-dose lactulose as the backbone with oral bisacodyl and sodium phosphate, in a pilot study assessing its safety and efficacy.

Methods Patients were instructed to adhere to clear fluids from 2000hrs the evening before. The bowel preparation utilised oral lactulose 30 mLs and bisacodyl 5 mg at 2200hrs the evening before, followed by oral lactulose 100 mLs and oral aqueous sodium phosphate 20 mLs four hours prior to the scheduled colonoscopy. All colonoscopies were carried out during the morning session. Patients’ demographics, past medical and surgical history, indication for colonoscopy, tolerability, presence of side effects, colonoscopy findings, and bowel preparation cleanliness were recorded.

Results This pilot study consisted of 82 patients with 41 females (50%), with a median age of 57 years (range 22 to 78). The most common indication for colonoscopy was abdominal pain (43 patients, 52.4%). 78 patients (95.1%) completed their bowel preparation, with only two patients (2.4%) suffering from side effects (vomiting). Median time to reaching the cecum was five minutes (median 3 – 25), and withdrawal time was 14 minutes (median 10 – 39). 55 patients (67.1%) and six patients (7.3%) had polyps and a malignancy detected respectively. 0 patients (0%), 5 patients (6.1%), 45 patients (54.9%), 32 patients (39.0%) had inadequate, poor, good, and excellent bowel preparation as per the Boston Bowel Preparation Scale.

Conclusions This novel split-dose bowel preparation is safe, well-tolerated, and efficacious in selected patients. It should be assessed against other established preparations in future studies.

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**Results**

Surveillance colonoscopy findings were assessed by reviewing medical records. In this study but not after the guideline update, the forceps resection rates (FRR) for polyps ≥5 mm were resected using forceps, which does not correspond to the ESGE-Guidelines. For polyps ≥5 mm the FRR decreased in private practices after both publications (RR:0.68vs.0.83; p <0.001). In contrast, in hospitals a significant decrease of the FRR was observed after the study but not after the guideline’s publication (RR:0.91vs.1.19; p <0.001). At least, for polyps ≥5 mm endoscopists had a mean adequate polypectomy technique rate of 68.31% (95%: 64.21 – 72.41).

**Methods**

All CSP-EMR cases performed by a single endoscopist (A.M.) at two academic hospitals for sessile polyps ≥20 mm, from Jan 2016-Dec 2017, were identified retrospectively. During this period, all lesions that were not suspicious for submucosal invasion, and were not very large Paris 0-Ia lesions where cold snare resection would be technically very difficult, were performed by CSP-EMR. Efficacy was defined as the absence of residual or recurrent polyp during the first surveillance colonoscopy, which was assessed by rigorous endoscopic EMR scar examination and biopsies for histology. Clinically significant intra-procedural or delayed adverse events, histological outcomes and surveillance colonoscopy findings were assessed by reviewing medical records.

**Results:**

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**Conclusions**

CSP-EMR of sessile colonic polyps ≥20 mm is feasible and was at least as effective as conventional EMR, but with improved safety profile. We hypothesised that the enhanced safety of cold snaring allowed for an aggressive wide field resection that reduced recurrence rates. A randomised controlled trial or large prospective observational studies are required to more rigorously demonstrate non-inferiority and improved safety profile of CSP-EMR compared to conventional EMR, and to further determine which polyp morphologies are best suited to CSP-EMR.

**Aims**

The European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) guidelines for colorectal polypectomy recommends cold snare polypectomy for all diminutive (≤5 mm) and small polyps between 6 – 10 mm. In a publication from Britto-Arias the forceps resection rates (FRR) for polyps ≥5 mm were 22.75% in hospitals and 52.58% in private practices. The aim of this study was to compare if the publication of own results or publication of the guidelines has more impact on the reduction of FRRs of polyps ≥5 mm.

**Methods**

107.124 colonoscopies performed by 279 endoscopists between 08/2015 and 10/2018 were assessed within the Austrian quality assurance program for screening colonoscopies. For the demonstration of the endoscopists adherence to the European polypectomy guidelines, the resection technique, based on the polyp size before (08/2015 – 03/2017) and after (04/2017 – 10/2018) the publication of the guidelines was assessed and compared. Further we investigated if there was a decrease of the FRR after our prior study by Britto-Arias et al. (08/2015). Therefore, endoscopists were subclassified according to their facility (hospital, private practice).

**Results**

A total of 90,279 screening colonoscopies performed by 266 endoscopists were included in this study. The polyp detection and resection rate were 38.58% (n = 34,826) and 91.74% (n = 31,948), respectively. Overall, 28.00% (n = 2,521) of polyps ≥5 mm were resected using forceps, which does not correspond to the ESGE-Guidelines. For polyps ≥5 mm the FRR decreased in private practices after both publications (RR:0.68vs.0.83; p <0.001). In contrast, in hospitals a significant decrease of the FRR was observed after the study but not after the guideline’s publication (RR:0.91vs.1.19; p <0.001). At least, for polyps ≥5 mm endoscopists had a mean adequate polypectomy technique rate of 68.31% (95%: 64.21 – 72.41).

**Conclusions**

Regarding to the polypectomy technique, we have investigated that the study publication leads to an increase of the adherence for polyps ≥5 mm in both, hospitals and private practices.

**ePP54 – CAN SERT SCORE PREDICT HISTOLOGICAL RECURRENCE IN PIECEMEAL ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION? – A COMPARATIVE STUDY WITH SMSA SCORE**

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**Aims**

Piecemeal endoscopic mucosal resection (pEMR) allows the resection of larger non-invasive colorectal lesions. Prediction of histological recurrence (HR), as determined in the first surveillance colonoscopy, is still a limitation. The recently described SERT score (Sydney EMR-recurrence tool) can predict endoscopic recurrence (ER), however it was not evaluated as a predictor of HR. The present study aimed to validate the SERT score as a predictor of ER and HR as to compare it with the SMSA score (size, morphology, site, access) already validated as a predictor.

**Methods**

The SERT and SMSA scores were calculated for all lesions submitted to pEMR between 2012 – 2018. In the first surveillance colonoscopy, performed at 3 – 6 months, ER and HR were evaluated. In the absence of ER, biopsy of the scar was performed in most cases. In patients with ER, removal of the residual lesion was attempted.

**Results**

188 pEMR were considered. 61.7% were males and the mean age was 66.1 ± 9.8. Most lesions were located at the right colon (n = 47, 59.0%). Mean size was 31.0 ± 13.8 mm. ER was suspected in 27.1% (n = 51), and in 72.5% of these cases (n = 37) HR was confirmed.

There was a moderate positive correlation between the SERT and SMSA scores (p = 0.001, r = 0.57). There was a significant association between SMSA score and ER (p <0.001) as well as HR (p <0.001). SERT score was also significantly associated with ER (p = 0.005) and HR (p = 0.015). The SERT score showed a
Discriminative power to ER and HR, not significantly different from SMSA score (p = 0.5).

Conclusions The SERT score correlates with the SMSA score and both can be used to predict ER and HR in lesions removed by pEMR. The SERT score showed a similar discriminative power for endoscopic and histologic recurrence. The SERT score is less complex and allows predicting not only endoscopic recurrence but histologic recurrence as well.

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ePP55 TRENDS OF COLORECTAL CANCER INCIDENCE RATES IN 40–49 YEAR OLD SUBJECTS: FIGURES FROM THE NORTH-EAST ITALIAN CANCER REGISTRIES

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Aims The American Cancer Society recently lowered the age for starting colorectal cancer (CRC) screening from 50 to 45 years. The clinical rationale behind such a strategy lies in epidemiological evidence from the USA of a rising incidence of CRC before the age of 50.

In 2003, the European Council set the age to start CRC screening at 50 years, and all European screening programs (with Austria the only exception) still follow this recommendation.

In order to make available epidemiological data on the CRC risk among young Europeans, we analysed the trends of CRC incidence rates in 40–49 year olds of North-Eastern Italian Regions.

Methods We analysed the CRC incidence rates of the Cancer Registries of the North-Eastern Italian Regions (Bolzano, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Trento and Veneto; covered population = 7,200,000 subjects), from 2003 to 2014, separately for 40–44 and 45–49 year olds. We computed the Annual Percent Change (APC), with 95% Confidence Intervals (95% CI).

Results No significant modifications have been registered in the malignant colorectal lesions incidence rates (years 2003 to 2014) among subjects younger than 50 years, the APC being 0.18 for 40–44 year olds (95% CI from -2.76 to 3.21) and APC -0.15 for 45–49 year olds. We computed the Annual Percent Change (APC), with 95% Confidence Intervals (95% CI).

Conclusions Our results should mean that we can rule out any need to change the CRC secondary prevention strategy with confidence. Making epidemiological data available on the temporal trends on the CRC risk among young European adults is an incoming priority.

ePP56 HIGH-RISK LESIONS ARE A STRONGER PREDICTOR FOR INTERVAL CANCER THAN LOW ADENOMA DETECTION RATE

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Aims Although endoscopic screening reached high quality standards, interval cancers still occur in a significant number of patients and the underlying risk factors are poorly understood. After index colonoscopy patients with high-risk adenomas (≥2 polyps or ≥10 mm or high-grade dysplasia or villous or tubulo-villous histology) should undergo surveillance colonoscopy after 3 years, patients with low-risk adenomas after 10 years.

The aim of this study was to evaluate the impact colonoscopy performance and lesion characteristics on the prevalence of interval cancer.

Methods Screening colonoscopies performed between 1/2009 and 6/2015 within a quality assurance program in Austria were included. An interval cancer was defined as colorectal cancer diagnosed at least 6 month after screening colonoscopy and the scheduled time of surveillance colonoscopy.

Results 146,894 colonoscopies were included (50.8% women, median age 60 years) of which 19% were classified as high-risk. During a median follow up of 36.9 month, 114 interval cancers were identified. Patients with high-risk lesions had significantly higher incidence rates of interval cancers than those in the low-risk group (HR 1.77 [1.18 – 2.66]; p = 0.006). Other factors associated with interval cancer were older age (HR per 10 years 1.87 [1.52 – 2.29]; p < 0.001) and adenoma detection rate ≤ 20% (HR 0.65 [0.44 – 0.95]; p = 0.025). Interestingly, there was no association with female sex.

Conclusions High-risk lesions are a stronger predictor for the occurrence of interval cancer than low adenoma detection rate. In contrast to previous studies there was no association with female sex.

ePP57 POST-COLONOSCOPY COMPLICATIONS WITHIN THE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMS OF THE VENETO REGION (ITALY)

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Aims To define the complication rate and the 30-days mortality rate after colonoscopy within the colorectal cancer screening programs of the Veneto Region (North East of Italy) and to identify the variables associated with complications.

Methods We considered the subjects who underwent a colonoscopy after a positive fecal immunochemical test (FIT+) from 2002 to 2014. Complications and deaths occurring within 30 days after colonoscopy were identified using the regional Hospital Discharge Records dataset. Complications were classified as follows: perforation (suspected/confirmed), hemorrhage, post-polypectomy syndrome, not otherwise specified complicated polypectomy, cardiovascular, other.

We computed complication and mortality rates and evaluated the variables associated with complications through multivariate analysis.

Results We included in the study 117,881 subjects, who underwent a colonoscopy within the regional screening program. Overall, 497 complications were recorded (complication rate 0.42%), which included 281 hemorrhages (57%), 65 perforations (13%), 27 post-polypectomy syndromes (5.4%), 59 complicated polypectomy NOS (12%) and 49 cardiovascular complications (9.9%). Seventeen subjects died within 30 days after colonoscopy, possibly due to causes related to the exam (mortality rate 1.44 × 10,000).

The risk of complications was significantly higher in case of completion colonoscopies (Odds Ratio vs. first post-FIT+ colonoscopy 1.64; p = 0.026), age (OR per 5-year increase 1.12; p = 0.005), incomplete colonoscopy (OR 2.44; p < 0.001), operative procedure (OR 1.74; p = 0.001), diagnosis of carcinoma (OR vs. negative 9.73; p < 0.001), high risk adenoma (OR 7.60; p < 0.001) and low risk adenoma (OR 2.33; p = 0.001).

Conclusions The complication and mortality rate of screening programs of the Veneto Region are comparable with the data from the literature. Hospital Discharge Records are a useful source of data for identifying post-colonoscopy complications.
ePP58 PANCREAS DIVISUM AND RECURRENT PANCREATITIS: LONG-TERM RESULTS OF MINOR PAPILLA SPHINCTEROTOMY

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Aims Pancreas divisum (PD) is the most common congenital anatomical variant of the pancreatic ductal system and a potential cause of acute recurrent pancreatitis (ARP) in a minority of patients. Endoscopic therapy has been studied as a therapeutic option for symptomatic PD, but there is limited long-term data on efficacy and safety of this method. We aimed to assess the technical success and clinical benefit of minor papilla endoscopic sphincterotomy (MiES) in the setting of ARP in patients with PD.

Methods We conducted a retrospective study of prospectively collected data of consecutive patients treated by minor papilla endoscopic sphincterotomy (MiES) at a tertiary referral center. Clinical data, including gender, age, smoking and drinking habits, number of episodes of acute pancreatitis (AP) as well as technical data pertaining to the endoscopic therapy were reviewed. Patients available for follow-up were contacted to assess the long-term impact of the endoscopic intervention using the Patient’s Global Impression of Change (PGIC) questionnaire.

Results A total of 138 patients with PD including 77 patients with ARP, were treated endoscopically by MiES: 48 patients were available for long-term follow-up using the PGIC score, with a mean follow-up period of 9.7 years. Procedure-related complications developed in 10 cases (12.9%): 5 post-MiES delayed bleeding and 5 cases of mild pancreatitis. MiES was clinically successful in 35 patients (72.9%) who did not experience any more episodes of AP after the initial endoscopic treatment. Significant or very significant improvement in quality of life assessed by the patient at follow-up (PGIC ≥ 6) occurred in 41/48 patients (85.4%). On multivariate analysis, stenosis of the MiES was the only predictive factor for increased risk of recurrent pancreatitis after initial therapy.

Conclusions MiES resulted a safe and efficient treatment for ARP in patients with PD, with clinical benefit even at long-term follow-up.

ePP59 ERCP WITH DRILLING USING SOHENDRA EXTRACTOR FOR STENTING NARROW AND IMPASSABLE MAIN DUCT STRICTURES IN CHRONIC CALCIFYING PANCREATITIS: A LARGE RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims The management of symptomatic chronic pancreatitis (CP) requires stenting of the main pancreatic duct (MPD), to calibrate strictures, sometimes non crossable except by the wire. We describe our experience using Sohendra extractor to cross the obstruction for stent placement. The objectives were to assess the technical success (ability to place a stent), and to elucidate the characteristics of the management, the factor associated with failure, and the complications.

Methods This is a retrospective study conducted between 2005 and 2017 in a tertiary center. All patients having undergone a drilling of MPD with Sohendra extractor strictures between 2004 and 2018 were included. Demographical, clinical and endoscopic characteristics were recorded.

Results 101 patients (mean age 53.3 ± 12.8 years old, sex-ratio 2 M/1 F) mostly with alcoholic CP, having undergone 180 MPD drilling were included. The site of the stricture was cephalic, isthmic, corporeo-caudal or diffuses in 50%, 22%, 17% and 11% of cases, respectively. Fifty-nine patients had one single drilling (58%), other patients had 2 (21%), 3 (11%) or > 4 (10%) drillings during separate ERCPs. I was performed during the first ERCP in 32% of cases. The technical success was 93% (167/180). The Sohendra extractor diameter was 7Fr in 43% and 10Fr in 57% of cases. Then, a plastic stent was placed in 97% of cases (n = 164), mostly 7Fr. During the following ERCP, a stent exchange was possible in 67% of cases. If not, a successful new drilling was performed in most cases (83%). The complication rate was 4.5%, essentially benign pancreatitis (n = 6) and bacteremia without sepsis (n = 2).

In multivariate analysis, the predictive factors for failure were a drilling performed during the first ERCP (virgin papilla; p = 0.038) and a diameter of the Sohendra extractor of 7Fr (p = 0.016).

Conclusions MPD drilling using Sohendra extractor is a simple, inexpensive, safe and effective approach for treating difficult strictures in CP.

ePP60 SINGLE-OPERATOR PANCREATOSCOPY (SOP) WITH SPYGLASS SYSTEM IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC PANCREATITIS

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Aims Interventional procedures for pain treatment in chronic pancreatitis include extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy, endoscopic stone extraction and bridging of pancreatic strictures. Standard treatment is effective in 90% of cases. Direct pancreatoscopy using smaller-caliber endoscopic equipments have been developed to explore and treat in biliary and pancreatic duct with promising results.

To assess the usefulness, efficacy and safety of single-operator-pancreatoscopy (SOP) with the SpyGlass system in symptomatic patients with chronic calcifying pancreatitis.

Methods Retrospective review of a prospectively-maintained database of endoscopic procedures in a tertiary referral center. Consecutive adults confirmed to have symptomatic pancreatic lithiasis after standard treatment with ERCP underwent to SOP with SpyGlass between September 2008 and October 2018.

Results We performed 20 procedures in 11 patients. From 2008 to 2015, we use legacy SpyGlass and then we use SpyGlass DS. Seven patients (63%) were male with a median age of 56 years (± 11.3). Mean time procedure in ERCP was 92 minutes (± 38.6) with 23 minutes (± 13.2) of SOP with SpyGlass. Median time of follow up was 6 months (range 1 – 55). Technical success was achieved in 18/20 (90%) procedures and clinical success in 10/11 (90%) of patients. To achieve clinical success, 5 patients needed 1 procedure, 4 patients needed 2 procedures, 1 patient needed 3 procedures and 1 patient need 4 procedures. Mean number of pancreatic stones was 2 (range 1 to +5) with mean size of 7.5 mm (± 4.85). SpyGlass with intraductal laser lithotripsy was used in 3 procedures and electrohydraulic lithotripsy in 8 procedures. This clinical series has no mortality and 1 patient needed surgery. We report 2 minor technical complications resolved in the same procedure.

Conclusions SOP is a useful and safe technique for treating pancreatic lithiasis with low rate of adverse effects. However, this procedure must to be performed by expert endoscopists.
ePP61 SOLITARY NEEDLE TRACT SEEDING METASTASES FOLLOWING PANCREATIC CANCER RESECTIONS WITH PREVIOUS EUS-FNA

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Aims Pancreatic cancer (PDAC) seeding metastases following EUS-FNA is not frequent. However, the accurate frequency of this dissemination of PDAC is not known. A progression of the disease recurrence leading to death during the first two years following radical surgery is faster than the growth of seeding metastasis into its detectable size. In a case, that an isolated seeding metastasis develops, it becomes a serious complication involving patient’s prognosis. Reports regarding this kind of dissemination have been increasing during last few years. We present two cases of seeding metastases. One has been following left pancreatectomy. Second is an unique case of metastasis following pylorus preserving hemipancreatoduodenectomy, as there is not previously published such a case.

Methods Retrospective analysis of PDAC patients operated on with curative intent between 2010 – 2015 revealed two patients with previous EUS-FNA and subsequent recurrence in the stomach. Detailed histopathological analysis and comparison of primarily resected tumors and secondary resected metastases were performed.

Results Case 1. 75-yrs woman, PDAC located in head of the pancreas. CT, EUS-FNA, radical surgery were performed. Solitary lesion in pylorus of 20 mm was diagnosed by PET/CT scan15 months following radical surgery. Pyloric resection and histopathological analysis proved identical tumor. Overall survival was 29 months. Case 2. 71-yrs woman, PDAC located in tail of the pancreas. CT, EUS-FNA, radical surgery were performed. Solitary lesion in gastric posterior wall of 18 mm was diagnosed by PET/CT scan 23 months following radical surgery. Gastrectomy and histopathological analysis proved histologically identical tumor. Actual survival is 53 months without recurrence.

Conclusions The indication of EUS-FNA should be prudent. If pre-operatively is required, the puncture channel should be removed during surgery. When tumor is located in the body or tail of pancreas, channel should be marked. If it is not possible, than should be carefully followed up its location and resected, when recurrence/seeding occurs.

ePP62 EUS-FNA FOR DUODENAL HYPOECHOIC SOLID SUBEPITHELIAL LESION DIAGNOSED BY EUS

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Aims The frequency of histological types and the usefulness of EUS-FNA for duodenal subepithelial lesions (DSEL) whose EUS image shows a hypoechoic solid mass are still unknown. The aim of this study is to clarify them.

Methods From October 2004 to April 2018, 16 consecutive patients who underwent EUS-FNAs for DSEL whose EUS image showed a hypoechoic solid mass were evaluated prospectively. The reference standards for the final diagnosis were surgery (n = 12), or clinical follow-up (n = 4). We used 22G or 25G FNA needles and performed rapid on-site cytopathological examination and immunohistochemical analysis in all lesions.

Results There were 8 FNA specimens from the duodenal bulb and 8 from the descending portions. The final histopathological diagnoses (Surgery or EUS-FNA) included 9 cases of GIST (56%), 2 cases of leiomyoma (13%), and 1 case each of carcinoid (hereinafter 6% each), malignant lymphoma, cancer, leiomyosarcoma, and gauzeoma. The frequency of malignant tumors in DSEL whose EUS image showed a hypoechoic solid mass, was 81% (13/16). Puncture was not performed because of intervening vessels in one case. The diagnostic rate was 80% (12/15). In 9 surgically resected cases (excluding 3 unsuccessful EUS-FNA cases), the diagnostic accuracy of EUS-FNA was 89% (8/9). There were no complications.

Conclusions DSEL whose EUS image showing a hypoechoic solid mass is likely highly to be malignant tumor containing GIST. EUS-FNA for DSEL whose EUS image showing a hypochoic solid mass is a safe and accurate method. It should be taken into consideration in decision making, especially in early diagnosis and early treatment for this condition.

ePP63V A RARE PANCREATIC NEOPLASM...
Aims  Histoacryl is one of the materials that can be used as a sclerosing agent and is known to be effective in endoscopic hemostasis of acute gastric variceal bleeding. In addition, it can be applied to hemostasis of ulcer bleeding with relatively simple manipulation and is also effective. We reviewed patients who had undergone treatment endoscopically with Histoacryl and assessed the effectiveness and side effects according to each disease. 

Methods  We retrospectively reviewed 100 cases treated endoscopically with Histoacryl in Seoul Paik Hospital from January 2004 to October 2018. All cases were categorized by each disease. For the cases of bleeding, initial hemostasis rate and rebleeding rate within 7 days were evaluated. We reviewed the procedure records and post-procedure medical records to confirm the adverse effects.

Results  Among 100 cases treated with Histoacryl, 92 cases were upper GI bleedings, 8 cases were fistulas. Among upper GI bleeding cases, 79 were variceal bleedings, 12 were ulcer bleedings, and 1 was post-ESD bleedings. Gastric variceal bleeding accounted for the majority of variceal bleeding in 72 of 79 cases (91.1%). Among the ulcer bleeding, there were 9 cases of gastric ulcer and 3 cases of duodenal ulcer. Initial hemostasis was obtained from all bleeding cases. The delayed bleeding rate within 7 days was 9.9% of all bleeding cases, 10.0% of variceal hemorrhage cases, and 9.1% of ulcer bleeding cases. No significant complication was observed, but 3 patients were expired within six months for reasons unrelated to this procedure.

Conclusions  According to our data, Histoacryl treatment is relatively safe and has a high success rate of hemostasis not only for variceal bleeding but also for ulcer bleeding. Therefore, it is considered to be a useful method for upper GI bleeding which is difficult to hemostasis.

ePP66  ECTOPIC VARICEAL BLEEDING TREATED WITH HEMOSPRAY AS SALVAGE THERAPY: 2 CASE STUDIES

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Aims  Ectopic varices are portosystemic shunts out of the common gastro-oesophageal varices alongside the gastrointestinal tract, and although rare the rate of bleeding is 4 fold higher comparing to common varices. Likewise, treatment strategies have shown poorer outcomes than gastro-oesophageal. No cases have been reported in literature of the use of haemospray in ectopic varices.

Methods  We present two cases of use of hemospray as a salvage therapy and their outcomes.

Results  Case 1: 56 Year old female Alcoholic liver disease Child-Pugh C presented with a 4 day history of melena hypovolaemic shock. Gastroscopy showed fresh blood in duodenum. Deeper D3 intubation showed a duodenal varix with a fibrin plug, treated with 10 ml of thrombin injection, still oozing so haemospray applied with good result. The patient rebled in less than 48 hours. TIPS was performed, with cessation of bleeding. Case 2: 56 year old female with exact same background was admitted with increased jaundice. While admitted she had several episodes of rectal bleeding plus 4 point hemoglobin drop secondary to large rectal varices. Endoscopic thrombin injection x 5 seemed to stop the bleeding. 24 hours later another frank rectal haemorrhage observed. In new sigmoidoscopy, a persistent fibrin plug started bleeding. 19 ml thrombin applied but still minimal oozing which effectively stopped after hemospray.

Patient hb improved to baseline, however continued to drink and had further episode of bleeding in 3 months, resolved after TIPS insertion.

Conclusions  In the 2 cases described, the salvage use of haemospray as a combined method was effective to provide immediate hemostasis but did not contribute to achieve a definitive treatment as the underlying cause was still untreated.

Hemospray could potentially play a key role in contributing to stabilize the patient’s haemodynamics, facilitating the treatment of reversible decompensating factors as well as a bridge towards definitive treatment.

ePP67  REVISITING REPORTING OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY FROM A TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTER FROM ROMANIA: STILL A LONG WAY TO GO...

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Aims  Standardized reporting and quality benchmarking for colonoscopy are essential marks of a high-quality Endoscopic unit. We previously reported suboptimal key performance measures in colonoscopy practices in a single tertiary referral center. This is a reassessment of the key performance measures 6 months after announcing the results of the former audit to the colonscopists in the unit.

Methods  This is a single-center retrospective analysis of colonoscopy performance in a tertiary-referral center. All colonoscopy reports from a 3-month period were analyzed for this study, in identical fashion to the previous audit. Standard ESGE guideline recommendations for performance measures in lower GI endoscopy were used for the following key measures: indication (≥85%), quality of bowel preparation (≥90%), caecal intubation rate (≥90%), adenoma (≥25%) and polyp detection rate (≥40%).

Results  During a 3-month period (1.03 – 31.05.2018) 278 colonoscopies were performed in our unit. Since the previous audit there was a noticeable improvement in the reported indication for colonoscopy which was adequate in 91.2% compared to 78.7% of cases in the initial audit. However, there was no improvement in the rate of adequate bowel preparation (63.8% vs. 64.5%) or cecal intubation rate (71.3% vs. 74.7%). The adenoma detection rate and the polyp detection rate for the service remained consistent and were 27% (vs 27.3%) and 49% (vs 51.7%).

Conclusions  Some suboptimal key performance measures persisted after reporting the results of the previous audit. Further retraining and proper reporting of outcomes are mandatory for improvement of key performance measures and achieving recommended quality standards in lower GI endoscopy.

ePP68  ANALYSIS OF THE QUALITY OF COLONOSCOPY REPORTS OVER A YEAR AS PART OF THE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM IN THE FRENCH DEPARTMENT OF FINISTERE

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Aims  To carry out a qualitative analysis of the colonoscopy reports (CR) established in individuals examined for a positive FIT in Finistere during year 2016. This study was based on the ESGE quality indicators for colonoscopy.

Methods  All CR sent to the structure in charge of the screening program have been reviewed. Fifteen indicators were analyzed.

Results  1401 reports were analysed: 1135 colonoscopies were performed in private practice and 266 in public hospitals. The indication for colonoscopy was mentioned in 99.6% of CR; 14.6% of CR did not contain data related to sedation or anesthesia. Data relative to the bowel preparation were present in 90.6% of CR; the Boston classification was used in 35.0% of cases. The most
proximal colonic segment reached was mentioned in 99.0% of cases; 95.0% of colonoscopies were complete. 947 CR described at least one colonic lesion. The number and location of lesions was mentioned in 98.9% and 95.3% of cases. The estimated size of the lesions was present in 84.3% of CR. A macroscopic description of the lesions was provided in 76.4% of CR; the Paris and Kudo classifications were used in only 7.4% and 1.2% of cases respectively. The modalities of polyp removal were described in 84.8% of cases. No report mentioned complications during colonoscopy. Recommendations for further colonoscopic surveillance were mentioned in 36.4% of CR. 64.2% of the CR met at least 4 of the 5 major quality indicators to be included in the report (Adenoma detection rate and patient’s experience were noted as assessed in individual CR).

Conclusions One third of the CR performed as part of a colorectal screening campaign do not meet the required quality criteria and can be improved. The implementation of a standardized report software would improve quality and allow quality indicators extraction.

ePP70 WE CAN JUDGE THE PRESENT OR PAST H. PYLORI INFECTION WITH ONLY ONE ENDOSCOPIC CARDIAC IMAGE (WHALE SHARK SIGN: WSS)

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Aims We have confused with various newly endoscopic findings (patchy redness and map-like redness etc.) after H.pylori (HP) eradication. On this time, we have found out a new other ultimate useful finding showing HP related gastritis at gastric cardia including present and post HP infection. Our aim of this study is to elucidate the possibility of judgement with only this cardiac endoscopic view about presence or absence with HP infection.

Methods We have found out so useful and specific cardiac image (Whale Shark Sign: WSS) closely related to HP infection five years ago. We have examined the presence of WSS on 5, 132 cases that have been able to overview on their endoscopic profiles. The 4,833 cases their serum HP antibody titers were measured from Jan. 2012 to Oct. 2018. A total of 3,579 patients (HP positive) were enrolled.

Results Mean age of patients was 53.2 years old. The positive predictive value (PPV) of WSS was surprisingly high (98.7%). According to this high PPV, we can think WSS positive cases are high risk of gastric cancer. This WSS mean that the presence of irregular gastric mucosal surface pattern and the presence of lymphoid hyperplasia, that showing HP infectious stomach. This lymphoid hyperplasia at gastric cardia were recognized small round whitish nodules on white light endoscopy. And this was more emphasized with image-enhanced endoscopy (Narrow Band Imaging: NBI), it looks like Whale Shark. This WSS sign is so simple and easy for every gastroenterologist. It is so useful to know gastric cancer risk at gastric entrance (cardia) with the presence of an easy simple sign.

Conclusions We have been able to judge the presence of HP infection with only cardiac endoscopic image (WSS). Since this sign is very easy and simple, everyone will be able to judge the presence of HP infection and gastric cancer risk.

ePP71 DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY OF ENDOFASTER COMPARED TO HISTOLOGY FOR CHRONIC ATROPHIC GASTRITIS USING NARROW BAND IMAGING (NBI) TARGETED BIOPSY: A REAL-TIME PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims NISO Biomed EndoFaster is a new device that within 15 seconds measures the gastric pH of the gastric juice through its aspiration from the gastric cavity during routine endoscopy. The aim of this study was to compare the diagnostic accuracy of NISO Biomed EndoFaster in comparison of histological examination as gold standard for chronic atrophic gastritis using narrow band imaging (NBI) targeted biopsies.

Methods Prospective study conducted on consecutive adult outpatients undergoing gastroscopy for suspected chronic atrophic gastritis (anemia, dyspepsia). At the beginning of gastroscopy, gastric juice was aspirated and analyzed by EndoFaster in real time (15 seconds). Endoscopists were blinded to the report of the device. Then patients were evaluated by high resolution
narrow band imaging (HR-NBI) after the use of white light (WL). Biopsies were taken where the endoscopists recognized intestinal metaplasia (targeted biopsies) or using Sydney System if intestinal metaplasia was not recognized.

**Results** Overall, 101 patients were included (62% F; 55 (19 – 80) years). Chronic atrophic gastritis was present in 42% of patients. Endofaster showed an accuracy for atrophic gastritis of 87.2% and a sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV of 77.8%, 96.4%, 94.6% and 84.4%, respectively, for the diagnosis of hypochloridria. NBI had an accuracy of 90.7% for the diagnosis of intestinal metaplasia. Endofaster allowed to correctly diagnose atrophic gastritis in 3.0% of patients negative to NBI (atrophic gastritis without intestinal metaplasia).

**Conclusions** Endofaster seems a promising tool to correctly diagnose chronic atrophic gastritis. The high PPV suggests performing biopsies only in patients with a real need of doing biopsies. Endoscopy centers where the use of NBI is not available or where NBI does not evidentiate intestinal metaplasia, the use of Endofaster should be considered.

### ePP72 RELIABILITY AND ACCURACY OF BLUE LIGHT IMAGING FOR STAGING OF INTESTINAL METAPLASIA IN STOMACH (BLIMPS)

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**Aims** A grading endoscopic system using high-resolution scopes with NBI has been shown to accurately identify patients with extensive GIM (EGGIM) that need surveillance. However, no description is available with alternative systems such as the new system of Fujifilm, BLI. We aim to determine the reliability and accuracy of BLI regarding the diagnosis and staging of GIM.

**Methods** A consecutive series of patients (n = 29), previously assessed by NBI, with a full spectrum of gastric changes (OLGIM 0-IV) were submitted to endoscopies using FujifilmEG-760HD/ELUXEO-VP7000 and endoscopists (blinded to the previous histologic status) were asked to determine EGGIM score on real-time using BLI-bright mode (eg, 0 – 2 for the lesser curvature of antrum and corpus, greater curvature of antrum and corpus and incisura, total 0 – 10). Reliability with BLI using the previous classification by Pimentel-Nunes P et al. among 3 observers was determined with WLE, LCI and BLI (n = 32 per site images). Secondly, accuracy was determined by comparing with previously EGGIM (cutoff of 4) with NBI and current OLGIM status.

**Results** The overall interobserver reliability for histologic presumption based on endoscopic images with BLI (wk 0.80[95% CI:0.64 – 0.93]) and LCI (wk 0.76[95% CI:0.53 – 0.90]) was substantially better than WLE (wk 0.43[95% CI:0.20 – 0.66]). The proportion of certainty varied between 50 to 62% for WLE, 59 to 81% for LCI, 78 to 91% for BLI. Accuracy is reported in table 1.

Tab. 1 Accuracy (n = 29)

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<td>0 – 4</td>
<td>12 (82%)</td>
<td>4 (84%)</td>
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<td>5 – 10</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>12 (75%)</td>
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<td>&gt;90% agreement</td>
<td>AUC 0.92 (CI 0.82 – 1.00)</td>
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**Conclusions** BLI is reliable in determining the presence of GIM. BLI-bright seems to agree significantly with NBI evaluation (90% agreement) and preliminary data suggests very high sensitivity for identifying those at risk (OLGIM III/IV). External multicentre assessment is required for further validation.

### ePP73 HIGH-QUALITY COLON CLEANSING IMPROVES SEGMENTAL POLYP AND ADENOMA DETECTION RATES: POST HOC ANALYSIS OF RANDOMISED CLINICAL TRIALS USING THE BOSTON BOWEL PREPARATION SCALE

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**Aims** Successful colon cleansing is defined as a segmental score of 2 or higher on the Boston Bowel Preparation Scale (BBPS). The additional clinical value of high-quality cleansing (BBPS 3) is subject for debate. This post hoc analysis of three randomised phase 3 clinical trials assessed the segmental lesion detection rates in the right colon at variable BBPS scores.

**Methods** Three similarly designed phase 3 trials assessed the efficacy and safety of 1L NER1006 versus standard bowel preparations. Polyps and adenomas were detected by site endoscopists as per local practice while cleansing assessment was standardised with treatment-blinded central readers using the validated BBPS. This pooled analysis assessed the right colon polyp (PDR) and adenoma (ADR) detection rates versus attained right colon cleansing quality. 1-sided t-tests assuming unequal variance compared the relative lesion detection rates versus the high-quality score BBPS 3.

**Results** A total of 1749 patients were included: BBPS 3 (n = 284), BBPS 2 (n = 1192), BBPS 1 (n = 210) and BBPS 0 (n = 63). BBPS 3 in the right colon was associated with a significantly higher PDR than BBPS 2 (23.6% vs. 17.2%; P = 0.010), BBPS 1 (23.6% vs. 15.2%; P = 0.009) and BBPS 0 (23.6% vs. 4.8%; P = 0.001). BBPS 3 in the right colon was also associated with a significantly higher ADR than BBPS 2 (14.8% vs. 10.9%; P = 0.046) and BBPS 0 (14.8% vs. 4.8%; P = 0.002). BBPS 1 had a numerically smaller ADR than BBPS 3 and BBPS 2.

**Conclusions** With a strictly assessed cleansing quality using the BBPS, higher PDR and ADR were obtained with high-quality versus adequate only right colon cleansing. As expected, high-quality right colon cleansing also enabled significantly greater PDR and ADR than failed cleansing. These findings encourage endoscopists to prioritise cleansing efficacy when selecting bowel preparations for their patients.

### ePP74 THE INDEX EVALUATING INDIVIDUALS’ INDEPENDENCY IN ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING DOES NOT SATISFACTORILY PREDICT INADEQUATE BOWEL PREPARATION IN INPATIENTS UNDERGOING COLONOSCOPY

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**Aims** Katz index6 assesses independency of a person in performing activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, continence, feeding).
We evaluated the use of Katz index for the prediction of inadequate bowel preparation among inpatients undergoing colonoscopy.

**Methods** Post-hoc analysis of the data from a cohort inpatients undergoing colonoscopy in 4 tertiary Greek centers. To calculate Katz index each of the aforementioned domains scores 1 point if patient performs the respective activity independently (range 0–6; higher value indicates higher independency level). We used the Area Under the Curve (AUROC) to determine Katz index discriminative ability to predict inadequate bowel prep.

**Results** Out of 261 patients (100 bedridden, 140 men, 70.7 ± 15.4 years old) 89 (34.1%) had inadequate bowel preparation (BBPS<6). Katz index was higher among ambulatory compared to bedridden patients (p < 0.0001), but it did not differ between individuals with adequate and inadequate bowel preparation (p = 0.08). Katz index showed a low discriminative ability to predict in-patients with inadequate bowel preparation not only in the entire cohort [AUROC (95% CI)= 0.44 (0.36–0.52), p = 0.11 but also in the groups of ambulatory and bedridden patients [AUROC (95% CI)= 0.50 (0.39–0.60), p = 0.9 and 0.55 (0.43–0.67), p = 0.4 respectively].

**Conclusions** Katz index failed to predict satisfactorily inpatients (either ambulatory or bedridden) with inadequate bowel preparation before colonoscopy.


**Table 1** Overall colon cleansing quality versus detection of high-risk patients with three or more adenomas per patient

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<td>BBPS overall score</td>
<td>7–9 (N = 463)</td>
<td>6 (N = 958)</td>
<td>0–5 (N = 328)</td>
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<td>High-risk patients, n/N (%)</td>
<td>40/463 (8.6)</td>
<td>54/958 (5.6)</td>
<td>15/328 (4.6)</td>
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<td>P-value vs. High-quality HCS Grade</td>
<td>A (N = 242)</td>
<td>B (N = 1229)</td>
<td>C (N = 203)</td>
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<td>High-risk patients, n/N (%)</td>
<td>21/242 (8.7)</td>
<td>74/1229 (6.0)</td>
<td>8/203 (3.9)</td>
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<td>P-value vs. High-quality</td>
<td>0.062</td>
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**Conclusions** With high-versus adequate only colon cleansing quality, more patients were identified as being at high-risk for advanced neoplasia. This trend was numerically consistent across both HCS and BBPS, but reached statistical significance only with the more balanced sample sizes in the BBPS analysis.

**ePP75** **HIGH-QUALITY COLON CLEANSING IMPROVES REAL-WORLD IDENTIFICATION OF HIGH-RISK PATIENTS: POST HOC ANALYSIS OF RANDOMISED CLINICAL TRIALS USING TWO VALIDATED CLEANSING SCALES

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**Aims** Clinical guidelines classify colonoscopy patients with three or more detected adenomas as being at high risk for advanced neoplasia. These patients have a recommended follow-up after 3 years. Our post hoc analysis of three phase 3 randomised clinical trials assessed whether increased colon cleansing quality could improve the real-world identification of high-risk patients.

**Methods** Three similarly designed phase 3 trials assessed the efficacy and safety of 1L NER1006 (PLENIVU) versus standard bowel preparations. Polyps were detected by site endoscopists as per local practice. Cleansing quality was assessed by treatment-blinded central readers using the validated Harefield Cleansing Scale (HCS) and Boston Bowl Preparation Scale (BBPS). This pooled analysis assessed the identification of high-risk patients with three or more adenomas versus attained colon cleansing quality.

**Results** At total of 1749 patients were included (Table). Three or more adenomas/patient were observed more frequently when the overall cleansing quality increased from failure to high-quality (HCS grade A vs. C: 8.7% vs. 3.9%; P = 0.022, and BBPS overall score 7–9 vs. 0–5: 8.6% vs. 4.6%; P = 0.013). When the cleansing quality improved from adequate to high, a numerical trend towards increased detection was observed with both scales, and statistical significance was established with BBPS 7–9 vs. 6 at 8.6% vs. 5.6%; P<0.001.

**Conclusions** With high-versus adequate only colon cleansing quality, more patients were identified as being at high-risk for advanced neoplasia. More statistical analysis is required to confirm these findings.

**Reference**

ePP77  LONG-TERM OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS WITH INDETERMINATE OR POSITIVE LATERAL MARGIN AFTER ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION AND RELATED FACTORS WITH RECURRENCE IN LARGE, SESILE OR FLAT COLORECTAL POLyps

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Aims  Recurrence rate in colorectal polyps with indeterminate or positive lateral margin on histology is unclear. We evaluated the long-term outcomes of patients with indeterminate or positive lateral margin after endoscopic resection and related factors with recurrence in large, sessile or flat polyps.

Methods  We collected the data for 156 lesions with large size (>1 cm), sessile or flat shape, indeterminate or positive lateral margin in histology and more than 24 months of follow-up intervals between Jan 2009 and Sep 2017. We analyzed recurrence rate, time to recurrence, histology at recurrence and risk factors related with recurrence.

Results  During follow-up periods (24–86 months, mean 44.2), recurrence rate was 7.1% (11/156) and mean time to recurrence was 39.2 months (20–59). Recurrence rate of cuff-off techniques were 3.2% (4/127) in en bloc, 9.1% (1/11) 2 piecemeal resection and 33.3% (6/18) in ≥3 piecemeal resection. In analysis for risk factors related with recurrence, only ≥3 piecemeal resection were significantly related with recurrence in both univariate analysis and multivariate analysis (OR 16.92, p = 0.037).

Conclusions  Following patients with indeterminate or positive lateral margin after endoscopic resection in large, sessile or flat colorectal polyp, recurrence rate was relatively low and time to recurrence was long than 12 months. Therefore, surveillance interval for these patients can be extended for more than 12 months. However, short-term follow-up is mandatory in case of ≥3 piecemeal resections or suspected submucosal cancer in morphology because of risk of recurrence or interval cancer.

ePP78  COLD ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION OF 8–20MM SESILE SERRATED POLYPS: A PROSPECTIVE TRIAL

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Aims  Sessile serrated polyps (SSPs) are recognized as a major contributor to the epidemiologic burden of colorectal cancer, although the optimal technique for their removal remains uncertain. We aimed to prospectively evaluate the efficacy and safety of cold endoscopic mucosal resection (c-EMR) for SSPs sized 8–20 mm.

Methods  Consecutive adults referred for elective colonoscopy at two endoscopy units in Greece (3/2018–10/2018) were prospectively enrolled if they had at least one polyph 8–20 mm with optical features (narrow band imaging with magnification) suggestive of SSP. Patients on antiocoagulants or antiplatelets other than aspirin were excluded. Lesions were resected using a stiff snare (size range: 9–20 mm) and a c-EMR technique comprising submucosal injection of a methylene blue-tinted normal saline solution. Outcomes were the presence of residual serrated neoplasia in post-polypectomy biopsies (4 biopsies obtained from the margins/1 from the base) and the occurrence of complications.

Results  A total of 38 patients (63.2% females, mean 55.3 ± 9.9 years) with 40 pathologically confirmed SSPs were enrolled. The mean size was 13.7 ± 3.9 mm: 34 (80%) SSPs were ≥10 mm, 24 (60%) SSPs were ≥15 mm and 31 (77.5%) were proximal to the transverse colon. Cytological dysplasia was present in 6 (15%). A total of 22 (55%) lesions (mean size 10.8 ± 2.9) were resected en bloc. In lesions resected piecemeal, the median number of resected pieces per case was 2 (range: 2–3). Marginal biopsies were positive in 2 (5%) lesions; all base biopsies were negative. Intraprocedural bleeding (>60 minutes) requiring haemostatic clip application occurred in 1 (2.5%) case. No delayed bleeding or perforation occurred within 2 weeks of follow-up.

Conclusions  c-EMR is effective and safe technique for the removal of SSPs sized 8–20 mm.
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2 OR 1.09 (p=0.019)
3 – 5 OR 1.33 (p=0.00)
(*Suboptimal defined as either poor bowel prep and/or incomplete to caecum.
# American Society of Anaesthesiologists grade).

Conclusions The only factor with an OR > 2 was adenoma multiplicity at baseline. These findings will help inform future surveillance algorithms.

ePP80 A SYNTHETIC PREDICTOR OF THE IMPACT OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMMES ON INCIDENCE RATES

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Aims Diagnosis and the removal of pre-cancerous lesions within colorectal cancer (CRC) screening programmes based on the faecal immunochemical test (FIT) reduces CRC incidence rates. The impact of a screening programme on CRC incidence depends on a large number of variables, including the actual extension of invitations, participation rate, positivity rate of the screening test, compliance with invitation to second level assessment, endoscopist accuracy. We propose a synthetic indicator that accounts for all the variables influencing the impact of a screening programme on incidence rates.

Methods We developed the "rate of Advanced Adenoma on the Target Population" (AA-TAP) as the rate of patients who received a diagnosis of advanced adenoma within a screening programme divided by the programme target population. We computed the AA-TAP for the CRC Italian screening programmes using the data of the Italian National Survey from 2009 to 2016, overall and by Region.

Results In 2016, the actual extension of CRC screening programmes in Italy (i.e. the proportion of subjects of the annual target population who were regularly invited) was 76%, and the participation rate was 41%. Positivity rate was 5.4% at first FIT and 4.5% at subsequent FITs; compliance rate with colonoscopy was 82%. The detection rate for advanced adenoma was 8.1% at first and 6.2% at subsequent round.

The AA-TAP at a national level was 105 × 100,000, while significant differences were observed between the Northern and Central Regions (respectively 141 and 150 × 100,000) and the South and Islands (29 × 100,000).

The AA-TAP at a national level was stable on values slightly higher than 100 × 100,000 from 2010 to 2016.

Conclusions The AA-TAP summarises into a single indicator the potential impact of a screening programme in reducing CRC incidence rates. It may be useful when comparing different programmes, particularly if they have different screening protocols.

ePP81 UP TO WHAT AGE PROPOSE MASS SCREENING FOR COLORECTAL CANCER BY FAECAL OCCULT BLOOD TEST? ANALYSIS OF A COHORT IN A WELL-DEFINED POPULATION

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Aims The question of continuing screening beyond 75 years is often asked. Our cohort is the only one concerned with a population screened after 75 years, allowing the determination of participation rate, the rate of positivity of the test and the effect of screening on CRC mortality and incidence.

Methods Our cohort, established in 1988 is composed of 4268 elderly people, aged 70 – 74 residing in a well-defined French area. A faecal occult blood test (Hémoccult) was proposed until 2002, and then a follow-up until 2009. In our population the invitation was continued to 82 – 86 years. The population studied is covered by the Burgundian register of Digestive cancers collecting data in the whole area population, screened and not screened.

The ratio of the number of observed deaths or incident cases and the number of expected deaths or incident cases determine the ratio of mortality (SMR) and incidence (SIR).

Results Participation rates remained higher than 40% during the 3 first campaigns and decreased less than 40% in the following 4. The participation rate decreases with the age, it remains above 40% up to 78 years and above 30% up to 80 years. The positivity rates of the test ranged from 1.7% to 3.0%. The incidence of cancers was in 1998 (during the screening campaign) of 2.3% for the screened population and 3.3% for the non-screened (P = 0.06); it was in 2009 (7 years after the last campaign of 3.3% and 4.8% respectively (P = 0.014). The stages of cancer were significantly less advanced in the screened population, than in the non-screened. This difference did not vary according to the number of participation per individual. SMR and SIR didn’t differ significantly between participants and non-participants.

Conclusions The CRC mass-screening efficiency indicators remain good over 75 years and supports the extension to 78 – 80 years for mass screening.

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ePP82 ENDOSCOPIC RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION FOR EXTRAHEPATIC MALIGNANT BILIARY OBSTRUCTION: SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF A SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE

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Aims Malignant biliary obstruction is often secondary to pancreatic cancer or cholangiocarcinoma. Most of patients present at advanced stage with a short life expectancy and no chance of resolute therapy. patients with ingravescent icterus, endoscopic drainage is performed with position of metal or plastic biliary stents. Radiofrequency ablation (RFA) have already been studied to improve stent patency and to treat liver lesions percutaneous via. The aim of our study is to assess efficacy and safety of RFA ablation in patients unfit for surgery with malignant biliary obstruction due to extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma.

Methods We enrolled 6 pts (mean age 71 years, 5 male) from October 2014 to June 2016 affected with extrahepatic colangiocarcinoma with or without ongoing chemotherapy and unfit for surgery. All the patients underwent biliary sphincterotomy and a colangioigram to confirm stricture location, length and diameter. The Habib Endo HPB probe was advanced over a wire and the stricture was ablated using an ERBE generator. A fully covered/plastic stent was placed after each RFA session to prevent stenosis.

Results The mean treated stricture length was 22.5 mm with a mean number of procedures of 3. Technical success was achieved in 100% with preferably metal fully covered stent placement in each patients after the ablation. No early adverse event was recorded: one colecstitis after 30 days in one patient after the third ablation, managed with medical therapy. Moreover the overall survival curve was compared with the SEER database registry stratified by diagnosis and stage demonstrated a significantly improved survival in patients who have received RFA.

Conclusions Even if in a retrospective manner, with a small number of patients and in absence of a comparison population, our study suggests that RFA...
may offer a safe, effective alternative therapy to patients with malignant biliary extra hepatic obstruction possibly, unfit for surgery, conferring a survival benefit.

ePP83V  ENDOSCOPIC PALLIATION OF HILAR COLANGIOCARCINOMA – USEFULNESS OF SELECTIVE OCCLUSION OF ONE INTRAHEPATIC DUCT

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Description  ERCP with stent placement for palliative biliary drainage is a common strategy used in the management of patients with unresectable hilar cholangiocarcinomas (HC).

Selective placement of two guidewires, one in the right intrahepatic duct (RIHD) and the other in the left hepatic duct (LIHD) is an essential pre-requisite for bilateral stenting. However, the insertion of the second guidewire to the contralateral intrahepatic duct can be extremely difficult in some patients, even after using multiple maneuvers, using different types of catheters and guidewires.

In this video, we demonstrate a technique to overcome the inability to direct the second guidewire to the contralateral intrahepatic duct. We describe an 85-year-old man, with a type II HC, referred to our department for palliative bilateral stenting. After swiftly passing the first guidewire to the right lobe, we faced unexpected difficulties in directing the second guidewire to the dilated LIHD. Several maneuvers were attempted, including the use of angled-tip and small caliber hydrophilic wires, but all resulted invariably in cannulation of the right system. In order to overcome this difficulty, we introduced a 15-mm retrieval balloon into the dilated RHD; the balloon was inflated immediately proximal to the hepatic bifurcation, blocking the access to the RIHD. Subsequently, a second guidewire was inserted alongside the balloon catheter, across the hilar stricture and easily deflected off the inflated balloon into the LIHD. Two self-expandable metal stents were successfully deployed.

Motivation  To the best of our knowledge there are no multimedia reports on this technical tip to facilitate the passage of a second guidewire to the opposite intrahepatic duct, which was first reported by Husain et al. Use of this technical maneuver could be a very useful tool for increasing the success of bilateral stenting in patients with hilar cholangiocarcinoma.

ePP84  FEASIBILITY OF NEW BILIARY AND PANCREATIC BIODEGRADABLE STENT PLACEMENT: INTERIM ANALYSIS OF AN ONGOING SINGLE-CENTER, PROSPECTIVE, PILOT STUDY

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Aims  New biliary and pancreatic biodegradable stents (BS) have been developed for endoscopic use. Stents are provided in different sizes and polymeric mixtures allowing 3 expected rates of biodegradation: slow (11 weeks), medium (20 days) and fast (12 days). Aim of the study was to evaluate biodegradation time, safety, technical success of implantation of newly available BS.

Methods  Interim analysis of ongoing single-center, prospective, pilot study. Patients with indication to biliary or pancreatic plastic stent positioning during ERCP were prospectively enrolled. The primary outcome was the evaluation of biodegradation time, which was controlled by abdominal x-ray (2/4 weeks for fast BS; 3/6 months for medium BS; 3/6 months for slow BS). Secondary outcomes were adverse events (AEs) rate according to ASGE lexicon and evaluation of specific stent-related technical features which were arbitrary scored as compared to commonly used plastic stents.

Results  22 patients (5, 28% female; median age 71,7 years) were enrolled in study (32 BS). Stents were successfully placed in all patients. Stent loadability and pushability were considered good in all cases. Fluoroscopic visualization was good in 85% and medium in 15% of the patients. Evaluation of biodegradation time was available for all fast pancreatic BS and showed partial degradation after 2 weeks and complete degradation after 4 weeks in 4/5 patients, with early migration in one patient. In the remaining treated patients only 6 (2 with medium and 4 with slow BS) showed complete disappearance of the stent at the expected time. No AEs or additional treatments occurred during follow-up period. Only 1 post-ERCP pancreatitis (PEP) was observed in a patient subjected to pancreatic stent placement for PEP prevention after difficult biliary cannulation.

Conclusions  The results of the interim analysis suggest that BS were feasible, with good fluoroscopic visualization and a favorable profile of safety. Available data of evaluation of biodegradation time suggest that stents survival is in line with expected times.

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Conclusions The use of home-made monorail sphincterotome over the guidewire for papilla cannulation after EUS-RV, significantly shortens the duration of the procedure compared to traditional methods.

ePP86 NOT A SHOT IN THE DARK; THE IRISH EXPERIENCE OF EUS GUIDED GALLBLADDER DRAINAGE WITH THE HOT AXIOS STENT

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Aims The management of gallbladder disease is particularly challenging in patients who are elderly or poor surgical candidates. Current standard of care for acute cholecystitis in this cohort involves antibiotics and possible percutaneous drainage via interventional radiology. External drains are uncomfortable, may dislodge, and can result in delayed hospital discharge or re-admission. We report the first 10 cases in Ireland of EUS guided placement of a lumen apposing metal stent between the gallbladder and stomach or duodenum using the hot AXIOS system.

Methods Nine patients with acute or recurrent cholecystitis and 1 patient with malignant biliary obstruction causing cholecystitis were prospectively selected as appropriate candidates. Each patient was deemed unsuitable for surgical intervention given advanced age or co-morbidities. Under conscious sedation in the endoscopy unit, EUS guided gallbladder drainage (EUS-GBD) was performed. Elective, interval stent removal was not planned given patient frailty. Time to follow up or death was calculated from medical records and clinical efficacy was assessed on patient review.

Results EUS-GBD was performed in 10 patients (mean age 79.5 years, range 65–95). Stent placement was successful in 100% of patients. 1 patient with advanced metastatic duodenal obstruction developed an aspiration pneumonia a few days post procedure and died. Another patient died of lung cancer 230 days post-procedure; otherwise all patients were alive and clinically improving. We report the first 10 cases in Ireland of EUS guided drainage of the gallbladder using the hot AXIOS system.

Conclusions EUS-GBD in carefully selected patients is feasible, safe and may reduce the morbidity and long term care issues associated with percutaneous drains.

ePP87 USE OF CT IMAGING TO PREDICT SUCCESS OF ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND GUIDED GALLBLADDER DRAINAGE

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Aims Endoscopic ultrasound guided endoluminal gallbladder drainage is an evolving treatment for patients with gallbladder disease. The procedure is usually performed in patients medically unfit for surgery. Currently there are no predictive models to determine the likelihood of success of the procedure. Our study proposes a scoring system using CT imaging to determine eligibility for the procedure.

Methods This is a retrospective examination of 150 sequential CT scans with contrast of the abdomen performed between January 2015 and March 2015. Images were assessed using non-diagnostic monitors with a web based PACS system browser (Sectra, Linköping, Sweden). The gallbladder was identified (when present) and the closest relationship to the stomach and duodenum was quantified using on-line measuring tools. A scoring system (CT assisted score-CTAS score) relating area to breadth was devised to create a numerical value inversely proportional to favorability, with a score of 1 being the most favorable.

Results Of the 150 scans reviewed, 100 scans were included in the analysis. Sixty-three cases demonstrated preferential approximation of the gallbladder to the duodenum. Sole gastric approximation was observed in only two patients. The CTAS ranged from 1 to 36, with 54 scans being 1, predicting success. The duodenal bulb was the most frequently approximated to the gallbladder wall compared to the second portion of the duodenum or gastric antrum.

Conclusions The CT assisted score may be a valuable tool to predict candidacy for endoscopic ultrasound guided endoluminal gallbladder drainage. Accessing the gallbladder from the duodenal bulb is preferred.

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ePP88 UTILITY OF DOUBLE BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY FOR THE EVALUATION OF OBGIB

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Aims To evaluate the diagnostic and therapeutic utility of double balloon enteroscopy for the diagnosis and treatment of obscure gastrointestinal bleeding in patients with surgically altered upper GI tract anatomy.

Methods This is a single center, observational, open label case series of 18 patients with Roux-en-Y anatomy undergoing 22 DBE procedures for OGBIB during a three-year period.

Results Of the 18 patients (8 female, 10 male, mean age 57.8 years, range 36 – 72, mean ASA 3, range 2 – 4), 16 patients had active bleeding (i.e. overt OGBIB, melena or hematochezia) at the time of DBE. In 12 cases the bleeding was occurring at the site of the anastomosis, whether that be hepaticojejunal or jejunojejunal (arterio-venous malformations at the anastomotic site n = 6, ulcers or erosions n = 4, Dieulafoy lesions n = 2). In two patients the bleeding source were peptic ulcers in the excluded stomach or duodenum. In four patients no bleeding lesion was found. Endoscopic therapy was applied in 14 patients (in 4 patients dual therapy was utilized) (injection n = 5, argon plasma coagulation n = 9, clipping n = 4).

Conclusions DBE was a safe and feasible technique to evaluate the small intestine in the setting of OGBIB in patients with surgically altered anatomy. The anastomotic site (hepaticojejunojunal or jejuno-jejunal) was the source of bleeding in most patients. However, peptic ulcer was also a source of bleeding in two patients with excluded stomach. DBE should be considered as a useful tool to provide diagnosis and treatment in patients with OGBIB and surgically altered upper GI anatomy.
ePP89  OAKLAND SCORE IS NOT BETTER THAN HAEMOGLOBIN FOR PREDICTING OUTCOMES IN LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING

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Aims The aim of this study was to compare the accuracy of Oakland score (OakS) with haemoglobin alone (Hb) for predicting outcomes after lower gastrointestinal bleeding (LGB).

Methods Safe discharge was the main outcome predicted by OakS. It was defined as the absence of the following: a) rebleeding; b) red blood cell transfusion; c) therapeutic intervention; d) readmission with further LGB within 28 days and e) in-hospital death.

A retrospective study was performed from January 2013 to December 2015 in a university tertiary care hospital. Patients with acute LGB were identified using the International Classification of Diseases (9th Revision) and Clinical Modification codes for admission diagnosis. OakS was retrospectively calculated according to clinical reports data. Area under the curve (AUROC), were calculated for OakS and Hb value. AUROC were compared with the DeLong method by using STATA 14.1 software (StataCorp.2015).

Results A total of 258 patients with acute LGB were identified retrospectively. Median age was 76.4 years (range 31.7–96.5), 178 (69%) of patients were older than 70 years, 54.3% were men. 154 (57.7%) patients were safely discharged. Six patients (2.3%) died, 50 (19.4%) rebleed, 84 (32.6%) needed transfusion, 20 (7.8%) were readmitted, 28 (11.2%) needed endoscopic treatment and 3 (0.8%) transcatheater arterial embolization. No patient required surgery.

The comparison of the AUROC for OakS and Hb are shown in Table 1.

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<td>Safe discharge, n = 154; 59.7%</td>
<td>0.80 (0.74–0.86)</td>
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<td>Rebleeding, n = 50; 19.4%</td>
<td>0.68 (0.68–0.83)</td>
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<td>Haemostatic Intervention, n = 31; 12.3%</td>
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Conclusions Hb seems non-inferior or even superior to OakS for predicting safe discharge, transfusion, rebleeding, haemostatic intervention or death. OakS was better only for predicting readmission, but the predictive value for this outcome was low for both Hb and OakS.

ePP90  CHARACTERISTICS OF ACUTE SEVERE LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING IN PATIENTS WITH CROHN’S DISEASE

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Aims Acute severe lower gastrointestinal bleeding (LGB) is a rare complication in Crohn’s disease, which is a therapeutic challenge due to variety of clinical manifestations and extents of disease. We aimed to compare the characteristics of the first bleeding and re-bleeding episodes in patients with Crohn’s disease.

Methods Between January 2012 and November 2015, 30 patients of severe LGB of Crohn’s disease were retrospectively investigated. Acute LGB was defined as acute massive rectal bleeding requiring 2 packs of blood transfusion within at least 24 hours or a sudden decrease in hemoglobin level below 9 g/dl.

Results Mean age at the time of bleeding was 38.4 ± 10.9 years. Mean duration from diagnosis of Crohn’s disease to the first bleeding episode was 66.9 ± 63.7 months. Mean serum levels of hemoglobin and C-reactive protein were 8.6 ± 1.8 g/dl and 7.1 ± 7.9 mg/dl, respectively. And 19 (63.3%) patients had moderate-to-severe Crohn’s disease. The bleeding focus was identified in 56.7% of patients, by colonoscopy (46.7%). The bleeding lesion was an ulcer in 81.3% of the cases, and left colon in 56.2%. The treatment of acute severe LGB accounted for 50% of the medical treatments using systemic corticosteroids. The maintenance treatment were 16 (53.4%) using azathioprine and 4 (13.3%) using infliximab, respectively.

In moderate-to-severe Crohn’s disease, re-bleeding episodes occurred more frequently than first bleeding episode, but not statistically significant (p = 0.082). However, utilization of the total parenteral nutrition was statistically significantly higher in the re-bleeding episode group than in the first bleeding group (45.0% vs. 90.0%, p = 0.048).

Conclusions Acute severe LGB in Crohn’s disease is usually considered to be a conservative treatment with systemic corticosteroids, azathioprine, and infliximab. However, operative treatment may be needed for poorly controlled bleeding and further studies including prevalence and re-bleeding risk factors are needed.

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ePP91  CONVERSION COEFFICIENT FOR THE ESTIMATION OF THE ADENOMA DETECTION RATE FROM THE POLYP DETECTION RATE: VALIDATION IN A REAL COLONOSCOPY SCREENING PRACTICE SETTING IN GREECE

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Aims Adenoma detection rate (ADR) is a fundamental metric in colonoscopy quality; however, it is cumbersome to obtain as it requires the linkage of endoscopy and pathology reports. The adenoma-to-polyp-detection-rate-quotient (APDRQ) has been proposed as an easy multiplier for the estimation of the individual endoscopist’s ADR from polyp detection rate (PDR), although it lacks validation in different populations and practice settings. We aimed to validate the use of the APDRQ in a real colonoscopy practice setting in Greece.

Methods Consecutive screening colonoscopies of average-risk individuals conducted between January 2015 and June 2018 at the Endoscopy Unit of the Konstantopoulion General Hospital (Athens, Greece) were retrospectively evaluated. The actual ADR and PDR were calculated for each endoscopist and the weighted averaged ADR to PDR ratio for all the endoscopists was used to calculate APDRQ. The APDRQ was then used as a conversion multiplier to estimate each endoscopist’s ADR from his/her PDR [estimated ADR = actual PDR x APDRQ].

Results A total of 1505 individuals were analyzed. The average PDR for the whole endoscopist group was 31.4% (range: 13% to 38.1%), whereas the average actual ADR was 20.4% (range: 13%-28.1%). Based on the weighted averaged ADR to PDR ratio for all the endoscopists, the APDRQ was estimated to 0.65. The average estimated ADR was 21.9% (range: 12.7%-30.2%). There was a strong correlation between actual ADR and the estimated ADR (Pearson correlation = 0.95).

Conclusions In a real colonoscopy screening practice setting, the ADR of an individual endoscopist can be reliably estimated from his/her PDR using an easily applied conversion coefficient.
ePP92 PUBLIC ATTITUDES TO COLONOSCOPY: EXPERIENCE OF COLONOSCOPY
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Aims European public beliefs and attitudes to colonoscopy are poorly understood. A survey was conducted to better understand the issue.
Methods An online survey was conducted in the UK, Germany, France, Spain, and Italy (EU5) among members of the general public who had not had a colonoscopy and also those who had undergone a colonoscopy. One of the ten questions to both groups asked: Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements? A) I would be nervous of having a colonoscopy; B) Having a colonoscopy is painful; and C) I would be worried about a colonoscopy being painful.
Results We reviewed 2241 records (50.8% female, age 62 ± 12.9 years), 685 (30.6%), 569 (25.4%) were screening, surveillance and diagnostic examinations, respectively. Similarly, MAC did not differ between groups A and B overall [0.45 ± 0.93 vs. 0.44 ± 0.98 (p = 0.88)] and among the three indications (0.39 ± 0.79 vs. 0.38 ± 0.88; p = 0.87; 0.65 ± 1.1 vs. 0.73 ± 1.2; p = 0.44 and 0.38 ± 0.93 vs. 0.27 ± 0.84; p = 0.12). CIR and AEs did not differ significantly between group A and B [95.3% vs. 94.6% (p = 0.51) and 0.01% vs. 0% (p = 0.52)] respectively.
Conclusions In a Greek tertiary center authorized to train fellows, their involvement in colonoscopy does not affect examination’s quality indicators.

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ePP93 FELLOW INVOLVEMENT DURING COLONOSCOPY DOES NOT AFFECT EXAMINATION’S QUALITY INDICATORS IN A GREEK TERTIARY ENDOSCOPY FACILITY
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Aims To evaluate the effect of fellow’s involvement during colonoscopy on examination’s quality indicators.
Methods Colonoscopy records of two consecutive years were retrospectively assessed. We included screening, surveillance and diagnostic examinations; IBD and incomplete (due to obstruction) examinations were excluded. Adenoma detection rate (ADR), mean adenoma per colonoscopy (MAC), cecum intubation rate (CIR) and adverse events (AEs) comprised the endpoints.
Results We reviewed 2241 records (50.8% female, age 62 ± 12.9 years), 685 (30.6%), 569 (25.4%) were screening, surveillance and diagnostic examinations, respectively. A fellow was involved in 1580 (70.5%) of them by performing part or the entire colonoscopy under attending endoscopist’s supervision (Group A); the rest were attending-only examinations (Group B). ADR did not differ between the two groups overall [27.8% vs. 26.1% (p = 0.43)] and per indication [27.6% vs. 23.9% (p = 0.29), 37.7% vs. 39.7% (p = 0.65) and 22.5% vs. 17.3% (p = 0.11)] for screening, surveillance and
Methods From May 2008 to March 2013, we enrolled 260 patients (295 lesions) of gastric tumors which underwent ESD at EMC. Metachronous lesions were defined as secondary gastric neoplasms occurring at least 1 year after the initial ESD. We excluded 11 patients who have 22 synchronous lesions. Finally, a total of 249 patients (273 lesions) were enrolled this study. The 12 patients (31 lesions) were MGT and 237 patients (242 lesions) were single gastric tumor (SGT). We investigated the both patient factors and lesion factors. Lesion factors were tumor size, location, macroscopic finding and histological change.

Results The clinicopathologic features associated with MGT, including Helicobacter pylori infection (p = 0.40), histology (p = 0.47), tumor size (p = 0.28), depth (p = 0.4) and location (p = 0.99) were not significantly associated with MGT development. However, 70.45% of gastric tumors were occurred on the lower third, and 75% of MGT were developed on the same region (p > 0.99). 57.89% of MGT were developed on the same part of the stomach. Macroscopically elevated features (Ila) were associated with MGT development (p = 0.0014). Multivariate analysis exhibited no associations among the factors. The median period (SD) of the MGT development after ESD was 28.85 (14.3) months. And occurrence rate was 4.42% per year.

Conclusions There was no statistically significant correlation between MGT development and HP infection. grossly Flat elevated feature, only was considered as high risk of MGT development. However, two thirds of the early gastric tumors were likely to occur on the lower third of the stomach, and only half of the MGTs tended to develop on the same part of the stomach.

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**ePP96 EARLY GASTRIC CANCERS FREQUENTLY RECUR IN PATIENTS WITH LIVER CIRRHOSIS (LC) COMPARED WITH NON-LC PATIENTS**

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**Aims** We investigated clinical efficacy, safety and long-term follow-up outcomes of early gastric cancer (EGC) treated by endoscopic resection in patients with liver cirrhosis (LC), by comparing with non-LC patients.

**Methods** From March 2007 to March 2016, EGC patients who had underlying LC and underwent endoscopic treatment at our institute were enrolled (LC-EGC group). Clinical and histopathologic short-term outcomes and long-term follow-up outcomes were compared with EGC patients without LC (non-LC-EGC group).

**Results** Seventeen EGC lesions in 14 patients LC were resected by endoscopic procedure for the treatment of EGC. Male were 85.7% (12/14), alcohol was the most common cause of LC (10/14, 71.4%), and 10 patients (71.4%) were corresponding to decompensated LC. When we compared LC-EGC group with non-LC-EGC group (665 EGC lesions in 640 patients), baseline characteristics (age, sex, comorbidities), characteristics of tumor (size, gross type, location), short-term outcomes (en bloc resection rate, complete resection rate, curative resection rate) and histopathology (differentiation, submucosal invasion, lymphovascular involvement) were not significantly different in both groups. However, recurrence of entire cancer (30.8% vs. 5.3%, p < 0.001), synchronous cancer (15.4% vs. 2.0%, p = 0.001) and metachronous cancer (15.4% vs. 3.3%, p = 0.019) were significantly higher in LC-EGC group than non-LC-EGC group.

**Conclusions** Endoscopic resection of EGC in LC patient is an effective and safe modality. However, physicians may pay attention to the recurrence of cancer during clinical follow-up.
frequency intravenous hydration required to quell nausea and vomiting during the first days of use of the accessory.

**Methods** Retrospective study, with analysis of medical records of 340 obese and overweight patients treated with IIGBs between November 2014 and December 2016 in the bariatric endoscopy division of a private clinic in São Paulo.

The patients used omeprazole 40 mg once a day, as well as antiemetic drugs compulsorily for the first 5 days.

The data recorded were the number and frequency of vomiting and whether there was a need for intravenous hydration in the first three days after implantation of the IGB.

**Results** The sample consisted of adults, 84.11% of whom were women, with a mean age of 34.19 ± 6.16 years, a mean BMI of 36.94 ± 5.67 Kg/m². 74.41% of our sample reported nausea and vomiting in the first three days after IGB placement. Among the patients who experienced vomiting, 67.58% presented a frequency of up to five times per day and 32.42% from five to ten times per day. Approximately 9.48% of the patients required intravenous hydration and there were no early IGB withdrawals.

**Conclusions** An endoscopic approach to obesity and excess weight with IIGBs causes vomiting in the early days after implantation in 74.41% of patients and causes dehydration requiring intravenous fluid therapy in 7.06% of all patients who had IIGBs implanted.

**ePP99V** EXPLANT OF INTRAGASTRIC BALLOON WITH SEVERE FUNGAL COLONIZATION: HOW DO I DO IT?

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**Introduction** Placement of an intragastric balloon (IGB) by endoscopic route is an efficient, safe and minimal invasive procedure for the treatment of obesity. Fungal colonization of IGBs is a rare adverse event that can lead to serious complications during IGB removal. The technique described herein may facilitate extraction in these cases and reduce the risk of complications, as this is a safe option for balloon removal after intense fungal colonization.

**Case report** A 43-year-old female patient with a body mass index of 30.7 kg/m², without comorbidities, who was submitted to IGB placement to treat obesity. In the six months following the procedure, the patient was treated with proton pump inhibitors and she lost about 18 kg. Near the date scheduled to remove the IGB, the patient began with persistent fever and myalgia. The complete blood count showed leukopenia (2.0 × 10^9/L) and thrombocytopenia (48 × 10^9/L) and her serology (IgM) was positive for Dengue fever. Conservative treatment was instituted with rest and hydration and the patient had a good evolution. The removal of the IGB was postponed until normalization of the platelet count and resolution of the infection (seven months after the IGB placement). Upper endoscopy identified intense colonization of the balloon by fungus. The IGB was emptied according to the conventional technique using a balloon removal needle with the contents being aspirated completely. However, removal of the IGB using endoscopic tweezers was unsuccessful; it was impossible for the IGB to pass through the cardia as it was rigid with rough walls due to the fungal colonization and because of its friability. It was then decided to cut the balloon in the middle using bariatric scissors in order to reduce its thickness and facilitate its extraction. Finally, the endoscopic tweezers were again introduced and the IGB was successfully removed without further complications.

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**Colon capsule**

**ePP100** THERAPEUTIC IMPACT OF COLON CAPSULE AS A PAN-ENTEROSCOPIC TEST

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**Aims** Colon capsule is a non-invasive device primarily designed for colonic visualization. However, a slight modification of the ingestion protocol may allow both the visualization of the small bowel and colon with only one prep and one capsule.

This pan-enteroscopic study might be useful for those patients who may have pathology in the small and large intestine (for instance in Peutz Jeghers syndrome) but also for those patients with gastrointestinal bleeding who are high-risk patients for anesthesia or for endoscopy.

**Methods** We have included all pan-enteroscopic capsule procedures performed in our unit, from October 2011 to January 2015. We have focused on patients with a previous negative gastroscopy. All patients prepared with PEG in split dose (2 liters+2 liters) and sodium phosphate as capsule booster (30 ml+15 ml).

**Results** 68 patients were submitted to a pan-enteric capsule study. 62.7% male with a mean age of 72 years. The reason for referral was occult-obscure gastrointestinal bleeding (OGB) in 29.8% of cases, and 70.2% were high-risk patients for anesthesia/endoscopy. 31 (46.26%) had a negative gastroscopy and we found small bowel lesions in 67% and colonic findings in 80.6% of them. According to the findings in the panendoscopic study with capsule endoscopy in patients with negative EGD, in 64.5% of cases no other endoscopic studies would be needed.

Despite of having several cardiac patients and patients with renal insufficiency, no abnormalities were detected in renal function.

**Conclusions** A pan-enteroscopic capsule after a negative EGD may avoid further endoscopic studies in 64.5% of cases.

The pan-enteroscopic capsule is a relatively safe procedure, with no effect on renal function despite the use of sodium phosphate in high-risk patients.

**ePP101** DIABETES MELLITUS AND VIDEO CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY: SOME OF THEM JUST NEED MORE TIME

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**Aims** The aim of the study was to evaluate the influence of DM on gastric and small bowel transit times, and on VCE examination completion rate.

**Methods** In single center, retrospective study we investigated the records of patients who underwent VCE (PillCam, Given Imaging) for evaluation of iron deficiency between 2010–2017. Patients with history of gastric/colonic/small bowel surgery, Parkinson’s disease, Crohn’s disease, and active non-prostate malignancy were excluded. Demographic and VCE examination related data were collected. DM-variables of interest included disease duration, insulin use, presence of end-organ damage, peak and current HbgAlc.

**Results** 254 patients met the inclusion criteria. Forty seven percent had type 2 DM. Patients with diabetic neuropathy had prolonged small bowel transition time (SBTT) compared to non-DM patients (5.24+/-1.18 VS 4.38+/-1.34 hours, p = 0.02) and to DM patients without end-organ damage (5.24+/-1.18 VS 4.08+/-1.45 hours, p = 0.005). Likewise, SBTT was prolonged in insulin treated
patients compared to non-DM patients (5.32±/-1.19 VS 4.38±/-1.34, p = 0.004) and to DM patients without insulin treatment (5.32±/-1.19 VS 4.23±/-1.59, p = 0.004).

Retinopathy or nephropathy alone did not significantly influence SBTT. Gastric transit time was similar between DM and non-DM cohorts (0.54 +/-0.67 hours VS 0.6 +/-0.82 hours, p = 0.55), with no influence for DM characteristics.

VCE completion was lower in patients with diabetic neuropathy compared to those without end-organ damage (87.5% VS 98%, p = 0.03). A trend for lower completion rate was noted in insulin treated patients and those with multiple end-organ damage.

Conclusions SBTT is significantly prolonged in DM patients with neuropathy or insulin treatment, leading to lower VCE completion rate in those patients. An a priori longer VCE recording time should be considered for patients with these conditions. For DM patients without end-organ damage or insulin treat-

ment, transition times and VCE completion rates are similar to those without DM, and examination time adjustments are probably not needed.

ePP102 COLON CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY WITH OR WITHOUT BIOMARKERS AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO COLONOSCOPY IN UNSELECTED PATIENTS WITH LOWER GI SYMPTOMS: RESULTS OF A PILOT STUDY

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Aims Lower-gastrointestinal symptoms (LGS) are poor at predicting Clinically-

Significant Disease (CSD) despite being the main way of prioritising referrals. This has lead to prolonged wait-times with majority having normal colonos-

copies. Alternative diagnostic pathways are needed; biomarkers and/or colon capsule endoscopy (CCE) may be helpful.

Aim To evaluate the use of stool biomarkers and CCE in diagnosing lower-GI disease compared to colonoscopy.

Methods A prospective comparative single-centre study. Following ethical approval, patients 18 – 80 years referred with LGS were recruited. Participants had FC, FIT, CCE and a standard colonoscopy. FIT> 10ug/g and FC> 50ug/g was considered positive. Colonoscopy was considered gold-standard. Diagnostic accuracy of biomarkers and CCE was determined and Pearson-coefficients calculated.

Results So far, 69 patients recruited; 8 excluded. Mean age 47 (20 – 79) years, 43% (n = 19) males. To date, 44/61 (72%) have undergone colonoscopy. Colonoscopy diagnostic yield 64% (n = 28); caecal intubation 95% (n = 41). Findings: diverticulosis 7 (16%), polyps 14 (30%), IBD 5 (11%), haemorrhoid 2 (5%). CSD 20% (9/44)-HRA 4 (9%), IBD 5 (11%).

40/44 (91%) FIT and 41/44 (93%) FC have been tested. 25% (n = 10) FIT and 41% (n = 13) FC were positive. Mean FIT = 14.2ug/g (range 0 – 149) and mean FC = 121.7ug/g (range < 19.5 – 168). FIT and FC has a weak correlation with colonoscopy (r = 0.1, -0.057 respectively). Combined FIT&FC positive (r = 0.08). Sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV: FIT 29%,81%,70%,43%; FC 32%,63%,57%,37%; combined 52%,56%,65%,43%.

CCE excretion rate 82% (n = 36/44) and reached left colon in 100%. Diagnostic yield for CCE was 61% (n = 27). CCE had a strong correlation with colonoscopy (R = 0.8). Polype detection rate CCE, 39% (17/44) versus colonoscopy 32%(14/ 

44),100%(9/9) CSD on colonoscopy was detected on CCE. Overall, CCE sensitivity = 90%, specificity = 93%, PPV = 95%, NPV = 92%. For CSD – sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV = 100%.

Conclusions Biomarkers performed poorly and should not be considered a reliable screening tool for CSD in patients with LGS. However, CCE had excellent correlation with colonoscopy in our unselected symptomatic cohort and warrants further investigation as a filter test.
ePP105 CELIAC DISEASE AND DOUBLE-BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY: WHAT WE NEED FOR?

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Aims Indications to double-balloon enteroscopy (DBE) are currently not standardized in celiac disease (CD). We aimed to investigate the role and value of this modality in the diagnosis and treatment of CD and resistant celiac disease (RCD) prospectively.

Methods Appointed to Kocaeli University between June 2017 and May 2018, in total 26 of patients who have been examined for celiac disease and have not been diagnosed despite having a duodenal biopsy and 6 patients with RCD included in the study. All patients underwent oral DBE. Control biopsies were obtained from duodenum, jejunum and ileum. Biopsy specimens were examined according to Modified Marsh Scoring (MMS). Contribution of biopsies taken from the duodenum, jejunum and ileum via gastroscopy and DBE to the management of RCD and to the diagnosis of CD were compared.

Results When biopsy specimens were evaluated in terms of intraepithelial T lymphocyte count, no significant difference was detected between the two groups (p = 0.868). In the evaluation performed with the MMS in terms of the diagnosis of CD, the results were significantly in favor of duodenal samples (0.002). Although there were no statistically significant differences between the first screening samples from duodenum and the samples taken with DBE from duodenum, jejunum and ileum it was seen that the duodenal specimens were histopathologically more positive comparison to the first duodenal sampling taken with gastroscopy (6/24). Four of these patients were diagnosed with CD. One of six RCD patients has stricturan Crohn disease in ileum and the other one has GIST in jejunaloe region.

Conclusions It seems to be an appropriate strategy to repeat the serological and histopathological examinations if complaints persist in patients with negative initial investigations for celiac disease. In individuals with RCD, DBE gives hope as a very important modality in medical management and treatment.

ePP106 SPYING BACK TO STONE AGE, PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE OF BILIARY STONES EXTRACTION – A DECADE LONG EXPERIENCE WITHOUT LIGHT BEAMS

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Aims To evaluate the efficacy of endoscopic extraction methods before the use of cholangioscopy assisted laser and electrohydraulic lithotripsy.

Methods We conducted a retrospective single center study over 10 years from 2009 to 2018. We included in the study 2865 patients with single or multiple bile duct stones submitted to ERCP. We analyzed each technique of extraction in correlation with the following parameters: mean diameter of the stone/stones (MDS), mean diameter of the common bile duct (MDCBD) and success rate (SR) defined by number of cases solved endoscopically vs. cases of residual lithiasis/referred to surgery. Colledata were processed in IBM SPSS Statistics 20.

Results Patients with cholecolithiasis underwent different endoscopic extraction techniques: basket, retrieval balloon, lithotriptor, combined methods + balloon dilator. Endoscopic success rate was 92%. 153 patients (5.3%) were referred to surgery because endoscopic techniques failed, while 60 patients (2%) had residual lithiasis after ERCP despite using more than 2 methods of extraction. This fact was statistically correlated to high values of MDS and MDCBD. Stones with a mean diameter of 6 mm were extracted only by using basket or retrieval balloon, while stones with a diameter of more than 14 mm were treated by surgery (p < 0.05). The same situation was encountered for MDCBD, which was higher than 17 mm in the surgery group and lower than 13 mm in ERCP group. Between these values fitted in the groups of patients treated by combined endoscopic techniques.

Conclusions Stone extraction success rates were never 100% (92% in our study), and larger stones need combined techniques. Looking back at this decade long data, the new cholangioscopy assisted lithotripsy techniques used on a larger scale will make the difference and surgical treatment will be rare in the future.

ePP107 ERCP IN BILIARY STONES DISEASE: WHAT RESULTS FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS?

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Aims The aim is to evaluate the indications and safety of ERCP in elderly subjects, and to compare the results with younger patients.

Methods From September 2002 to November 2018, we included 93 patients with biliary stones who underwent endoscopic drainage, in our department of Gastroenterology II. Patients older than 75 years were defined as elderly. Statistical analysis was performed by SPSS20 software.

Results Among 924 ERCP performed for biliary stones disease, 10.1% were over 75 years old (n = 92). The sex ratio M/F was 0.99. 23.7% had a history of cholecystectomy (n = 22).5.4% had already endoscopic biliary sphincterotomy (n = 5). The indication for ERCP was acute biliary pancreatitis in 1.1% of cases.
(n = 1), acute cholangitis in 23.7% of cases (n = 22), a multiple large stones in 61.3% (n = 57). The diverticular papilla was present in 21.5% of cases (n = 20). Endoscopic biliary sphincterotomy was performed in 93.5% of cases (n = 87). We used additional maneuvers in 31.3% of cases, namely a naso-biliary drain in 14% (n = 13), mechanical lithotripsy in 43% (n = 4), extracorporeal lithotripsy in 11% (n = 1), enlargement of endoscopic sphincterotomy in 1.1% (n = 1), sphincteroclasy in 5.4% (n = 5), an endoprothesis was implanted in 5.4% (n = 5). The early complication rate post ERCP was 7.6%. The initial success rate was 62.4% (n = 58). The overall success rate was 88.2% (n = 82) compared to 92.3% for patients younger than 75 years of age (p = 0.1).

**Conclusions**

Our study confirms that ERCP is a safe procedure in elderly patients, and that there is no difference in efficacy compared to younger patients.

ePP108  **ENDOSCOPIC BILIARY LARGE BALLOON DILATION LITHOTRIPSY ("BALLOON LITHOTRIPSY") FOR DIFFICULT BILE DUCT STONES REMOVAL**

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**Aims** Endoscopic removal of multiple, large or impacted stones, in which a lithotripor basket cannot be deployed or is unable to grasp the stone(s), is challenging, and inevitably leads to repeat procedures such as stent insertion and extra or intracorporeal lithotripsy. The aim of this study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of “endoscopic biliary dilation balloon lithotripsy” (EBBD, a novel technique) for difficult stones, which were not amenable to basket or balloon retrieval after papillotomy and papillary large balloon dilation.

**Methods** We retrieved data from 1289 ERCPs from 2 prospective trials performed between 2014 and 2018 dealing with post ERCP pancreatitis prevention. Patients with difficult bile duct stones, in which a balloon dilator up to 18 mm was used to crush or increase the working space parallel to the stones in the common or hepatic duct, were included in the study.

**Results** From the 1289 ERCPs, 258 had difficult stones (> 1 cm, impacted or multiple Stones). EBBD was employed in 46 cases after endoscopic papillotomy and papillary large balloon dilation. The early complication rate post EBBD was 7.6%. The initial success rate was 67.6% (n = 177). The overall success rate was 88% (n = 177) compared to 92.3% for patients younger than 75 years of age (p = 0.1).

**Conclusions** Our study confirms that ERCP is a safe procedure in elderly patients, and that there is no difference in efficacy compared to younger patients.

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**EUS therapeutic digestive tract** 16:30 – 17:00

**ePoster Podium 5**

**ePP109V  EUS-GUIDED DUODENO-JEJUNOSTOMY (EUS-DJ): A NOVEL ENDOSCOPIC ANASTOMOSIS FOR PALLIATION OF GASTRIC OUTLET OBSTRUCTION (GOO)**

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**Introduction** We describe EUS-DJ as a novel salvage endoscopic approach in a patient with native GI anatomy in whom attempts at both duodenal SEMS placement and EUS-guided gastroenterostomy were unsuccessful.

**Procedure** A patient with body-tail pancreatic cancer presented with GOO. A tight stricture was identified in the third duodenal portion. Despite multiple attempts, guidewire could not be passed beyond the stricture. In addition, EUS-gastroenterostomy failed because of inability to identify an appropriately dilated small bowel loop through the gastric wall. The echoendoscope was then advanced until the second portion of the duodenum, in the long route, so that the transducer abutted the upper margin of the stricture. A collapsed jejunal loop was identified endosonographically. A 22G needle was first used to puncture the jejunal loop in order achieve initial saline distention, facilitating subsequent puncture with a 19G needle. Through the larger 19G needle, contrast was easily injected for enterography, confirming location within the small bowel and providing additional guidance. Methylene blue was injected immediately before free-hand access across the duodenal and jejunal walls with a cautery-enabled LAMS catheter. Following catheter insertion, a 20-mm diameter LAMS was placed with both distal and proximal flanges released inside the scope channel. No adverse events occurred. The patient was discharged home the following day and tolerates a full diet 3-months later.

**Conclusions** EUS-DJ with LAMS represents a novel palliative option in the treatment of GOO. This approach may be useful in patients with strictures distal to the ampulla, in which wire-guided canalization results difficult. Several tips may facilitate the procedure: graded injection with 22G needle for initial jejunal distention before puncture with a 19G needle; methylene blue injection immediately prior to catheter insertion to provide instant endoscopic confirmation of proper target access upon LAMS deployment; Intra-channel stent release to minimize chances of stent misdeployment.

**ePP110V  TREATMENT OF AORTODUODENAL SYNDROME (ADS) WITH EUS-GUIDED GASTROENTEROSTOMY (EUS-GE)**

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**Introduction** ADS is a very rare condition characterized by nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, malnourishment, and weight loss. ADS is caused by upper gastrointestinal obstruction due to an abdominal aorta aneurysm (AAA). Most patients are treated with open surgery with AAA repair and gastro-enteral anastomosis. EUS-G with lumen apposing metallic stents (LAMS) is a technique to create a fistula between the stomach and the jejunum, to relieve symptoms in case of gastric outlet obstruction. We describe the first case of ADS managed endoscopically with EUS-GE.

**Methods** The patient is an 80-year-old male with severely generalized arteriosclerosis, COPD GOLD III with home oxygen treatment and AAA measuring 56 mm in diameter. Twelve months prior to consultation, he had been admitted several times with respiratory failure and aspiration pneumonia. His complaints were constant satiety, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting, and weight loss. CT scan revealed severe gastric and duodenal retention and enlargement of the horizontal duodenum, where an infrarenal AAA caused compression of the bowel.

The patient was deemed unfit for surgery. A naso-enteral tube was initially placed for decompression of the stomach after we could observe clinical improvement. After consent, we performed EUS-GE with a 15 mm LAMS (Hot Axios, Boston Scientific, USA) with freehand technique.

**Results** The procedure lasted 30 min in general anesthesia. The patient could start on liquid fluid after 24 hours. His condition gradually improved, and he was discharged within three days. During nine months follow-up, the patient experienced neither aspiration pneumonia nor relapse of respiration failure. CT scan of the abdomen showed normalization of the gastric and duodenal distention. This is the first known case of ADS which has been treated endoscopically.
Conclusions EUS-GE may be an option to treat patients with ADS who are unfit for surgery.

**ePP111V ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASONOGRAPHY GUIDED RECANALIZATION OF A COMPLETE POSTOPERATIVE RECTOSIGMOID ANASTOMOTIC OBSTRUCTION WITH A LUMEN-APPOSING METAL STENT**

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**Aims** To demonstrate that recanalization of a complete postoperative rectosigmoid anastomotic obstruction guided by endoscopic ultrasonography, with a lumen-apposing metal stent (LAMS) is possible.

**Methods** A 58-year-old man who underwent rectal surgery from adenocarcinoma in 2015, with a dehiscence of the colorectal anastomosis in the post-operative period, requiring a colostomy. Subsequently, reconstruction was performed maintaining a diverting ileostomy. 4 months later a rectoscopy showed complete obstruction of the colorectal anastomosis. It is referred to attempt endoscopic approach of the anastomosis. An endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) guided recanalization of the obstruction was planned.

**Results** Attempt to access by ileostomy without reaching cecum with a colonoscope unable to introduce fluid into sigma to provide acoustic interface. In the rectum, a stump with surgical sutures is observed, without being identified with a linear echoendoscope sigmoid colon. Water and contrast are instilled in the ileum to progress to the distal colon and retry. 24 hours later the liquid administered previously wasn’t identified in sigma with EUS or fluoroscopically. With a colonoscope advancing form ileostomy, air is introduced to dilate sigma prior the stenosis, identifying itself with a linear echoendoscope through the rectum. Puncture with a 19G needle is performed, introducing contrast in the sigma, a guidewire is advanced through sigma and cauty-enhanced LAMS 20 × 10 mm under fluoroscopic, endoscopic and EUS control. 24 hours later with colonoscope the stent is dilated up to 20 mm. The stent is maintained, with subsequent closure of the ileostomy and removal of the stent at 12 weeks with good results.

**Conclusions** The recanalization of the complete colorectal obstruction guided by EUS, using LAMS is an effective alternative, and it is feasible even when there is no previous window with liquid.

**ePP112 THE ROLE OF INFLAMMATORY MARKERS IN EARLY RE-BLEEDING RATES IN PATIENTS PRESENTING WITH ACUTE PEPTIC ULCER BLEEDING REQUIRING ENDOSCOPIC HAEMOSTASIS**

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**Aims** To identify the role of white blood cells, C-reactive protein and procalcitonin in the early re-bleeding rate of patients presenting with acute peptic ulcer bleeding that need endoscopic haemostasis.

**Methods** Prospective study conducted between February 2015 and February 2017 that included patients with active peptic ulcer bleeding, as confirmed by endoscopy, requiring endoscopic haemostasis. In order to test the correlation between inflammatory markers and early re-bleeding (up to 7 days following initial successful treatment), white blood cells (WBC), C-reactive protein (CRP) and procalcitonin (PCT) levels were analyzed before endoscopy (at admission day, day 0), and at days 3 and 7 after endoscopy.

**Results** The study sample consisted of 101 patients. The white blood cell count and the procalcitonin levels did not differ significantly between the 3 time points [F (1,198, 189.75) = 1.532, p = 0.215 and F (1,999, 199.86) = 0.949, p = 0.389] respectively. However, the C-reactive protein levels were statistically significantly different between the 3 time points (F (1,990, 199.04) = 11.202, p < 0.005). Re-bleeding rate, at day 7, was significantly higher in patients with elevated CRP (values >5 mg/dL) than those with normal CRP. 7 out of the 12 patients with early re-bleeding had elevated CRP as opposed to 21 out of the 89 patients that did not re-bleed during the first 7 days of admission, p = 0.011).

**Conclusions** CRP is significantly associated with re-bleeding in patients with peptic ulcer bleeding, within the first 7 days following endoscopic haemostasis and could therefore be tested as a screening indicator for predicting the risk or early re-bleeding in these patients.

**ePP113 IRRIGATION OF THE INCOMPLETE SILVER SALT OF POLYACRYLIC ACID CONTAINING SILVER NANOPARTICLES IN HEMOSTASIS FOR INTRA-BIOPSY/ POLYPECTOMY COLONIC BLEEDING**

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**Aims** The endoscopic hemostasis techniques and tools growth in parallel with the new techniques of endoscopic surgery. Clinical endoscopist must be aware of all available hemostatic tool to optimize the management of bleeding in daily practice. This study aims to assess usefulness of the new irrigation technique for intra-procedural colonic bleeding.

**Methods** In this preliminary study, we investigated prospectively cases of intra-procedural bleeding occurred in our Department from 2016 to 2018, which applied the new technique of irrigation hemostasis. The bleeding area was irrigated 10–30 ml of the 1% fluid of the incomplete silver salt of polyacrylic acid containing silver nanoparticles (does not affect the function of systemic hemostasis, hemostatic affect achieved by forming a polymeric late membrane subsequently replaced by fibrin) through a spray-catheter inserted into the endoscope’s instrumental channel, exposure time = 1–2 min. In case of continued bleeding additional hemostasis was carried out (mechanical or/and thermal hemostatic methods). Comparative analysis: Fisher’s two-tailed exact test.

**Results** A total of 22 procedures were analyzed (9 intra-biopsy1 group, 13 intra-polypectomy2 group). No technique-related systemic side effects were observed.

Group 1: during the formation of the polymer complex occurs hemostasis in 9 cases, hemostatic effect achieved in 1 – 2 min. In case of continued bleeding was not existed, effectiveness – 100%.

Group 2: forming a smooth elastic surface didn’t break visualization of the source of bleeding and convenient field for further hemostatic manipulations. Additional methods of hemostasis were performed significantly more often in the group 2 (F = 0.0055, p < 0.05). The method of polypectomy was not associated with the subsequent need for additional hemostasis.

**Conclusions** These data revealed the effectiveness of the new irrigation hemostasis technique for intra-biopsy bleeding. Further analysis is required to determine the capabilities of this irrigation technique in hemostasis for intra-polypectomy colonic bleeding.
**ePP114**  EFFICACY OF PURASTAT IN UPPER AND LOWER ACUTE GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING: A DUAL CASE SERIES EXPERIENCE

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**Aims** Gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding is a common cause for hospitalization, resulting in significant mortality and morbidity. Innovative topical hemostatic modalities have been developed for endoscopic use. Our aim is to demonstrate the efficacy, feasibility and safety of Purastat to control GI bleedings. Purastat is a new, safe and feasible hemostatic device capable of arresting a hemorrhage from an oozing site after mucosectomy for non polypoid colon adenomas in different sites of the colon (8 pts from the right colon) 3 patients showed melena for duodenal bleeding from bulb kissing ulcers, 3 patients with melena and anemia after duodenal mucosectomy for a laterally spreading tumor of the second part of the duodenum, 3 patients had emathemesis after Vater papilla’s sphincterotomy, 1 patient showed progressive anemia for bleeding inside a pseudocyst after endoscopy ultrasound guided drainage and 1 patient presented with a massive rectal bleeding after a prostatic biopsy.

**Methods** We report a case series of 25 patients (16 male, 9 women, median age 73 years) recovered to two endoscopy units (Garbagnate Milanese and Monza) for GI bleeding after failure of other hemostatic strategies (injection/clipping/thermal coagulation). 14/25 patients presented a lower GI hemorrhage from an oozing site after mucosectomy for non polypoid colon adenomas in different sites of the colon (8 pts from the right colon) 3 patients showed melena for duodenal bleeding from bulb kissing ulcers, 3 patients with melena and anemia after duodenal mucosectomy for a laterally spreading tumor of the second part of the duodenum, 3 patients had emathemesis after Vater papilla’s sphincterotomy, 1 patient showed progressive anemia for bleeding inside a pseudocyst after endoscopy ultrasound guided drainage and 1 patient presented with a massive rectal bleeding after a prostatic biopsy.

**Results** In all these patients, we tried to achieve a successful hemostasis first of all using an adrenaline injection and subsequently with clipping and/or argon plasma coagulator application without success. Finally we used a stre of Purastat applying 3 ml of gel, with a successful, stable hemostasis and a complete patients recovery in few days after the procedure, no pain and haemodynamical stability. No need to surgery or radiological haemostatic procedures.

**Conclusions** Purastat is a new, safe and feasible hemostatic device capable to control different types of GI haemorrhages even if the arteriolar massive ones.

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**ePP115**  CAPNOGRAPHY DURING ENDOSCOPY – A VALUE-BASED HEALTHCARE PILOT IN A HIGH-VOLUME GASTROENTEROLOGY PRACTICE

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**Aims** To determine the equivalence of adenoma detection rate (ADR) in colorectal cancer (CRC) screening colonoscopies performed with NAAP and performed with monitored anesthesia care (MAC).

**Methods** Single blind non-randomized controlled equivalence trial.

**Patients** Adults between 50 – 69 years old from National CRC screening program (CRCSP).

**Intervention** Patients were blindly assigned to undergo either colonoscopy with NAAP or MAC by CRCSP office according to the arrival of fecal occult blood test, patient’s suitability for colonoscopy date and availability of places at endoscopy schedule (with NAAP or MAC).

**Main outcome measure** The ADR in CRCSP colonoscopies performed with NAAP.

**Results** We included 315 patients per group. Age: 59.76 ± 5.81y, 40.5% women. Two endoscopists (E1 and E2) with an experience over 1 year in CRCSP performed the colonoscopies. The cecal intubation rate (CIR) was 97%, adequate bowel preparation (ABP): 81.8%, withdrawal time > 6 min (WT6m): 98.7% and global exploration time (ET): 24.25 ± 8.86 min (8 – 70 min). The ADR was 62.9%, advanced ADR (aADR): 37.3%, sessile serrated ADR (ssADR): 5.2% and mean adenomas per procedure (MAP): 1.53 ± 1.75. The complication rate (CR) was 0.6%. The E2 registered a superior CIR (98.41% vs. 91.34%, p = 0.0001). The RR for a patient experiencing the primary outcome with use of capnography was: 0.43 (95% CI, 0.31 to 0.58). Nineteen AEs were reported in the control group with none reported in the intervention group. The relative risks of experiencing both AEs and interventions during recovery were reduced significantly in the capnography arm (0.17 and 0.15, respectively).

**Conclusions** Capnography significantly reduced the incidence of respiratory AEs in real life use at a university hospital GI procedure suite.

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**ePP116**  OUTCOMES OF COLONOSCOPY WITH NON-ANESTHESIOLOGIST ADMINISTERED PROPOFOL (NAAP)

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**ePP117 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ORAL PHLOROGLUCIN AS PREMEDICATION FOR NON-SEDATIVE ESOPHAGOGASTRODUODENOSCOPY: A DOUBLE BLINDED, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED, RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL**

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**Aims** Antispasmodic agents are commonly injected before esophagogastro-duodenoscopy (EGD) to inhibit gastrointestinal peristalsis. This study aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of oral Phloroglucin (Flospan) as premedication for non-sedative EGD.

**Methods** A Prospective, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, randomized controlled trial was conducted at a single tertiary hospital. Subjects who scheduled to undergo non-sedative EGD were randomly assigned to receive oral Phloroglucin (Flospan) or placebo at 10 minutes before EGD. The degree of peristaltic movement was evaluated at the beginning and the end of the procedure by independent investigators.

**Results** Overall, 140 subjects were included in the study (Phloroglucin 70, placebo 70). The degree of peristalsis in Phloroglucin group was significantly lower compared with that of placebo at the beginning of the procedure ($p=0.02$) and tended to be lower at the end of the procedure, although it did not show statistical significance ($p=0.064$). The difficulty of intragastric observation was significantly lower in Phloroglucin group compared with placebo at the both time period (beginning of the procedure: $p=0.002$, end of the procedure: $p=0.009$). Both groups showed comparable adverse events, taste of the drug and willingness to take this premedication at the next examination.

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**Small bowel tumors**

**ePP118 THE ROLE OF ENTEROSCOPY IN THE PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS OF BLEEDING GASTROINTESTINAL STROMAL TUMORS OF THE SMALL INTESTINE**

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**Aims** Bleeding gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GISTs) of the small bowel (SB) previously were diagnosed late or required open surgery. Video capsule endoscopy (VCE) and balloon-assisted enteroscopy (BAE) change surgical approach for these patients.

**Methods** From IL.2007 to XI.2018 we examined 223 patients with suspected SB bleeding and revealed 53 (23.8%) pts. with bleeding SB tumors, including 10 pts. with GISTs (m=4, f=6, ranged 25–70 years, mean age 48.7±18.4 years). The indication for examination of the SB in 9 (90.0%) pts. was obscure overt bleeding and in 1 (10%) – obscure occult bleeding. The duration of disease in 5/10 (50%) pts. was more than 3 years; in 5/10 (50%) – less than a year; recurrent bleeding was observed in 6/10 (60%) pts. VCE was carried out in 7/10 (70%) pts.; BAE in 8/10 (80%) pts. (5 – per orally, 2 – transanally and 1 intraoperatively).

**Results** GISTs were located in jejunum in 8/10 (80%) pts., in ileum in 2/10 (20%) pt. GISTs size ranged from 15 to 50 mm (mean size 28.2±11.2 mm). Solitary GISTs were found in all 10 (100%) pts.; in 2/10 (20%) pts. with extra intestinal type of tumor growth; in 1/10 (10%) pt. – intraintestinal type of growth, and in 7 (70%) pts. – intramural type of growth. Resection of the SB with GIST was applied in all 10 (100%) pts.; in 9 (90.0%) of them minimally invasive – laparoscopically (2) or laparoscopically assisted via the mini-laparotomy (7). We found no recurrent bleeding or GISTs in none of 10 patients in the long-term period.

**Conclusions** VCE and BAE considerably improved the diagnosis of bleeding SB GISTs, allowing not only to detect these tumors but to determine their exact localization. In turn, precise diagnosis gave the opportunity to resect SB with GIST laparoscopically or via the minilaparotomy in 90.0% of patients.

**ePP119 ENDOSCOPIC ISCHEMIC THERAPY FOR SMALL INTESTINAL POLYPS IN PATIENTS WITH PEUTZ-JEGHERS SYNDROME**

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**Aims** Most polyps in patients with Peutz-Jeghers syndrome (PJS) are pedunculated which is suited to snare polypectomy. To decrease the risk of bleeding or perforation, we perform selective ligation, so-called “ischemic therapy”, using a detachable snare or clip placed endoscopically. Some polyps do not allow endoscopic snare polypectomy. To decrease the risk of bleeding or perforation, we perform selective ligation, so-called “ischemic therapy”, using a detachable snare or clip placed endoscopically. Some polyps do not allow endoscopic snare polypectomy.

**Methods** The records of 61 consecutive patients with PJS who underwent double-balloon enteroscopy (DBE) at Jichi Medical University from July 2004 to August 2017 were reviewed. Of 61 patients, nine who underwent multiple sessions of ischemic therapy and no other treatment were included. The median follow-up was 40 months (range 17–76). Primary outcome mea-
SUREs include the mean number of polyps > 15 mm and maximum size of treated polyps in each session. Secondary outcomes included the need for laparotomy after the procedure and the incidence of adverse events.

**Results** The median number of sessions and DBEs per patient were 3 (2 – 5) and 6 (4 – 12, total 67), the median number of treated polyps per patient was 37 (5 – 164, total 359). The mean number of treated polyps larger than 15 mm per patient significantly decreased over time (first 6, second 2, third 1.5, forth 1, fifth 1.5, \( P = 0.01 \), \( R =-0.44 \), Spearman’s rank correlation coefficient). The maximum size of polyps treated in each patient also significantly decreased (30 mm, 20 mm, 20 mm, 12.5 mm, 17.5 mm, \( P = 0.004 \), \( R =-0.49 \)). No patient required laparotomy due to intussusception during the study period. No adverse events were observed in all 67 DBEs.

**Conclusions** Ischemic therapy for small intestinal polyps in patients with PJS is effective and safe, and avoids the needs for urgent laparotomy.

**ePP120** USE OF DOUBLE-BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY IN MANAGEMENT OF NEUROENDOCRINE SMALL BOWEL TUMOUR: CASE SERIES FROM NATIONAL TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTRE

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**Methods** Retrospective review of SBNETs evaluated and diagnosed using DBE at our institution (November 2016 – November 2018). Demographic, endoscopic, histopathologic data were collected and analysed.

**Results** A total of seven patients were included (mean age: 53 (S.D.± 13.1) years) in the study. Six patients (85.7%) presented with obscure-obtuse mid-gut bleeding or iron deficiency anaemia, one patient was asymptomatic. Both antegrade (\( n = 3 \)) and retrograde (\( n = 4 \)) route enabled assessment of the lesions, which were all located in the ileum. A reference submucosal tattoo of sterile carbon ink was placed few cm close to the lesions and multiple biopsies were taken; histopathology was diagnostic in all cases. A total of 5 patients had surgery (\( n = 4 \) small bowel resection, \( n = 1 \) right hemicolecction with distal pancreatectomy) and further analysis of the surgical specimens showed a total of 15 SBNETs (mean lesion dimension: 8.1 (S.D.=3.9) mm, mean number/patient: 3 (S.D.= 1.8)). Histopathological analysis showed well-differentiated grade 1 SBNET (\( n = 13; 86.6\% \)), well-differentiated grade 2 SBNET (\( n = 2; 13.3\% \)).

**Conclusions** DBE is essential in SBNETs pre-surgical assessment allowing for lesion sampling and tattoo marking which may be useful to guide minimally invasive surgical resection.

**ePP121** ENDOCOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (ESD) FOR EARLY BARRETT’S NEOPLASIA – IS AGE A BARRIER?

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**Aims** ESD is an established therapeutic option for early neoplasia, however it is thought to carry a higher complication rate. The aim of our study was to evaluate the safety and efficacy of ESD for Barrett’s neoplasia in an ageing Western population.

**Methods** A retrospective analysis of all ESDs performed for Barrett’s neoplasia within a single tertiary referral centre in the UK from 2012 – 2018. Older patients were defined as ≥75 years of age and younger patients < 75 years of age at time of procedure.

**Results** 145 of 286 Barrett’s resections were ESDs, of which 50 were ≥75 years and 95 < 75 years. Overall age range was 41 – 94 and mean follow up was 3 years. Lesion characteristics were similar, except increased scarring in ≥75 group. R0 resection rate was 68% in ≥75 group and 75% in < 75 group, with only 6.8% of ≥75 group and 4.9% of < 75 group proceeding to surgery or chemotherapy for residual or recurrent neoplasia. Complications occurred in 6.0% of ≥75 group (1 perforation, 2 bleeds) and 4.2% of < 75 group (4 strictures), all of which were endoscopically managed. 4.5% of ≥75 group and 18.5% of < 75 group proceeded to surgery following poor prognostic histology and overall 74% of all patients continued with sole endoscopic management.

**Tab. 1** Lesion characteristics of the 145 ESDs

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**Conclusions** ESD is safe and effective in all ages. No significant difference was seen in complication rates between age groups and all adverse events were endoscopically treatable with no long term sequelae. We feel that age should not be a barrier to the use of ESD for Barrett’s neoplasia.

**ePP122** OPTIMIZING HISTOPATHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF ENDOCOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION SPECIMENS OF BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS RELATED NEOPLASIA: A RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF THREE SPECIMEN HANDLING METHODS

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**Methods** Endoscopic resection (ER) is the cornerstone in the treatment of Barrett’s esophagus (BE) related neoplasia. However, accurate histopathological evaluation of ER specimens can be challenging and the preferred specimen handling method remains unknown. Therefore the aim of our study was to compare three different specimen handling methods for the assessment of all
clinically relevant histopathological parameters and for the time required for specimen handling.

**Methods** In this multicenter, randomized trial, endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) specimens of BE related neoplasia with no suspicion of submucosal invasion during endoscopy were randomized to three specimen handling methods: pinning on paraffin, direct fixation in formalin, and the cassette technique. The histopathological evaluation scores were assessed by two dedicated gastrointestinal pathologists blinded for the handling method.

**Results** Of the 126 randomized EMR specimens, 45 were assigned to pinning on paraffin, 41 to direct fixation in formalin, and 40 to the cassette technique. The percentages of specimens with overall optimal histopathological evaluation scores were similar for the pinning method (98%) and for no handling (90%), but significantly lower for the cassette technique (64%, p < 0.001). Time required for specimen handling was shortest when no handling method was used (p < 0.001 vs. pinning and cassette).

**Conclusions** Both pinning on paraffin and direct fixation in formalin result in optimal histopathological evaluation scores in a high proportion of specimens, while the cassette technique performs significantly worse and its use in clinical daily practice should be discouraged. Given the significantly shorter handling time, direct fixation in formalin appears to be the preferred method over pinning on paraffin. However, the latter needs to be confirmed in larger studies with inclusion of all EMR specimens.

ePP123 SINGLE-STEP TREATMENT WITH ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION AND CRYOBALLOON ABLATION IS FEASIBLE AND SAFE IN AN ESOPHAGEAL PORCINE MODEL

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**Aims** Treatment of early Barrett’s neoplasia currently consists of two steps: endoscopic resection (ER) of visible lesions with subsequent ablation of remaining Barrett’s epithelium. However, extensive resection might hamper subsequent ablation due to stenosis. Combining both modalities in one session offers the potential advantages of preventing ablation in a strictured esophagus and reducing the number of treatments. Studies with ER and radiofrequency ablation (RFA) showed this strategy to be feasible, but unsafe. Cryoballoon ablation (CBA) differs from RFA in that it preserves the extracellular matrix which might protect the esophagus even with ablation deep into the esophageal wall. The aim of this study is to evaluate feasibility, safety and histopathological effects of single-step treatment with CBA and ER.

**Methods** Two single-step treatment regimens were evaluated in 3 pigs per regimen: 1) CRYO-ER: four adjacent cryoballoon ablations of 10 seconds followed by ER in the treated area; 2) ER-CRYO: ER followed by a 10-second ablation targeted on the ER wound. Primary outcomes were feasibility (technical success), and safety (perforations and clinically relevant strictures). Secondly, histopathological evaluation was performed of the CRYO-ER specimens and all esophageal resection specimens.

**Results** In total, 6 female pigs were treated (5 zones each) resulting in 15 areas per regimen. All ERs were technically successful. All pigs survived the aimed follow-up of 28 days. No perforations or clinically relevant stenosis occurred. Histopathological evaluation was feasible for all CRYO-ER specimens. Ablation effects were present throughout all layers of these specimens, while the architecture requisite for histopathological analysis remained intact. After 28 days, the esophageal specimens were evaluated for histopathological effects. For ER-CRYO, the submucosa was the deepest layer with post-treatment fibrosis and the muscularis propria for CRYO-ER (87% complete and 13% superficial involvement).

**Conclusions** Single-step treatment with limited endoscopic resection and cryoballoon ablation is feasible and safe in a porcine model and vindicates further evaluation in a clinical trial.

ePP124 UNDERWATER ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION FOR SMALL RECTAL NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS

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**Aims** Neuroendocrine tumors arise from enterochromaffin cells. The rectum is one of the most commonly sites. Many techniques for resection of nETs have been reported. UEMR is a technique in which the bowel lumen is filled with water and the lesion is then resected without requiring submucosal injection. Current published guidelines recommend local endoscopic resection for small nETs with no risk factors for metastasis. However, no clear indications for type of endoscopic intervention exist. This study aimed to evaluate the efficacy and safety of UEMR in removing small nETs.

**Methods** Retrospective study with patients who underwent UEMR in two centers between June/2015 and May/2018. UEMR was performed using a standard colonoscope. The rectal lumen was deflated and water was infused using an irrigation pump until complete filling of the lumen was achieved. All gas pockets in the operative field were evacuated. No submucosal injection was performed. Board-certified pathologists assessed histopathologic findings (histologic grade, status of resected margins, depth of invasion, lymphovascular invasions).

**Results** Over 23 months, 11 patients – 9 female (81%), mean age 55.81 years (range from 30 to 73 years) with 11 lesions (mean size 0.7 mm, range from 0.3 to 1.2 mm) underwent UEMR for small nETs. 9 patients (81%) with G1 nET and 2 patients with G2, all of them infiltrating the submucosa and only one restricted to mucosa. No patient had any vascular or perineural invasion. All lesions removed en bloc. 8 resections (80%) had free margins. Two patient had deep margin involvement; one of them had negative biopsies in the endoscopic surveillance. The other one lost to follow-up. No perforations or delayed bleeding occurred.

**Conclusions** In this small series, the results suggest that UEMR may be an effective and safe alternative method for small nETs without adverse event and high en bloc and R0 resection rates.

ePP125 ENDOSCOPIC FULL THICKNESS RESECTION OF COLORECTAL LESIONS WITH THE FULL THICKNESS RESECTION DEVICE: CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FROM TWO REFERRAL CENTERS IN GREECE

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**Aims** Endoscopic full thickness resection (EFR) is a novel invasive treatment for colorectal lesions not resectable by conventional endoscopic techniques.
This study is the first report of clinical experience with the Full Thickness Resection Device (FTRD) among referral centers in Greece, assessing EFTR efficacy and safety.

**Methods** We conducted a retrospective analysis of the first 15 patients treated with FTRD in Greece from October 2015 through September 2018. The indications included difficult adenomas (non-lifting and/or at difficult locations), early adenocarcinomas and subepithelial tumors. Primary endpoints were technical success (macroscopically complete, en bloc resection) and R0 resection (histologically complete resection).

**Results** Technical success and R0 resection were achieved in 12 of 15 procedures (80%). In 7 patients with difficult adenomas, technical success and R0 resection occurred in 85.7%. In the subgroup with carcinomas (n = 3), technical success and R0 resection rate was 66.6% while in the subgroup with subepithelial tumors (n = 5) the rate was 80%. In general, technical success and R0 resection were decreased significantly for lesions > 20 mm vs. ≤ 20 mm (33.3% vs. 91.6%) and/or localized in the rectum vs. distal and proximal colon (50% vs. 84.6%). No significant difference was observed between the lesions previously treated endoscopically and the ones non-treated. In 15 patients a total of three adverse events occurred (20%). One of the patients underwent laparoscopic appendectomy due to EFTR around the appendix. Recurrent abdominal pain of unknown cause and minor bleeding were additionally observed in 2 patients.

**Conclusions** Our study showed favorable results concerning EFTR feasibility, efficacy and safety among Greek patients, especially for lesions ≤ 20 mm and/or localized in distal and proximal colon. Technical success, R0 resection and adverse events rates are comparable with data reported in literature. Further larger studies are needed to define the clinical benefit and long-term outcomes of EFTR in selected patients.

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**ePP126 UNDERWATER ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION – A PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY**

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**Aims** Underwater endoscopic mucosal resection (uEMR) is a recent endoscopic technique in which water (exclusively) is instilled in the colon lumen, causing its distension. There is a submucosal floating effect and the muscularis propria stays away because of its greater density, which precludes the need for injection. With this study we intend to evaluate the efficacy and safety of uEMR in the resection of colonic lesions.

**Methods** This was a prospective study of 2 centers, between August 2016 and October 2017, including consecutive patients with colonic lesions referred for EMR. All the lesions were exclusively removed by uEMR. Patients underwent colonoscopy 4–6 months post uEMR. The main outcomes were technical success, complications and recurrence at short-term follow-up.

**Results** 32 patients, mean age = 71.90 (SD ± 9.72), 56.25% male (n = 18). 40 lesions were resected, mean size = 29.65 mm (min 10, max 70) of which 35% were located in the ascending colon and 22.5% in the rectum. The lesions were of type 0-IIa in 72.5% (n = 29) and the remainder of type 0-IIa+c. uEMR was en-bloc in 14 lesions and piecemeal in the others. The technical success was 92.5% (n = 37). The mean duration of uEMR = 22.7 minutes (min 5, max 130). Histopathology showed 40% (n = 16) of lesions with high grade dysplasia, 7.5% (n = 3) with intramucosal adenocarcinoma foci and 1 patient with a focus of invasive adenocarcinoma. Five haemorrhages occurred during uEMR, all treated endoscopically; no other adverse events occurred. In the endoscopic review of the 37 resected lesions 1 patient presented recurrence, which was managed successfully by endoscopy.

**Conclusions** EMR has been shown to be safe, easy to perform and effective in removing colonic lesions, and has a low rate of recurrence. This technique may be an alternative to conventional EMR, and randomized studies comparing the two techniques are needed.

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**ePP127 CAN WE APPLY THE ‘DETECT-AND-LEAVE’ STRATEGY FOR DIMINUTIVE POLYPS OF THE RECTO-SIGMOID?**

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**Aims** The size of colorectal polyps is one of the factors that determine colorectal cancer risk. The prevalence of advanced histological signs (villous contingent, or high grade dysplasia, or cancer) in small polyps is relatively low. ESGE recommends a ‘detect-and-leave’ strategy for very small (≤ 5 mm) polyps of the recto-sigmoid and whose appearance is suggestive of a hyperplastic polyp. The aim of our study is to evaluate the feasibility of this strategy by investigating the prevalence of advanced histological signs in diminutive polyps of the recto-sigmoid.

**Methods** A retrospective study of 222 patients in a Tunisian center between 2010 and 2017 was performed. Patients records who had a colonoscopy with polypectomy were collected. The histological features of diminutive polyps of the recto-sigmoid have been specified.

**Results** We included 222 patients with 322 polyps. The mean age was 61 years [22–90] with male predominance (SR H/F = 1.46). Main indications for colonoscopy were: chronic constipation and/or diarrhea (n = 110), rectal bleeding (n = 63) and abdominal pain (n = 42). The colonoscopy was complete in 60%. The preparation was considered sufficient (Boston score ≥ 7) in 41% of cases. Depending on the size, polyps were classified: diminutive (≤ 5 mm, n = 216), small and medium (6–9 mm, n = 51), large (≥ 10 mm, n = 42), giants (≥ 20 mm, n = 13). Forty-eight polyps were diminutive and located on the rectosigmoid. They were adenomatous (60%, including 17% tubulo-villous) or hyperplastic 26% or carcinomatous (4%). Dysplasia was found in 60% of cases including 7% of high grade. 

**Conclusions** Advanced histological signs within diminutive polyps of the recto-sigmoid are frequent. The ‘detect-and-leave’ strategy can only be applied in expert centers where advanced endoscopy techniques are mastered.

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**ePP128 CONCORDANCE AND ITS ASSOCIATED FACTORS BETWEEN ENDOSCOPIC AND PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS IN PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED SERRATE ADENOMA/ POLYP**

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Aims Sessile serrated adenoma/polyp (SSA/P) are known to be precancerous lesions with difficult detection. Endoscopic features of SSA/P are well presented in NICE and WASP classification, but they were often inconsistent with pathologic results. We aimed to evaluate the concordance and its associated factors between endoscopic and pathologic diagnosis in patients with suspected SSA/P.

Methods Among patients with endoscopic resection from January 2015 to June 2018 in PNU/YH, 129 patients (175 lesions) with suspected SSA/P and ≥ 10 mm size were enrolled. We retrospectively evaluated clinical and endoscopic findings, pathologic diagnosis in these patients.

Results Concordance between endoscopic and pathologic diagnosis of SSA/P was 33.7% (59/175). SSA/Ps showed a significant difference in size (p < 0.0001), shape (p < 0.0001), diffuse nodular surface (p < 0.012), focal nodular elevation (p < 0.023), depression (p < 0.012), ≥ 2 WASP criteria (p < 0.001), NICE type (p < 0.002), Kudo pit pattern (p < 0.0001) compared to hyperplastic polyps.

Conclusions Our results show that discrepancy between endoscopy and pathology in diagnosis of SSA/P was high. Large size, polypoid shape, irregular surface patterns, NICE type 2 and Kudo III/IV pit pattern can be helpful in endoscopic diagnosis of SSA/P. For overcome of this discrepancy, communication with pathologist and systematic endoscopic evaluation should be needed.

ePP129 SMALL COLORECTAL POLYPS: IS A SYSTEMATIC HISTOPATHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT JUSTIFIED?

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Aims Small polyps constitute the vast majority of colorectal polyps. The prevalence of advanced adenomas in this group of lesions is low. The ‘Detect-and-leave’ strategy is discussed for diminutive polyps (≤ 5 mm), given the induced costs and the high proportion of non adenomatous lesions. The aim of this study is to determine the histopathological nature of resected diminutive (≤ 5 mm) colorectal polyps and to evaluate the interest of a systematic histopathological assessment.

Methods Consecutive patients who underwent polypectomy for small colorectal polyps during a 12-month period (2017), were included in this retrospective study.

Two groups were defined: Group 1 for small polyps [range 6 – 10 mm] and group 2 for diminutive polyps. Endoscopic and histopathological data were analyzed.

Results During the year of the study, 116 colorectal polypectomies were performed for 74 patients with a mean age of 62 years [22 – 87 years] and a sex ratio (M/F) of 2.08. A single polyp was detected in forty-six patients (39.6%). Polyps sat mainly in the rectum (29.3%). They were sessile in 81.1% (n = 94), pedunculated in 10.3% (n = 12) and flat in 8.6% of cases (n = 10). The average size of polyps was 4.59 mm [2 – 10]. Diminutive polyps were prevailing (71.5% of cases, n = 83). In the first group: 28 polyps (84.8%), were adenomatous polyps referring to histopathological assessment. In the second group: 50 polyps (60.2%) were adenomatous and 30 (36.1%) were hyperplastic. The diagnosis of adenomas was less frequent in the group of diminutive polyps with a statistically significant difference (p = 0.001).

Conclusions Our series shows a significant rate of adenomas among diminutive polyps. Thus, the ‘detect-and-leave’ strategy must be reserved for expert endoscopists with a high level of confidence using high definition endoscopy and chromoendoscopy techniques.

ePP130 CAUSTIC INGESTION: PREDICTORS OF CLINICAL AND ENDOSCOPIC SEVERITY

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Aims Ingestion of caustic substances in adulthood carries a risk of necrosis and perforation of the digestive system, which may cause important morbidity and even mortality. We intended to study the relevance of clinical factors in the prediction of severity of caustic injury.

Methods We analysed a 7 year cohort of consecutive patients admitted to the emergency department after a caustic ingestion. Endoscopic severity (score according to Zargar classification), need for hospitalization and esophageal-gastric surgery were considered as outcomes. Statistical analysis was performed with SPSS.

Results A total of 118 patients were included, 54% (n = 64) female, with a median age of 53 years. Caustic ingestion was voluntary in 53% (n = 62); in 77% (n = 91) the ingested substance was alkaline and in 18.6% (n = 20) the intake exceeded 100 mL. Esophageal and/or gastric lesions classified as Zargar IIb/IIa/IIb were identified in 20% (n = 24) of the cases. 41% (n = 48) of the patients were admitted for surveillance/stabilization/treatment and 8.5% (n = 10) required esophageal-gastric surgery. Death occurred in 2 patients. The following variables were statistically significant in the predicting endoscopic severity and hospitalization: voluntary ingestion, acid pH, > 100 mL intake and presence of oropharyngeal lesions (p < 0.05 for all comparisons). Moreover, the presence of dyspnea was a predictor of hospitalization. Acid intake, > 100 mL and the presence of lesions in the oropharynx were significant predictors of esophagogastric surgery (p < 0.05 for all comparisons).

Conclusions In this cohort, the clinical impact of caustic ingestion was mainly conditioned by the ingestion of acid content, amount of intake and oropharynx lesions. Since caustic esophagitis/gastritis is an entity with important morbidity and mortality, these are variables to be taken into account in the diagnostic approach and therapeutic strategy in the emergency department.

ePP131 A RARE CAUSE OF HIGH DYSPHAGIA: PLUMMER VINSON SYNDROME; ABOUT 80 CASES

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Aims The aim of the study is to evaluate the characteristics of the patients and to analyze the results of dilation.

Methods This prospective study has included 80 patients treated during 14 years by Savary Gillard dilation. The mean age was 38 years (16 – 72). There were 73 females and 7 males. The patients have had a long standing history of slowly progressive dysphagia of solid food. Laboratory data and admission showed iron deficiency anemia. Radiographic esophagography revealed circumferential webs, at the level of cervical esophageal stricture caused by a smooth mucosal diaphragm; it was circumferential in 46 cases. Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy after dilation showed duodenal atrophy in 19 cases, with a positive histology of celiac disease. The 80 patients were treated with esophageal bougienage and iron supplementary. The dilation was realized with anaesthesia in endoscopy room after IM diazepam premedication for the majority. Dilation Results were judged after 12 months follow up on evolution of dysphagia, weight, number of dilation and stenosis diameter.

Results the webs were easily disrupted without complications. The total number of dilation was 177. The average number of dilation was 1.8 (1 – 15). The patients dysphagia resolved shortly after the treatment, the anemia dis-
proved. The patients were examined periodically after the initial treatment and found to be in good general condition, with no recurrence during the 2 years period of follow up 72 patients. A relapse of dysphagia was noted in 8.

Conclusions Plummer Vinson syndrome is uncommon nowadays, it affect mainly a middle aged white women. This experience indicates that endoscopic bougienage is safe, effective and relatively easy to perform in patients with an esophageal cervical stenosis. This syndrome has been identified as a risk factor for developing squamous cell carcinoma of upper gastrointestinal tract and then we have to include theses patients in surveillance program.

ePP132V BOUGIE CAP IN THE TREATMENT OF ESOPHAGEAL PEPTIC STRicture

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Introduction and aims Various methods are available for endoscopic treat-ment of benign stenosis in the upper gastrointestinal tract. The most common is the sequential use of the of Savary-Gillard bougies after passing a guide-wire through the stenosis. The main problem of this method is the lack of direct visual control of the bougienage procedure. The Bougie caps are single use caps of different sizes that can be attached to an endoscope. The bougienage is carried out by advancing the endoscope through the stenosis while allowing good visualization of the surrounding tissue.

Our aim was to present our first experience of stricture dilation with the Bougie cap. We selected a 58-year-old male with a peptic stricture, already submitted to multiple dilations, with persistent dysphagia.

Methods Our patient presented an esophageal stenosis with an estimated luminal diameter of 4 mm that could not be passed with a 5,4 mm gastro-scope. The 8 mm Bougie Cap was attached to the 5,4 mm gastroscopy tip and placed proximally to the stricture. A nitinol guidewire was advanced through the cap surpassing the stricture. The bougienage was accomplished by advancing the scope through the stenosis using gentle rotations movements.

The procedure was sequentially repeated with a 10 mm Bougie cap (5,4 mm gastroscopy) and with a 12 mm Bougie cap (9,2 mm gastroscopy).

Inspection without Bougie Cap was done in the end of the procedure. The procedure completion with a 14 mm and 16 mm Bougie cap was scheduled 3 weeks later but a 5 mm stricture was recognized and the previous sequence was made (8, 10 and 12 mm Bougie caps).

Results There were no immediate or delayed complications in both proce-dures. Procedure time was 31 minutes in the first exam and 16 minutes in the last.

Conclusions Bougie cap is a safe and easy new therapeutic method for oesoophageal benign strictures under direct visualization.

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ePP133 ENDOSCOPIC SUTURING IS FEASIBLE FOR TREATMENT OF LOW COLORECTAL ANASTOMOTIC LEAK – EXPERIMENTAL STUDY

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Aims The aim of our study was to assess the feasibility of endoscopic repair of anastomotic leak on animal model. Secondary aim was to evaluate whether this technique prevents intraabdominal sepsis.

Methods Model of low colorectal anastomotic leak was introduced in 28 male pigs. Laparoscopic low anterior resection was performed and the anastomosis created with 28 mm circular stapler after removing half of the staples.

Fourteen pigs had an endoscopic anastomotic repair with OverStitch™ 2 days later. A double-channel endoscope was introduced and defect closed with 2/0 prolene and secured with original knotless fixation. Three-grade scale (I – closed completely, II – closed with visible gaps, III – closure not possible) was used to assess the completion of closure. The signs of intraabdominal septic complications – IASC and anastomotic healing including burst test were assessed after animals being sacrificed on 9th postoperative day. Fourteen animals with no treatment were included in control group. Chi square test was used to compare both groups.

Results Endoscopic closure was technically possible in all 14 cases (gr. I – 11, gr. II – 3 and gr. III – 0) with mean procedure time of 31 (19 – 70) min. Two animals from suture group died due to peritonitis on 8th and 9th postoperative day. Overall IASC rate was however significantly lower compared to the control – 5/14 vs. 11/14 (p = 0.022). The autopsy confirmed healed anastomosis with no visible defect in 10/14 case in Apollo vs. 2/14 in control group (p = 0.0023). The burst test performed in 10 healed Apollo cases confirmed sufficient closure with mean pressure of 200 (80 – 300) mm Hg.

Conclusions OverStitch™ endoscopic suturing is technically feasible for repair of low colorectal anastomotic leak. This technique reduced the rate of intraabdominal septic complications.

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ePP134 EFFICACY OF ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF POST-SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY FISTULAS ACCORDING TO THE RADILOGICAL TYPE

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Aims The originality of this study relies on the evaluation of the effectiveness of the endoscopic internal drainage (EID) according to the type of fistula.

Methods The type of fistula was classified initially according a CT scan with oral opacification: fistula without a communicating abscess (Type I), fistula with a communicating abscess (Type II), fistula with an abscessed sub- and sus-diaphragmatic communicating collection (Type III). Treatment algorithm consisted of the insertion of a naso-jejunal feeding tube (NJFT) for Type I fistulas and the placement of a NJFT with EID with or without surgical drainage depending on the septic status for type II and III fistulas.

Results Forty-nine patients were included. The clinical success rate of the procedure with fistula healing was 100% in the group I, 96% in the group II and 12% for group III (p = 0.001). Mean time for diagnosis of the fistula was significantly higher in type III compared to type I and type II (p = 0.04).

The mean estimated size of the defect was higher in type II: 11.2 mm and III: 12% for group III (p = 0.001). Mean time for diagnosis of the fistula was significantly higher in type III compared to type I and type II (p = 0.04).

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Conclusions OverStitch™ endoscopic suturing is technically feasible for repair of low colorectal anastomotic leak. This technique reduced the rate of intraabdominal septic complications.
Conclusions This study shows that proper characterization of the type of fistula before the endoscopic treatment of post-sleeve fistulas could improve the efficacy of the endoscopic treatment.

ePP135 USE OF SELF-EXPANDING METALLIC STENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ESOPHAGEAL LEAKS AFTER SURGERY

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Aims Esophageal leaks are severe complications after surgery. The use of endoscopic self-expanding metallic stents is a valid option. Our aim was to evaluate the usefulness of the stents in a third level referral center.

Methods Retrospective study including patients with esophageal leaks after surgery who received self-expanding metallic stents (June 2011 to December 2017).

Results We included 36 stents in 24 patients. There were 13 men (54%). The mean age was 56.8 ± 17.6 years (25 – 86). The indications for surgery were: neoplasms (15; 62.5%), bariatric (7; 29.2%), antireflux (1; 4.2%) and paraesophageal hernia (1; 4.2%). The mean time between the diagnosis of the leak and stent placement was 1.52 ± 3.06 days (1 – 12). In 17 patients (71%) the stent was placed within the first 24 hours. Resolution of the leak was observed in 19 cases after stent removal. The rest needed re-stenting.

The rate of successful endoscopic treatment was 83%. The mean number of stents needed was 1.47/patient. The mean time needed was 57 day/patient, and 41.7 days/stent.

We observed one complete distal migration (the stent was replaced endoscopically) as early complication (<48 h). The rate of late complications (>48 h) was 41.7% (15/36): 7 partial distal migrations (4 were replaced and 3 were removed because the leak was closed); 3 migrations into the stomach (2 were replaced and the leak was closed in the other one); 2 bleeding events due to ulcers secondary to the stent (the stents were removed and no additional therapy was needed); 2 cases of intrasert overgrowth (one was removed, the other remained); 1 migration into mediastinum (endoscopically replaced).

Conclusions Self-expanding metallic stents are useful in the management of esophageal leaks after surgery. In most of the cases the leak is solved and new surgeries are avoided. The main complication is distal migration, but endoscopic replacement or removal is feasible.

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Motility – Septa ePoster Podium 6

ePP136 WIRE AND MAGNET SEPTOTOME, A NEW METHOD FOR ENDOSCOPIC LEAK-FREE SECTION OF SEPTA IN THE GI TRACT: PRELIMINARY RESULT OF A PILOT ANIMAL STUDY

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Aims Treatment of symptomatic mid- or distal- esophageal diverticulum is challenging. The rationale of the endoscopic treatment is its marsupialisation into the esophagus and/or treatment of underlying motility disorders. Section of the septum carries the risk of bleeding and perforation, the latter being potentially prevented by the use of magnets or sutures endoscopically performed at the bottom of the diverticulum.

Methods We developed a device made of two round shape magnets of 19 mm of diameter, linked by a self-retractable surgical wire of up to 15 cm. The magnets are implanted level with the bottom of the diverticulum on both sides of the septum, while the wire turns around the septum (figure 1). The self retractable wire induces a progressive ischemia, leading to a necrosis of the tissue and its progressive section.

Results We created surgically an artificial septum in the a pig stomach. Two weeks later, the magnets linked with the retractable wire were implanted. The following clinical evolution of the pig was uneventful. Seven days after implantation, an endoscopy confirmed that the progressive retraction of the wire had induced a nearly complete cut of the created septum by pressure necrosis induced by the magnets. The tissue was then explanted. The total length of the septum cut by the wire and the magnets is 25 mm long with no leakage at the bottom of the septum (see figure 2).

Conclusions This proof of concept animal testing shows that a new endoscopic device made of magnets linked with a retractable wire may allow tissue apposition and section by pressure necrosis using a single instrument placed over a single session. Besides esophageal diverticula, it might also find application in the creation of anastomosis.

ePP137 DO WE NEED ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASONOGRAPHY FOR THE WORKUP OF PATIENTS WITH ACHALASIA?

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Aims To assess the clinical contribution of EUS findings in achalasia and other obstructive esophageal motility disorders.

Methods We conducted a single centre retrospective study at a tertiary referral centre. We included all patients with an endoscopic ultrasonography for the workup of a suspected secondary esophageal motility disorder from January 2012 to December 2017.

Results Sixty-nine patients were included, 52% were men, with a median (± SD) age of 61 ± 14 years. Median (± SD) Eckardt score at time of the EUS was 7 ± 2. Twenty patients had type I achalasia, 27 had type II achalasia and 9 had type III achalasia. Two patients had an esophagogastric junction outflow obstruction syndrome (EGJOS), 5 had a jackhammer esophagus, 6 had distal esophageal spasm (DES). EUS was normal in 26 (38%) patients, and showed an esophageal wall thickening in 43 (62%) patients. The inner circular muscle layer was the most frequently thickened, with a mean (± SD) thickness of 2.8 ± 2 mm. Three cases of secondary achalasia were diagnosed: 2 esophageal carcinomas and one eosinophilic esophagitis, all three diagnosed at mucosal biopsies. Esophageal wall thickening was not significantly associated with the type of esophageal motility disorder or achalasia subtype, and there was no statistical correlation between the presence of a wall thickening at EUS and therapeutic outcomes after any of the achalasia treatments.

Conclusions In our work, the presence of an esophageal wall thickening was not predictive of achalasia subtype or treatment outcome. The contribution of endoscopic ultrasonography to the workup of esophageal motility disorders seems limited.
ePP138  INEFFECTIVE ESOPHAGEAL MOTILITY IS ASSOCIATED WITH A WORST CLINICAL OUTCOME AFTER TRANSORAL INCISIONLESS FUNDOPICATION

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Aims  Transoral incisionless fundoplication (TIF) for the treatment of gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD) can be performed with two different devices: Esophyx and, more recently, MUSE system. Aim of this study was to evaluate the relationship between the presence of ineffective esophageal motility (IEM) before TIF and the clinical outcome of the procedure, assessed by proton pumps inhibitors (PPI) consumption 6 months after TIF.

Methods  All patients were evaluated before TIF by esophageal conventional manometry (CM) or high resolution manometry (HRM). The definition of IEM were respectively: ≥ 30% of swallows with amplitude < 30 mm Hg or simultaneous with amplitude < 30 mm Hg or dropped or failed, according to Castell et al., and ≥50% ineffective swallows (failed or weak: DCI< 100 or 450 mm Hg*s/cm), according to Chicago v.3 Classification.

The clinical outcome 6 months after TIF was assessed by proton pumps inhibitors (PPI) consumption in 49 patients treated with Esophyx and 29 patients treated with MUSE.

The clinical outcome of TIF was compared between patients with IEM before TIF and patients with normal esophageal motility before TIF, using Fisher's exact test.

Results  IEM was present before TIF in 18/49 (36.7%) patients treated with Esophyx and 9/29 (31%) patients treated with MUSE. In the IEM group 5/27 (18.5%) patients stopped PPI 6 months after TIF, while 22/27 (81.5%) patients halved PPI or assumed the same dose. In the group of patients with a normal esophageal motility before TIF, 23/51 (45.1%) patients stopped PPI 6 months after TIF, while 28/51 (54.9%) patients halved PPI or assumed the same dose (p = 0.019).

Conclusions  IEM before TIF is statistically associated with a worst clinical outcome after the procedure.

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ePP139  ANALGESIA WITH ENTONOX FOR COLONOSCOPY IN A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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Aims  Over the last few years Entonox, a mixture of nitrous oxide and oxygen, has been offered as an option for analgesia during colonoscopy at our community hospital. We assessed the usefulness of Entonox analgesia by comparing colonoscopy quality parameters in patients who received entonox and those who received alfentanil with or without an additional sedative.

Methods  All colonoscopies performed between January 2017 and June 2018 were reviewed. Comfort scores during the procedure, caecal intubation rates (CIR) and polyp detection rates (PDR) were compared. Patients who started on Entonox but then required alfentanil to complete the procedure were deemed Entonox failures. We used chi-square tests to analyse the data.

Results  879 colonoscopies were assessed, performed by 5 experienced operators; 337 had Entonox only, 467 had alfentanil, 34 had Entonox plus alfentanil (Entonox failures) and 41 patients had colonoscopies without any medication hence excluded from the analysis.

Completion rates were similar in both groups (92.3% at the entonox group vs. 93.8% at the alfentanil group). Comfort scores were similar between the two groups. There were 26 failed colonoscopies in the entonox group and 28 in the alfentanil group. Only 2 patients without medication had incomplete colonoscopies Of the 34 patients who received alfentanil after having tried entonox 26 completed the procedure and 8 did not. When completion rates were assessed there was a statistically significant difference in favour of the patients who received alfentanil (OR 4.34 CI 0.39 – 4.52 p < 0.028). Polyp detection rate in the Entonox group was 24.8% and in the alfentanil group was 32.4%. There was a trend towards higher detection rate with alfentanil (p = 0.078).

Conclusions  Patients opting for Entonox as analgesia should be aware that they might need additional analgesia and should have an established IV access. Furthermore Entonox should not be offered as a first line analgesia in non-screening colonoscopy.

EPP140  THE EFFECT OF SEDATION ON THE QUALITY OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY

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Aims  Several performance measures for colonoscopy have been identified leading to a significant improvement in quality. The European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) have proposed similar measures for oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy (OGD). Two of the proposed measures include inspection time of ≥7 minutes, and photo documentation comprising ≥10 images. Patients’ intolerance of the procedure could affect procedure length and limit thorough mucosal examination. We aimed to compare OGD performance measures in sedated and unsedated patients.

Methods  OGD performance data from a tertiary teaching hospital was retrospectively collected from the electronic endoscopic reporting system from January 2013 to October 2016. Data was analysed using SPSS.

Results  10,482 procedures were included for analysis. 11.4% had accurate photo documentation (≥10 images, target >90%) with a median of 5 images. 75.35% had adequate inspection time (≥7 minutes, target >90%) with a median of 10 minutes.

Median inspection time for sedated procedures was 10 minutes vs. 8 minutes for unsedated procedures. 78% of sedated procedures met the target of 7 minute inspection time vs. 66% of unsedated procedures (p-value <0.001). Both groups had a median of 5 images recorded. 12% of sedated procedures recorded ≥10 images vs. 8% of unsedated procedures (p-value <0.001).

Conclusions  The use of sedation is associated with significantly improved performance measures. One third of unsedated OGDs failed to meet the target inspection time. Adherence to the proposed performance measures would favour the use of sedation leading to increased use of resources.

EPP141  FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH SEDATION USE IN DIAGNOSTIC AND SCREENING PATIENTS ≥ 50 YEARS OF AGE: OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EUROPEAN COLONOSCOPY QUALITY INVESTIGATION (ECQI) QUESTIONNAIRE

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Aim To assess the factors associated with sedation use in diagnostic and screening patients ≥ 50 years of age using questionnaire responses from across Europe.

Methods The development of the procedure questionnaire, by the European Colonoscopy Quality Investigation (ECQI) Group, has been previously described in posters presented at UEGW, 2015 and 2016. Data collection is an ongoing process: we analysed data collected between 2/6/16 and 30/4/18 (n = 6445). All screening and diagnostic colonoscopies in patients aged ≥ 50 years were identified in our dataset (n = 3365). Stepwise multivariable logistic regression analysis was conducted to determine the main factors associated with sedation use. Analysis was performed on the following variables: age in 10-year categories; body mass index (BMI) categories; gender; inpatient status; reason for procedure; time of day colonoscopy performed; previous total colonoscopy in last 5 years; Boston Bowel Preparation Score (BBPS) ≥ 6; retraction time ≥ 10 minutes and ≥ 6 minutes, p < 0.0001; use of high-definition equipment (76.3% vs. 55.5%, p < 0.0001). A total of 42 patients underwent STER and 30 were finally enrolled. Presenting symptoms (3.3%) patient, all of which are successfully managed without surgery. Mean follow-up of 25.4 months (6 – 59 years vs. 67.6% 60 – 70 years vs. 70 – 50 years were ≥ 50 years were ≥ 70 – 59 years). Presenting symptoms included dyspepsia (47.6%), dysphagia (42.9%), and abdominal distention (9.5%). Mean operative time was 61.7 minutes (15 – 180). In terms of localization, 18 (60%) patients had SMTs in esophagus, 3 (10%) in the antrum, 8 (26.7%) in the cardia, and 1 (3.3%) in the corpus. Endoscopic resection was achieved in all (100%) of the tumors. The mean diameter was 33.3 mm (10 – 82 mm). Histopathological results revealed that 25 (83.3%) patients had leiomyoma, 2 (6.7%) had gastrointestinal stromal tumor, 2 (6.7%) had pancreatic heterotopia, and 1 (3.3%) had granular cell tumor. In terms of perioperative complications, pneumoperitoneum occurred in 2 (6.7%) patients, mucosal laceration occurred in 1 (3.3%) patient and subcutaneous emphysema occurred in 1 (3.3%) patient, all of which are successfully managed without surgery. Mean hospital stay was 2.86 days (1 – 5 days). No recurrence was observed during a mean follow-up of 25.4 months (6 – 30 months).

**ePP142 DOES THIRD-SPACE ENDOOSCOPY PROVIDE PROMISING RESULTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SUBMUCOSAL TUMORS?**

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**Aims** Submucosal-tunneling endoscopic resection (STER) has been a promising technique for treating upper gastrointestinal submucosal tumors (SMT) originating from the muscularis propria layer. In this study, we aim to present perioperative outcomes of 31 patients with SMTs who underwent STER procedure in tertiary care center.

**Methods** Between 2015-October and 2018-October, patients who underwent STER for removal of esophageal or gastric SMTs, were analyzed retrospectively from a prospectively kept database. Clinical, pathological and complication data were assessed.

**Results** A total of 42 patients underwent STER and 30 were finally enrolled after excluding the patients who were lost to follow up. Female to male ratio was 11/19 and the mean age was 45.24 (25 – 65). Presenting symptoms included dyspepsia (47.6%), dysphagia (42.9%), and abdominal distention (9.9%). Mean operative time was 61.7 minutes (15 – 180). In terms of localization, 18 (60%) patients had SMTs in esophagus, 3 (10%) in the antrum, 8 (26.7%) in the cardia, and 1 (3.3%) in the corpus. Endoscopic resection was achieved in all (100%) of the tumors. The mean diameter was 33.3 mm (10 – 82 mm). Histopathological results revealed that 25 (83.3%) patients had leiomyoma, 2 (6.7%) had gastrointestinal stromal tumor, 2 (6.7%) had pancreatic heterotopia, and 1 (3.3%) had granular cell tumor. In terms of perioperative complications, pneumoperitoneum occurred in 2 (6.7%) patients, mucosal laceration occurred in 1 (3.3%) patient and subcutaneous emphysema occurred in 1 (3.3%) patient, all of which are successfully managed without surgery. Mean hospital stay was 2.86 days (1 – 5 days). No recurrence was observed during a mean follow-up of 25.4 months (6 – 30 months).
Conclusions According to this case series, STER appears to be a safe and effective method considering its low complication rates and favorable outcomes. Patients had a shorter hospital stay compared to surgical procedures and their long-term follow-up results have revealed no recurrence of preoperative complaints or re-emergence of SMTs so far. This study suggests STER can be applied efficaciously for the treatment of SMTs though larger number of cases is needed for further research.

ePP143 THE DOUBLE TUNNEL TECHNIQUE FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSSEPHAGIAL REMOVAL OF A MOSTLY MEDIASTINALLY LOCATED CALCIFIED LYOMYOMA ORIGINATING FROM THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ESOPHAGEAL MUSCULAR LAYER

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Aims A 52 year old patient was admitted for discussion of the resection of an oligosymptomatic 3.5 × 2.5 cm tumor of the esophagus located mostly at the level of the aortic arch (24 – 27 cm aborally). Leiomyoma was postulated. As the lesion was partially calcified a GIST tumor could not be excluded. Observation versus FNA versus surgical resection versus submucosal endoscopic tunnel enucleation (SET, SETE) of the tumor was discussed. Due to the size of the tumor and increasing operative risk with age the patient decided to have the tumor resected.

Methods The intervention was carried out in an operative setting with patient being bi-laterally intubated and in left lateral position. Surgical intervention was possible at any time of the intervention. An esophageal submucosal tunnel in POEM technique was created with entrance 5 – 7 cm cranially to the lesion. The whitish-yellow lesion could be completely separated form the overlaying mucosa without any mucosal defect and be enucleated form the surrounding muscular layer. Astonishingly, there was no direct vision to the mediastinum after complete ESD enucleation of the tumor as the thin longitudinal esophageal muscle layer surrounded the tumor located mostly in the dorsal mediastinum. The cranial tunnel was first broadened to 2.5 cm and the tumor mobilized from its bed cranially. As a passage through the upper esophageal sphincter seemed to traumatic a second tunnel was created caudally to the cardia and the mucosa opened form inside towards the esophageal lumen.

Results Using this technique the tumor could transported to the stomach with intact capsule where it was cut into seven pieces and removed perorally. The enterences where the closed my clips and an esophageal vacuum sponge placed. The patient had an uneventful recovery two weeks later.

Conclusions The double tunnel technique facilitates the peroral removal of large sm esophageal tumors to big for primary transsphincteric extraction.

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ePP145 FEASIBILITY AND SAFETY OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION FOR SUPERFICIAL NEOPLASMS IN PATIENTS WITH ULCERATIVE COLITIS

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Aims In patients with ulcerative colitis (UC), sporadic neoplasms (SN) can also occur in addition to UC-associated colorectal cancer/dysplasia (UCAC). Recently, reports on endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) for UCAC and SN have been published. However, there is no consensus regarding ESD. We retrospectively evaluated the feasibility and safety of ESD for UCAC and SN.

Methods The subjects were 32 patients with 33 lesions who met the following criteria: diagnosis with a UC associated lesion; were in the remission phase and had well-circumscribed, single lesions with no dysplasia in the periphery. A comparative investigation by propensity score matching analysis was performed for investigating the
1. ESD treatment outcome, and
2. difference in treatment outcomes between the UC-ESD group (n = 33) and non-UC-ESD group (control: n = 751).

Results:
1. The rate of en bloc resection by ESD was 97%, R0 resection rate was 81.8%, mean tumour diameter was 28.4 mm, and mean procedure time was 70.6 min. The adverse events were perforation in 2 patients, and postoperative bleeding in 1 patient. Based on histopathological investigations after ESD, SN was confirmed in 25 lesions and UCAC was confirmed in 8 lesions. All the lesions suspected of being SN were indeed SN.
2. Using the propensity score matching analysis, 29 pairs were matched. Comparing treatment outcomes between the 2 groups, mean surgery time was significantly longer in the UC-ESD group (p = 0.0261). With respect to adverse events, although no significant difference was seen, the adverse events occurred only in the UC-ESD group.

Conclusions ESD for lesions with UC was feasible and safe. ESD is recommended as an optimal treatment for en bloc excision and accurate pathologic diagnosis. However, compared to non-UC-ESD, UC-ESD is very difficult due to severe fibrosis. For these reasons, UC-ESD should be required to be performed by expert who has endoscopic technique both diagnosis and treatment.

ePP146 A RISK SCORING MODEL FOR THE PREDICTION OF DELAYED BLEEDING AFTER COLORECTAL ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION

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Aims Delayed bleeding is an important adverse event after colorectal endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD). We aimed to investigate the incidence and risk factors of delayed bleeding after colorectal ESD, and to develop a risk scoring model for predicting delayed bleeding.

Methods This retrospective multicenter study was performed at 5 centers. The derivation and validation cohorts comprised 1189 patients from 1 center and 415 patients from the other 4 centers. We investigated the incidence and risk factors of delayed bleeding. Then, we developed a risk scoring model for predicting delayed bleeding using the data of the derivation cohort. We validated the scoring system in the validation cohort.

Results Delayed bleeding occurred in 34 (2.9%) patients in the derivation cohort. In multivariate analysis, the risk factors of delayed bleeding were tumor location in the rectosigmoid colon (odds ratio [OR] 6.49, 95% confi-
The risk scoring model incorporating tumor location, tumor size, groups, the incidence of delayed bleeding after colorectal ESD was higher in patients in the validation cohort were categorized into low- and high-risk the incidence of delayed bleeding increased in the validation cohort. When the score in the derivation cohort was 0.726 (95% CI 0.645 – 0.808), implying good discrimination ability. As the total score based on this system increased, the incidence of delayed bleeding increased in the validation cohort. When patients in the validation cohort were categorized into low- and high-risk groups, the incidence of delayed bleeding after colorectal ESD was higher in the high-risk group than in the low-risk group (4.2% vs. 1.9%).

Conclusions The risk scoring model incorporating tumor location, tumor size, and use of antplatelet agents can quantitatively predict the risk of delayed bleeding after colorectal ESD.

ePP147  DIAGNOSTIC ABILITY OF BLUE LIGHT IMAGING FOR PREDICTING DEEP SUBMUCOSAL INVASION IN COLORECTAL LESIONS

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Aims Blue Light Imaging (BLI) was recently introduced as a novel imaging technology allowing for enhanced visualization of the mucosal surface and vascular pattern morphology. Data regarding the applicability of BLI for prediction of deep submucosal invasion of colorectal lesions is missing.

Main study objective was to assess the potential of BLI for prediction of deep submucosal invasion of colorectal lesions.

Methods Consecutive patients undergoing screening or surveillance colonoscopy were prospectively evaluated using a high-definition endoscope with BLI capability. Circumscript lesions were examined with BLI before taking biopsy specimens or performing endoscopic resection. BLI images were graded according to surface and vascular pattern morphology and correlated with conventional histopathology in a prospective and blinded fashion.

Results 120 cases were included. BLI yielded high-quality images in all cases. Based on pit pattern and vascular alterations BLI could predict the presence of deep submucosal invasion with high sensitivity (95%), specificity (91%) and accuracy (93%). Positive and negative predictive values of BLI for in vivo diagnosis of deep submucosal invasion were 88% and 95%, respectively.

Conclusions BLI is a novel diagnostic tool allowing for real-time prediction of deep submucosal invasion of colorectal lesions with high accuracy. This becomes of crucial importance in clinical practice and could lead to an optimized and rapid diagnosis of neoplastic changes during ongoing endoscopy and an individualized management approach.

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ePP148  PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL OF TWO DIFFERENT WIRE TECHNIQUES FOR COLD SNARE POLYPECTOMY

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Aims Cold snare polypectomy has shown its effectiveness for treatment of colorectal polyps and is increasingly being used. However, dedicated snares for cold snare polypectomy are still rare and no comparison of different wire techniques for this indication has yet been performed.

Primary objective of the study was to compare the efficacy of two different wire techniques (coiled wire versus monofilament) for cold-snare polypectomy in a prospective randomized controlled trial.

Methods Consecutive patients undergoing screening or surveillance colonoscopy were included. Once a polyp <12 mm in size was detected, cold snaring was performed. Eligible polyps were randomized (1:1) to be treated with either monofilament or coiled wire technique. Primary endpoint was histologically confirmed en bloc resection rate. Secondary endpoints include complication rate (bleeding and perforation) and satisfaction rates of the endoscopist and assisting nurse.

Results Polyp size, histology and location did not significantly differ between the different groups. Mean size of lesions resected with coiled wire technique was 5.4 mm (Range 2 – 11 mm), with monofilament wire technique 5.2 mm (Range 2 – 10 mm), p = 0.7. The overall rates of en bloc resection were 100% for both wire techniques. Satisfaction rates of endoscopist and assisting nurse were not significantly different between both groups. Also cold-snare polypectomy was easy to perform for inexperienced endoscopists.

Conclusions Cold snare polypectomy is exceptional effective for resecting colorectal polyps. This prospective randomized trial shows for the first time that no differences between various wire techniques exist. Therefore, both coiled and monofilament wires can successfully being used for cold snare polypectomy.

ePP149  ENDOCUFF VISION ASSISTED VERSUS STANDARD POLYP RESECTION IN THE COLORECTUM: A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED STUDY (EVASTA STUDY)

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Aims Cap assisted colonoscopy (CAC) is frequently used in order to facilitate adenoma detection during endoscopy. However, data on how cap assistance influences resection of polyps is scarce. We aimed to evaluate the impact of a cap assistance (Endocuff vision device, EVD) on the resection time of colorectal polyps in patients undergoing routine colonoscopy.

Methods A randomized, prospective trial in a university hospital in Germany was performed. A total of 250 patients were randomly assigned 1:1 to receive either a colonoscope with the EVD (EVD arm) or standard colonoscopy without the use of a cap (standard arm). Primary outcome was duration of polypectomy. Secondary outcomes were adenoma detection rate, cecum and ileum intubation time, procedural complications, patient satisfaction, and propofol dosage.

Results The usage of an EVD led to a significant reduction of the polypectomy time (81 vs. 54 seconds in standard vs. EVD arm; p = 0.001). The polyp and adenoma detection rate did not differ between both study groups. Endocuff assistance also resulted in a shorter cecum intubation time compared to the
Aims: Aging patients have several co-morbidities that might increase the risk of failure and complications of endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP). We have limited data on the efficacy and safety of ERCP in the elderly. In this study, we compared the success and complications of ERCPs in patients over and under the age of 80 years, based on the data of Hungarian ERCP Registry.

Methods: It prospectively collects data on every major aspect (indication, cannulation, success, complications) of ERCPs performed in the contributing centers and contains a 30-day follow-up period.

Results: Until now the registry contains 356 ERCPs performed in 289 patients over the age of 80 and 1459 ERCPs of 1134 patients in the younger group (mean age 85y vs. 61y). The rate of naïve papilla was 66.1% vs. 66.2%. Majority of the ERCPs were performed because of biliary obstruction (36.7% vs. 35.7%), cholangitis (52.2% vs. 35.1%) and biliary stone disease (33.9% vs. 39.2%). Deep cannulation was achieved in 95.1% vs. 94.8% of all ERCPs. Complete clearance rate of (<10 mm) biliary stone extraction was 88.1% vs. 84.3%. Success of stent implantation in subhilar biliary stenosis was 98.3% vs. 98.5%. None of these showed significant difference.

Conclusions: Based on our data, we can conclude that in the elderly ERCP is efficient and the rate of complications is not worse compared to the younger but the complications can potentially have a more serious outcome in the elderly.

ePP152 CORRELATION OF OBSTRUCTIVE SYMPTOMS AND RADIOLOGICAL FINDINGS WITH THE PRESENCE OF DUODENAL STENOSIS ON SIDE VIEWING ENDOSCOPY IN PATIENTS WITH MALIGNANT OBSTRUCTIVE JAUNDICE

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Aims: ERCP may not be feasible due to duodenal stenosis (DS) in some patients with malignant obstructive jaundice (OJ). Predicting likelihood of DS can help anticipate and prepare for an alternative biliary drainage method like EUS-BD at the same sitting. We correlated the symptoms and radiological findings suggestive of gastric outlet obstruction (GOO) in these patients with DS on side viewing endoscopy (SVE).

Methods: We retrospectively analysed our endoscopy database at a referral cancer centre in India. 65 patients with malignant OJ referred for an ERCP and who had clinico-radiological suspicion of DS underwent a pre-ERCP SVE as per unit protocol over 30 months.

Results: Gallbladder was the commonest primary site in 36 patients (55%). SVE was normal in 11 patients (17%), showed DS in 35 (54%) and 19 (29%) had duodenal infiltration or extrinsic compression without stenosis. 32 patients (49%) had symptoms of GOO (any one of vomiting, postprandial fullness or early satiety) of which 22 (69%) had DS on SVE. 51 (78%) had radiological signs suspicious for GOO (loss of fat planes with the duodenum-37, duodenal infiltration-8, gastric dilatation-6) of which 28 (55%) had DS. 23 patients had both symptoms and radiological signs of which 17 (74%) had DS. Symptoms of GOO significantly correlated with DS on SVE (P = 0.0089, Chi-Square). Suspicious radiological findings did not correlate with DS (P = 0.42, Chi-square). Presence of both symptoms as well as radiological findings also significantly correlated with DS (P = 0.0098 Chi-Square).

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Conclusions Clinical symptoms suggestive of GOO predicted DS in patients with malignant OJ. Radiological suspicion alone without clinical symptoms was not significantly associated with DS. 54% of patients with clinico-radiological suspicion of DS had DS on SVE precluding an ERCP. Assessment of clinical-radiological features suggestive of GOO can help anticipate non-feasibility of ERCP so that one can be prepared for alternative method for biliary drainage.

**ePP153** ENDOSCOPIC TRANSPAPILLARY Gallbladder drainage for management of the patient with acute calculus cholecystitis who was unsuitable for urgent cholecystectomy

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**Aims** Endoscopic transpapillary gallbladder drainage (ETGBD) is useful modality for patients who are no candidate for urgent cholecystectomy. We aim to evaluate the safety and efficacy of ETGBD by using either endoscopic traspapillary gallbladder stenting (ETGBS) or endoscopic nasogallbladder drainage (ENGBD) for managing acute cholecystitis (AC).

**Methods** From July 2014 to November 2018, 171 patients (77 females; mean age 72.8 ± 14.1 years) with AC who tried to perform ETGBD were retrospectively reviewed. Their technical success rate, clinical success rate, adverse event, clinical progress was evaluated. In ETGBS group, long term stent patency, recurrence of AC or occurrence of cholethiasis were also analyzed.

**Results** The technical success rates and clinical success rate for ETGBD was 94.2% (161/171), and 99.3% (160/161), respectively. The adverse event rates occurred 6.4% (mild pancreatitis:7, post EST bleeding:3, bile duct hemorrhage:1), but all were treated by conservative management and endoscopic hemostasis. The clinical courses of all patients were as follows: two (1.1%) died of pneumonia aggravation, fifty-nine (34.5%) of interval cholecystectomy in order to obstructive jaundice. The remaining of 110 (64.4%) were subsequently treated conservatively. ETGBS group (n = 89, mean age 78.4 ± 11.6) had more severe comorbidities with dementia, less performing cholecystectomy, and older than ENGBD (n = 72, mean age 65.9 ± 14.2) group. In ENGBD group, 4 patients successfully received ETGBS conversion and 45 patients underwent cholecystectomy.

Thirty-one patients with prior percutaneous transhepatic gallbladder drainage (PTGBD) was subsequently performed ETGBD due to their surgical high risk. There was no stent dislodgement in ETGBS group, but one patient recurred AC immediately after PTGBD removal and six patient occurred acute cholangitis with cholethiasis. Twenty-four patients were followed up without ETGBD removal for more than 6 months and their median complication-free interval was 303 days [IQR 267 – 413] by the Kaplan Meier method.

**Conclusions** ETGBD is technically feasible and effective therapy for patients who are not candidate for urgent cholecystectomy. Successful ETGBS patients had rarely developing cholethiasis but fewer recurrences of AC. And also, ETGBS may be useful alternative treatment option for high-risk patients who are not candidate for urgent cholecystectomy.

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**EUS therapeutic miscellaneous**

ePoster Podium 5

**ePP157** EUS-GUIDED TANS-RECTAL TREATMENT FOR SYMPTOMATIC PELVIC COLLECTIONS: PUNCTURE/ASPIRATION OR DRAINAGE? RESULTS FROM A LARGE MONOCENTRIC STUDY

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**Aims** Abdomino-pelvic symptomatic collections have recently been managed endoscopically by EUS-guided transrectal drainage (EUS-TRD). We present the result of our experience. The main objective was to elucidate the efficacy of EUS-TRD (symptoms resolution). The secondary objectives were to document the morbidity, the recurrence (after one month), and to identify predictive factors for failure (persisting of symptomatic collection despite drainage +/- need for surgery).

**Methods** This was a retrospective monocentric observational study conducted from 2004 to 2018 in a tertiary center. The patients referred for pelvic symptomatic collection (pain or abscess) confirmed by imaging (CT-scan or MRI), whom underwent EUS-TRD were included. The procedures were realized with therapeutic linear EUS-scopes under C02, performing either a aspiration + antibiotics injection, or drainage.

**Results** 73 patients were included and divided in two groups: 1/patients undergoing puncture/aspiration/Aminakcin injection (n = 30; 41%); 2/patients undergoing a drainage (n = 43; 58.9%) with plastic stents/drain (95.3%) or metal stents (4.6%). The mean age was 42.5 years [12 – 87]. The collection was peri-rectal in 67%, perianal in 28% and perisigmoid in 3.2%. In 55%, the abscess was post-operative and in 45% due to medical diseases. The mean size of the collections was 120 – 120 mm [9 – 120]. It was 35 +/- 17 mm in group 1 versus 67 +/- 21 mm in group 2 (p < 0.0001), influencing probably the choice of method.
The technical success was 100%. The clinical success was achieved in 95.8% of patients (70/73). It was 82.3% (28/30) in group 1 versus 97.7% (42/43) in group 2 (N5). There was no per or post operative complication. During a median follow-up of 7.5 years [4.4–8.9], no patient had any recurrence of the collection.

Conclusions EUS-TRD in treatment of pelvic abscesses is highly effective and safe, whatever the approach applied (aspiration or drainage) without recurrence during long term follow-up.

ePP158 MULTICENTER RETROSPECTIVE CASE SERIES ASSESSING ADVERSE EVENTS ASSOCIATED TO THE INDWELL AND STENT RETRIEVAL OF LUMEN APPOSING METAL STENTS

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Aims The primary aim was to describe all LAMS related adverse events presenting during stent indwell and retrieval. Secondary aims were describing the relationship between indwell time, therapeutic target and adverse events.

Methods Multicenter retrospective case series using standardized case report forms including all consecutive patients who received a LAMS (Axios) to reach extraluminal structures from January to December 2017.

Results We included 179 patients from 7 centers (range 4–68 cases/center), 122 (68.2%) men, mean age 64.3 years (SD: 15.8).

Pancreatic fluid collections (walled-off necrosis 32.4% and pseudocysts 17.3%) were the most frequent indications as shown in table 1, which also includes the proportion of stents retrieved, indwell time and adverse events during stent retrieval.

During stent indwell adverse event appeared in 19 (10.9%) patients, 8 stent obstructions, 7 (3.9%) gastrointestinal bleeds, including one death in hepatic artery pseudoaneurism presenting 9 months after placing a gallbladder drainage, 2 perforations and 2 symptomatic migrations. There were another 6 asymptomatic migrations.

LAMS were not removed in 86 patients (48%), mostly in permanent intended stents, 46 (53.5%), and patients lost to follow-up,18 (20.9%). Stents were retrieved in 93 patients. We observed 5 (5.4%) adverse events during stent retrieval, 3 hemorrhages managed endoscopically and 2 perforations, one managed endoscopically with OTSC clip, and one requiring surgical treatment. We did not observe an association between indwell time and the presence of adverse events (p = 0.67).

Tab. 1 Indications

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Conclusions Our study presents a low risk of LAMS related adverse events, despite extended indwell time compared to current recommendations in pancreatic fluid collections.

ePP159 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EARLY ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED DRAINAGE FOR POSTOPERATIVE FLUID COLLECTION AFTER PANCREATOBILIARY SURGERY

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Aims Postoperative abdominal fluid collection (PAFC) is a potentially fatal complication. Recently, EUS-guided drainage has been shown an effective way to treat PAFC more than 4 weeks old. The aim of this study was to assess the usefulness of earlier drainage of PAFC by using EUS-guidance.

Methods The data of patients who had undergone EUS-guided PAFC drainage between July 2008 and January 2018 was retrospectively analyzed. Data of EUS-guided PAFC drainage was obtained from prospective collected EUS database of our institute and reviewed of patients’ clinical parameters based on electrical medical record.

Results A total of 48 patients who has undergone EUS-guided PAFC drainage within 4 weeks after surgery were enrolled. The indications of the procedure were abdominal pain (n = 27), fever (n = 18), leukocytosis (n = 2), increased size during external tube drainage (n = 1). Technical success rate was 100% (48/48), clinical success rate was 95.8% (46/48). Four patients underwent second procedures. Median period from surgery to EUS-guide drainage was 14 days (6–31) and from procedure to resolution was 23.5 days (0–113). Adverse event reported in one patient was bleeding occurred in fifth day after the procedure and was improved by left gastric artery embolization.

Conclusions EUS-guided PAFC drainage within 4 weeks after pancreatobiliary surgery is a safe and useful treatment option for PAFC.

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New technologies ePoster Podium 6

ePP160 FULL-FIELD OPTICAL COHERENCE TOMOGRAPHY OF THE NORMAL DIGESTIVE MUCOSA: A PROMISING TOOL FOR THE STUDY OF THE DIGESTIVE BARRIER

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Aims Full-field optical coherence tomography (FF-OCT) is a non-invasive imaging technique, based on interferometry, allowing dynamic acquisition of images of ex vivo specimens on a microscopic scale. The aim of this study was to demonstrate the feasibility of imaging normal digestive biopsies using FF-OCT.

Methods We enrolled adult subjects scheduled for an endoscopy with biopsies, who had no history of digestive disease. We equired excluded patients, whose biopsies showed abnormal aspects at pathological examination. Four biopsies were sampled in each patient, 2 for pathological examination, 2 for immediate FF-OCT analysis, from 5 different locations: esophagus, gastric antrum, gastric fundus, duodenum or colon. Fresh biopsies were scanned using the LL-Tech banchop scanner in order to performanoptical slicing beneath the tissue surface at selected depths (static mode) and a measurement of intracellular activity data (dynamic mode). Biopsies were then fixed in formaldehyde, sliced in a longitudinal plane parallel to the surface and stained

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using hematoxylin-eosin. FF-OCT images and pathological slides were then reviewed with the assistance of a senior pathologist.

**Results**
We enrolled 25 patients with normal biopsies of the esophagus \( n = 5 \), gastric fundus \( n = 10 \), gastric antrum \( n = 10 \), duodenum \( n = 7 \) and colon \( n = 6 \). Specific histological structures of each organ were clearly identified in 100% of FF-OCT images. For instance, the cellular structure of esophageal squamous epithelium with papillae, gastric crypts and glands, duodenal villi and colonic crypts was clearly seen at a 1 μm resolution.

**Conclusions**
FF-OCT allows a morphological and functional analysis of digestive tissues on fresh routine endoscopic biopsies, at a subcellular scale. It is a promising tool for the study of the digestive barrier.

**ePP162 V ENDOSCOPIC SIGMOIDOPEXY AS A TREATMENT FOR RECURRENT SIGMOID VOLVULUS IN FRAIL PATIENTS**

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Sigmoid volvulus is a common cause of colonic obstruction in old and frail patients. Its standard management includes the endoscopic detorsion of the colonic loop, followed by an elective sigmoidectomy to prevent recurrence. However, these patients are often poor candidates for surgery. In frail patients, other options such as endoscopic sigmoidopexy must be developed. By analogy with the caecostomy procedure, sigmoidopexy procedure consists in anchoring the sigmoid to the abdominal wall and placing a Chait catheter tube in the colonic lumen to perform antegrade enemas.

As a mini-invasive, reversible technique, endoscopic sigmoidopexy might be a promising treatment of recurrent sigmoid volvulus, when surgery appears to be at risk. Efficacy and safety need to be validated in prospective cohorts.

**ePP163 RESULTS OF A SPANISH NATIONAL SURVEY OF CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY**


**Capsule 1** ePoster Podium 7

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**ePP164 THE EFFECT OF SMALL BOWEL TRANSIT TIME ON THE DIAGNOSTIC YIELD OF PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED SMALL BOWEL CROHN’S**

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**Aims** Small bowel capsule endoscopy has a measurable role in diagnosing and confirming small bowel Crohn’s disease. Small bowel transit time varies from minutes to hours between different individuals. We aimed to assess capsule endoscopy (CE) diagnostic yield (DY) and its relationship between the small bowel transit time (SBTT) against patients undergoing the test for suspected small bowel (SB) Crohn’s.

**Methods**
We retrospectively reviewed and analysed the CE reports of all patients who underwent CE test for suspected SB Crohn’s between April 2011 and April 2017. Tests with unknown SBTT were excluded. We assessed demographics, complications, SBTT and positive diagnostic yield (PDY) among the cohort. PDY was defined as tests with results which could represent Crohn’s disease. Data were analysed using SPSS.

**Results**
Sixty nine CE test were done. Three tests were excluded due to unavailable SBTT on report. One patient (1%) had retained small bowel capsule due to stricture in spite of passage of pre-test patency capsule. The stricture improved with steroid therapy allowing the CE to pass. Ninety two CE reports were analysed. While mean SBTT for patients with PDY was insignificantly higher compared to those without PDY (273.5 min +/- 15.3 vs. 238.4 min +/- 7.7, p Value = 0.09), the mean age was similar on both groups (40.2 yrs +/- 8.8 vs. 37.1 yrs +/- 9.8, p Value = 0.3). PDY was insignificantly higher in males compared to females (44.8 vs 37.1%, p Value = 0.29). Overall DY among all patients was 33.9%.

**Conclusions**
CE is a safe, non-invasive and feasible test to investigate the small bowel for suspected crohn’s disease. Even though our study suggests that prolonged SBTT may be associated with increased DY, we recommend that large multi-centre study to be carried out to further evaluate this association.
ePP165  PATENCY CAPSULE IN CROHN’S DISEASE – IS IT SAFE?

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Aims Videocapsule endoscopy (VCE) is a non-invasive method for examining the small bowel. VCE retention is the most feared complication of these devices and a patency capsule (PC) may be used to safely perform VCE. Our aim was to assess the safety of PC in patients with Crohn’s disease (CD) or suspected CD, in routine clinical practice.

Methods Retrospective single-centre study including patients with CD or suspected CD with clinical indication for VCE, between 2011 – 2017. PC detection was performed 30 hours after ingestion with radiofrequency identification scanner. Symptomatic PC retention was defined as the presence of typical obstructive abdominal symptoms (postprandial abdominal pain, bloating, nausea, or vomiting).

Results 608 PC were performed (52% of cases had a definitive diagnosis of CD and 48% of cases had a clinical/imagingological suspicion of CD). The PC retention rate at the 30 hours’ evaluation was 27% (29% in CD cases vs. 25% in suspected CD, p = 0.298). Additionally, 31 (5%) patients excreted the PC intact 30 – 72 hours later. Overall, in 475 (78%) patients the small bowel patency was established (75% of CD vs. 81% of suspected CD, p = 0.064) and performed VCE, without incidents. Considering the safety issues, 12 (2%) patients presented a symptomatic PC retention (9 (3%) with CD and 3 (1%) with suspected CD, p = 0.298). Two (0.3%) patients with CD were admitted for small-bowel obstruction following PC, which was successfully managed with corticosteroids. Furthermore, 9 patients, in whom the PC was not detected at the 30 hours’ evaluation, presented mild abdominal pain (4 with CD and 5 with suspected CD, p = 0.722).

Conclusions The PC test has proven to be a safe modality for securing small bowel patency prior to VCE, with reduced frequency of symptomatic retention, which occurred mostly in patients with a previous diagnosis of CD.

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ePP166V  ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF ZENKER’S DIVERTICULUM WITH LIGASURE: SIMPLE, SAFE AND EFFECTIVE

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Zenker’s diverticulum may cause disabling symptoms, especially in the elderly. Treatment has changed in recent decades from open surgery to management with flexible endoscopy, resulting in lower morbidity and mortality.

Study We present the largest series, with the longest follow-up, of patients with Zenker’s diverticulum receiving outpatient treatment with flexible endoscopy using a diverticuloscope and Ligasure (Covidien, Minneapolis, USA), a device that allows tissue sealing and coagulation of vessels before cutting the diverticulum cavity and esophagus. This is the key to successful application of clips and hermetic closure of the mucosa.

Results We performed 79 diverticulotomies in 69 patients (65.2% male, mean age 73.4 years). The mean diverticulum size was 2.8 cm. In three cases with a diverticulum ≤ 1.5 cm, the diverticuloscope could not be placed. The technical success was 95.8% and the clinical success 96.7%: 84% of the 56 patients followed for a mean of 34.6 months (24 – 64 months) had no dysphagia. The recurrence rate was 10.4%, with a good response to a second diverticulotomy at 12 months (IQR: 11.5 – 17) in most cases. The most severe complications were two microperforations, resolved with conservative treatment, and one case of delayed bleeding endoscopically-controlled with a clip.

Conclusions Diverticulotomy of the esophagheal-diverticular septum with Ligasure is an outpatient endoscopic technique that is simple, effective in the long term and very safe for the treatment of patients with Zenker’s diverticulum. In symptomatic recurrences, a second procedure was equally safe and effective in most patients.

ePP167  A NOVEL ENDOSCOPIC TECHNIQUE IN TREATING PATIENTS WITH ZENKER’S DIVERTICULUM

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Aims To show the advantages of endoscopic cryopharingoesophagomyotomy using a novel technique in the treatment of patients with Zenker’s diverticulum.

Methods Our novel technique is the combination of the standard and tunnel endoscopic methods. One of the best features of the standard procedure was the possibility to make the initial incision and work directly in the middle of the cricopharyngeal fold, which is more comfortable. Thus, we started our procedure as a standard one. After the complete intersection of the cricopharyngeal muscle, the tunnel stage begins, the purpose of which is to perform an upper esophageal myotomy. Afterwards, the mucosa was cut in the directions of diverticulum cavity and esophagus. This is the key to successful application of clips and hermetic closure of the mucosa.

From June to November 2018 in our center a new combined technique was used in eighteen patients. The average age of patients was sixty-two (from 35 to 80 years). The time of surgical intervention averaged 40 minutes.

Results The results of the novel technique are equal to the tunnel interventions considering time of procedure and patients’ recovery.

Conclusions Combined endoscopic surgery for Zenker’s diverticulum allows to perform an adequate myotomy in comfortable conditions.

ePP168  A NEW OPTION IN ZENKER’S DIVERTICULUM ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT

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Aims The endoscopic treatment of Zenker’s diverticulum (ZD) consists in the division of the septum that separates the diverticulum from the cervical oesophagus, a structure that includes the cricopharyngeal muscle. This septotomy is not yet standardized and may be performed using a variety of techniques and devices, from coagulation with argon-plasma to incision with forceps or diathermic knives, with variable efficacy, rate of complications and symptomatic recurrence. The aim of this study is to assess the efficacy and safety of a new endoscopic option in ZD treatment.

Methods Prospective case series of patients who underwent cricopharyngeal myotomy using the ClutchCutter, a novel grasping-type scissors. Procedural details, complications, technical and clinical success rates were recorded. Clinical success was defined according to a score evaluating the weekly frequency of ZD-related symptoms (dysphagia, regurgitation, diurnal and/or nocturnal respiratory symptoms). A clinical score ≥ 2 after treatment defines clinical failure (until 6 months) or recurrence (after 6 months).

Results 11 patients (82% men; mean age of 74 ± 10 years-old), 5 naïve-ZD patients and 6 symptomatic relapses after primary treatment with grasping-forceps (Hotclaw) were treated with ClutchCutter. Mean size of ZD before the treatment was 32 ± 7 mm for naïve-ZD and 13 ± 0.5 mm for symptomatic relapses. All procedures were performed without complications. During a
short-term follow-up (4-2 months) only one patient, with several previous failed treatments, had symptomatic failure.

**Conclusions** The ClutchCutter was developed for submucosal dissection of superficial neoplasms of the gastrointestinal tract. Our results suggest that this endoscopic device may also be applied in flexible endoscopic Zenker’s diverticulotomy, either treatment-naïve or patients with recurrence, as an easy, fast, safe and efficient alternative endoscopic modality. These results must be validated in a larger series with a longer follow-up.

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**Colon ESD 2**

ePP169  **ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION IN LARGE RECTAL ADENOMAS AND EARLY CANCER: INITIAL RESULTS IN A BICENTRIC SERIES**

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**Aims** To evaluate ESD for the treatment of large rectal adenomas and early cancer (LRAEC) in two Spanish centers.

**Methods** Prospective registry of consecutive LRAEC cases with ESD carried out in 2 Spanish centers. All procedures were performed by the same endoscopist (AH). All rectal ESD of LRAEC from the first case in November 2012 to March 2018 were analysed. Recurrence analysis excluded 10 cases due to several reasons: surgery due to non-curative ESD (4), less than 12 months of surveillance (3) or missing data (3). To estimate the influence of the learning curve in rectal ESD we compare the dissection speed between the first 10 procedures (group 1) and the last 10 procedures (group 2).

**Results** A total of 32 ESD of LRAEC were registered, male proportion 53%, mean age 65.9 y/o (SD 12). The mean size of LRAEC was 55.8 mm, with 31% prevalence of submucosal fibrosis (F1 or F2). Technical results and complications are summarized in Table 1. Most complications observed were mild and were successfully controlled endoscopically or with medical treatment.

**Main Results**

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In group 1 the dissection speed was 6.3 (SD 2.7) mm/min whereas in group 2 was 5.2 (SD 3.7) mm/min not reaching statistical significance (p = 0.288). There were no case of severe complication requiring surgery.

**Conclusions** Results of our series of ESD in LRAEC are similar to those reported in Asian series, highlighting the excellent en-bloc resection rate for LRAEC over 5 cm on average, with no local recurrence after 1-year follow-up. Higher dissection speed might reflect a progression in the learning curve, although no significant differences could be reached.

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**ePP170  **COLONIC ESD: IS IT EASY WITH COUNTERTRACTION BY CLIP AND RUBBER BAND? A PROSPECTIVE STUDY**

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**Aims** ESD in the colon is more challenging technically than other locations. New systematic strategy by countertraction by clips and rubber band considerably facilitate the procedure. Here, we report a large prospective case series of colon ESD using this strategy.

**Primary Endpoint:** Monobloc, R0 and curative resection rate.

**Secondary Endpoints:** Perforation rate, risk factors in multivariate analysis of Perforation, R0 resection and Optimal ESD (defined by R0 resection without perforation and faster than 20 mm²/min).

**Results** 440 colorectal ESD were performed in the study period. 286 cases were included in the study (Exclusion of rectal cases) performed by 4 operators.

Lesions were SMA 4 in 82% of cases with a mean size of 55 mm. Mean duration procedure was 80 min with a min speed of resection at 34,1 mm²/min. 70% of the lesions were located above the splenic flexure.

Primary Endpoint: Monobloc, R0 and curative resection rate were respectively 96%, 81.2% and 74%.

Secondary Endpoint:

- Perforation rate was 4.3%
- Predictive factors of optimal ESD were one operator (OR 3.92; p = 0.0002) and no F2 fibrosis (OR 4.23, p = 0.037) in multivariate analysis
- Predictive factors of non R0 resection was only a location on the ileocecal valvula (OR 4.32; p = 0.025) in multivariate analysis
- No predictive factors of perforation was individualized in multivariate analysis.

**Conclusions** Systematic countertraction using a double clip and rubber band facilitates colon ESD. This strategy should become the standard for colon ESD and feeds the debate between pEMR and ESD for the treatment of large colon superficial lesions.

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**ePP171  **EFFICACY OF THE DOUBLE CLIP COUNTERTRACTION METHOD FOR RESIDUAL OR LOCALY RECURRENT LESIONS IN COLONIC ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION**

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**Aims** Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) for the resection of scarred colon lesions is a feasible but challenging technique because of submucosal fibrosis. We previously reported an internal traction method using two clips and a rubber band and making ESD easier.

This study aimed to evaluate the efficacy and security of ESD using this countertraction technique in case of residual or locally recurrent colon lesions.

**Methods** We retrospectively analyzed all residual or locally recurrent colon lesions, DSM treated, in two French expert center, between August 2017 and October 2018. The countertraction technique has been systematically used.
The primary endpoint was the curative resection rate. Secondary endpoints were technical success rate, degrees of fibrosis, tumor diameter, procedure time, resection speed, secondary chirurgical treatment, and complication rate.

**Results** Among the 29 patients included, there were 18 (72%) locally recurrent colonic lesions and 11 (44%) residual lesions after a primary endoscopic resection. Severe submucosal fibrosis was observed in 25 patients (86%) and intermediate fibrosis in 4 patients (14%).

Mean resected tumor diameter, procedure time and resection speed were 41 mm [25 – 70 mm], 57 min [13 – 230 min], and 22mm2/min [6 – 60mm2/ min], respectively. The successful resection rate was 90% (3 piecemeal mucosal resection conversion at the beginning of the study). This rate increased to 100% for the last twenty lesions because of the progression curve. The en bloc resection rate was 83%, but only 68% had negative margins (R0) mostly because of damaged lesions during the dissection. Only one patient has needed secondary surgical treatment but there was no residual neoplasm. Complication included three (10%) small intraoperative perforations endoscopically treated. There was no secondary perforation or bleeding.

**Conclusions** In cases with scarred colonic lesions, ESD with double-clip counter traction allows curative resection with low complication risk. This technique is an alternative to Full thickness resection (FTRD) particularly for large lesions over 3 cm.

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**Colon: resection 5**
ePoster Podium 2

**ePP172** EFTR WITH OTSC IN COLORECTUM: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE LESION IS TRAPPED IN THE OVER-THE-SCOPE-CLIP AND IS NOT RESECTED

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**Aims** Endoscopic full-thickness resection (EFTR) in the colorectum using the FTRD may be difficult sometimes due to poor traction or loosening of the resection plane, and part of the lesion or the whole of it might get trapped inside the over-the-scope clip (OTSC). Our aim was to study the outcomes of these patients with the lesion trapped in the OTSC.

**Methods** Clinical, endoscopic and histological data were collected prospectively in all cases of EFTR performed in 10 centers of Spain using the FTRD kit (Ovesco Endoscopy, Tübingen, Germany) during the period from June 2015 to July 2018. Cases of technical failure with part or the entire lesion trapped inside the OTSC were analyzed.

**Results** 68 cases of EFTR were evaluated. In 10 cases, the lesion was trapped in the OTSC and could not be resected properly. The mean age of the patients was 71 years, being men 80%.

Indications were: non-lifting sign recurrent lesions (6 cases), non-lifting sign untreated lesions (1), incomplete resection with non-lifting sign (2), appendicular lesions (1).

Location were appendix (1 case), stump (1), right colon (1), transverse colon (2), left colon (2), sigma (2), rectosigmoid junction (1). The mean diameter of the lesion was 19 mm.

In 8 cases there was a partial resection of the lesion (mean diameter of the lesion 18 mm), and in 2 cases only biopsies were taken.

Final histology: LGD (4 cases), HGD (2), intramucosal adenocarcinoma (1), SSP (2), advanced adenocarcinoma >sm2 (2).

In the follow-up, three lesions underwent surgery (appendicular lesion and advanced adenocarcinoma), 3 residual lesions were treated endoscopically and in 4 cases the scar showed no residual tissue.

**Conclusions** In some cases of intended EFTR, residual tissue trapped inside the OTSC might be easily treated endoscopically and sometimes might be treated by the OTSC itself, if the residual lesion is small.

**ePP173** COLD SNARE POLYPECTOMY VS HOT SNARE POLYPECTOMY VS ARGON PLASMA COAGULATION (APC) FOR 5 – 9MM LEFT-SIDED COLORECTAL POLYPS: A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED TRIAL

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**Aims** The optimal technique for the removal of small colorectal polyps is debatable. We aimed to compare the recurrence rates among three endoscopic treatment modalities for 5 – 9 mm left-sided colorectal polyps.

**Methods** Consecutive adults referred for elective colonoscopy (1/2015 – 1/2018) who had at least one polyp of eligible size (5 – 9mm) located distally to the splenic flexure were randomly assigned (1:1:1) to one of three treatment modalities: 1) Cold Snare Polypectomy (CSP), 2) Hot Snare Polypectomy (HSP) and 3) APC ablation (50 – 60W, flow: 2lt/min). The polyp size was marked with endoscopic tattoo and a follow-up colonoscopy with scar biopsies was performed 6 – 18months after the index procedure. Outcomes were the polyp recurrence rate and the occurrence of complications.

**Results** A total of 119 patients were enrolled, of which 7 dropped out because of non follow-up. Eventually they were included 112 patients (62.5% males, mean age 61.1 ± 9.9 years) with 121 polyps (CSP: 39, HSP: 45, APC: 37) who returned for follow-up colonoscopy. The mean polyp size was 6.7 ± 0.91 mm, 58% were located in the sigmoid, 33% in the rectum and 8% in the descending colon. The majority of polyps resected by CSP or HSP were difficult to resect (57.4% and 44.4%) and 22% of the lesions were not treated (15% and 5.4%). Indications were: non-lifting sign recurrent lesions (2.2%), APC: 2/37 (5.4%), P = 0.51).

Final histology: LGD (4 cases), HGD (2), intramucosal adenocarcinoma (1), SSP (2), advanced adenocarcinoma >sm2 (2).

In the follow-up, three lesions underwent surgery (appendiculard lesion and advanced adenocarcinoma), 3 residual lesions were treated endoscopically and in 4 cases the scar showed no residual tissue.

**Conclusions** In some cases of intended EFTR, residual tissue trapped inside the OTSC might be easily treated endoscopically and sometimes might be treated by the OTSC itself, if the residual lesion is small.
study could not detect any differences in the polyp recurrence rates among the three endoscopic techniques.

**ePP174 SCAR-ENGAGED COLONRECTAL LESIONS: ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (ESD) VERSUS A HYBRID RESCTION TECHNIQUE (ENDOSCOPIC UNSCARRING MUCOSAL RESCECTION – EUMR)**

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**Aims** Scar-engaged colorectal lesions are characterized by absent or inadequate submucosal lifting, posing a serious challenge for curative resection with need for surgery. We propose a hybrid resection technique that we called Endoscopic Unscarring Mucosal Resection consisting in marking, incision, partial dissection, creation of mucosal flaps and snaring until complete removal of the lesion (en bloc or piecemeal depending on size).

**Methods** We conducted a retrospective analysis on 74 scar-engaged lesions treated at “Santa Maria Nuova”, Reggio Emilia or “San Raffaele”, Milan, Italy by a single experienced endoscopist. Depending on morphology, size and location of the lesions EUMR (n = 47) or ESD (n = 27) was preferred.

**Results** EUMR was performed on 27 colonic and 20 rectal lesions with a median size of 3 (1–8) cm; ESD on 4 colonic and 23 rectal lesions, median size 3 (1–7) cm. Mean procedural time was 80 (20–204) min and 80 (27–250) min, respectively. We experienced 1 case (2.1%) of delayed bleeding and 1 (2.1%) post-resection stricture in the EUMR group. No case of bleeding, 2 (7.4%) intra-procedural and 1 delayed perforation (3.7%) in the ESD group. A complete resection was obtained in all cases in both groups with 23 en-bloc ESD (85.2%). The most prevalent histological diagnosis was high-grade dysplasia in both (53 vs. 44%) with 4 cases (14.9%) of adenocarcinoma in the ESD group and no cases in the EUMR. Available up to 60 months follow-up data for 44 lesions in the EUMR and 23 in the ESD group revealed 4 cases (9%) vs. no evidence for recurrence respectively. 2 of 4 recurrence cases were successfully retreated with EUMR without further recurrence.

**Conclusions** When compared to ESD, EUMR is an effective technique for the treatment of scar-engaged colorectal lesions with similar results but a better safety profile.

**ePP176 DIFFICULT BILIARY CANNULATION IN PATIENTS WITH DISTAL MALIGNANT BILIARY OBSTRUCTION: AN UNDERESTIMATED PROBLEM?**

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**Aims** To date, there are no available data on rates of difficult biliary cannulation (DBC) in the specific setting of patients (pts) with distal biliary malignant obstruction (DBMO). Aim of the study was to investigate the incidence and outcome of DBC in patients undergoing ERCP for DBMO.

**Tab. 1** Total adverse events in patients with distal malignant biliary obstruction

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**Methods** Retrospective multicentric analysis of all consecutive pts with DBMO that underwent ERCP from 09/2014 to 10/2017. The primary outcome was to evaluate the rate of DBC (according to ESGE guidelines), secondary outcome was the rate of adverse events (AEs) (according to ASGE lexicon).

**Results** A total of 522 pts (48.6% female; mean age 73.05) were included. DBC occurred in 277 pts (53%). The technique performed were: fistulotomy in 191 pts (69%), double guidewire technique in 10 (3.6%), transpapillary sphincterotomy in 25 (9%); more than one of these techniques combined in 15 pts (5.4%); deep biliary cannulation after several attempts with sphincterotome and guide wire in 15 pts (5.4%); Failure of biliary cannulation occurred in 53 pts (10.1%) requiring: EUS-guided biliary drainage in 36 pts (67.9%), EUS-guided rendez-vous with transpapillary stent placement in 2 (3.8%), percutaneous transhepatic biliary drainage in 8 (15.1%), second successfull ERCP after pre-cut in 6 (11.3%), surgical bypass in 1 (1.9%).

Overall AEs rate was 15.7%(82/522 pts): 19.8%(55/277) in DBC Group vs. 11.0%(27/245) in non DBC group (p value = 0.005632).

**Conclusions** Patients with DBMO have a high rate of DBC (53%) requiring alternative techniques for biliary drainage. This translates to higher rates of AEs in patients with DBC. Further prospective multicentric studies are needed to confirm these data and to evaluate the best approach for biliary drainage in this specific subgroup of patients.
ePP177  IS THERE AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE MAJOR PAPILLA MORPHOLOGY AND THE SIZE OF THE TERMINAL COMMON BILE DUCT? – A PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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Aims  In endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), the risk of adverse events during precut is increased when the terminal bile duct (tBD) is not dilated. Some studies suggest that the major papilla morphology, particularly its width is determined by the prominence of the supra- and intraduodenal portion of the tBD. The study aim was to assess if the terminal bile duct diameter can be determined by inspecting the major papilla morphology/width during duodenoscopy.

Methods  Between July 2017 and January 2018, in 3 hospitals, all consecutive patients with naïve papilla referred for ERCP were eligible for enrollment. The transverse diameter (tD) of the papilla was measured using a comparative measurement technique (biopsy forceps) and a novel software (validity and reliability tested). The papilla morphology was classified into one of 4 groups: non-proeminent, proeminent, bulging, and distorted. The tBD’s diameter was measured in the distal 1 cm (cholangiogram acquired in supine/prone) in a workstation, by an independent researcher. Main outcome was evaluated using a Pearson correlation.

Results  137 patients were included; 57 males (41.6%), median age of 78 years (26 – 99). The median tD of the papilla was 6 mm (IQR = 3 mm) and the median tBD’s diameter was 8.07 mm (IQR = 4.87 mm). Half (50%) of the papillas were non-proeminent (tBD median = 7.66 mm; IQR = 4.47 mm), 32.08% proeminent (tBD median = 8.05 mm; IQR = 4.869), 12.26% bulging (tBD median = 8.978 mm; IQR = 5.814) and 5.66% distorted (tBD median = 7.533 mm; IQR = 0.832; p-value [C2 = 2.237]) > 0.6923. The correlation between tD and tBD diameters was 0.0245.

Conclusions  Despite what is suggested in the literature, the morphology and the width of the major papilla don’t have any association with the diameter of the tBD, and consequently these two dimensions should not be taken into account when deciding for a cannulation technique.

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ePP178  PREDICTORS OF FAILURE OF EN BLOC RESECTION OR PERFORATION IN ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION FOR ESOPHAGEAL NEOPLASIA

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Aims  Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is accepted as the standard treatment for early-stage esophageal neoplasia. However, esophageal perforation may occur, leading to mediastinitis and pneumothorax, which sometimes require emergency surgery. In addition, failure of en bloc resection causes local recurrence. Until now, few studies have reported on predictors of failure of en bloc resection or perforation during ESD. Thus, we evaluated the predictors of failure of en bloc resection or perforation in ESD for esophageal neoplasia.

Methods  This was a retrospective observational study conducted at a single institution. Between May 2004 and March 2016, 943 consecutive patients with 927 esophageal lesions were treated with ESD. Patients with metachronous esophageal neoplasia or missing data were excluded. The primary outcome was determining the predictors of failure of en bloc resection or perforation in patients who underwent esophageal ESD. Perforation was defined as a visible hole in the esophageal wall, exposing the mediastinal cavity.

Results  A total of 543 patients with 736 lesions were evaluated. Failure of en bloc resection occurred in 6 patients (1.1%) with 6 lesions, and perforation occurred in 11 patients (2.0%) with 11 lesions (1.5%). Lesion diameter (odds ratio (OR), 1.05; 95% confidence interval (CI): 1.02 – 1.08; p < 0.001), wider tumor circumference (OR, 9.80, 95% CI: 1.61 – 59.5: p = 0.01), and previous chemoradiotherapy for esophageal cancer (OR, 3.87; 95% CI: 1.19 – 12.53; p = 0.02) were associated with failure of en bloc resection or perforation according to crude logistic regression analysis. Multivariate logistic regression analysis showed that lesion diameter (OR, 1.04; 95% CI: 1.02 – 1.06; p < 0.001) and previous chemoradiotherapy (OR, 5.24; 95% CI: 1.52 – 18.06; p = 0.009) were independent predictive factors.

Conclusions  Larger lesions and previous chemoradiotherapy for esophageal cancer increased the risk of failure of en bloc resection or perforation in patients who underwent esophageal ESD.

ePP179  EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ALGORITHM OF DEPTH DIAGNOSIS FOR SUPERFICIAL BARRETT’S ADENOCARCINOMA

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Aims  Although the depth of invasion is the important factor to make a decision in treatment, little is known about the correlation between endoscopic feature and invasion depth of superficial Barrett’s adenocarcinoma (SBA). We aimed to investigate the endoscopic findings indicating deep submucosal invasion of SBA and develop the algorithm of depth diagnosis.

Methods  First, we investigated endoscopic findings of indicating deep submucosal invasion (SM2; more than 500 μm). This derivation study included 59 SBAs in 57 patients confined to mucosa or submucosa. five expert endoscopists, who were blinded to histology independently, reviewed the endoscopic images. According to previous studies, they selected macroscopic type (0-Ip, 0-Ia, mix (0-IIa+IIc or 0-IIc+IIa) or others), estimated lesion size (1–10 mm, 11–20 mm, 21–30 mm or 31 mm), and determine present or absent of remarkable redness, uneven surface, margin elevation, ulceration, and enlarged folds. If more than 3 of 5 endoscopists pointed out, such finding was defined as the “positive” finding. Then, we evaluated the relationship between “positive” findings and SM2, and assumed the algorithm to estimate the depth using those “positive” findings. For validation, five novice endoscopists, who were blinded to histology independently as well, reviewed the endoscopic
images, and we evaluated their individual diagnosis of SM2, compared with their diagnosis using the assumed algorithm.

**Results** After the derivation study, estimated tumor size (more than 11 mm), uneven surface and margin elevation had significant relationships with SM2 after multivariate analysis. In this derivation results, we assumed the algorithm using these 3 findings. Using this assumed algorithm, specificities and accuracies of SM2 of 3 novice endoscopists were improved compared with their individual diagnosis significantly, and positive predictive values (PPV) of 4 novice endoscopists were increased.

**Conclusions** Using this algorithm, the specificity and accuracy of novice endoscopists in depth estimation of SBAs increased. PPV likely increased as well.

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**ePP182 EUS-GUIDED PLACEMENT OF NEW GOLDEN FIDUCIAL MARKERS IN STEREOTACTIC BODY RADIATION THERAPY IN LOWLY ADVANCED PANCREATIC CANCER: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF FEASIBILITY AND SAFETY**

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**Aims** Radiation therapy plays an emerging role in the multi-modal treatment of locally advanced pancreatic cancer (LAPC). Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) is an innovative radiation technique, characterized by high prescription dose delivered in few fractions and increased local control rate. Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided fiducials placement allows to accurately evaluate the target motorduring SBRT delivery.

**Methods** Patients with LAPC treated with induction chemotherapy according to FOLFIRINOX or Gemcitabine-Abraxane schedules were treated with ablative dose of SBRT (54 Gy in 6 daily fractions) in a prospective phase II study (NCT03158779). Gold markers were implanted under EUS-guidance into the tumor, at the opposite extremities. Fluoroscopy was used to confirm the position. A new dedicated needle was used: a 22G needle preloaded with 4 gold fiducials (0.43 mm width for 5 mm length), EchoTip Ultra Fiducial Needle (Cook Medical).

Prior to fiducial placement the patients received iv antibiotic prophylaxis and rectal Indomethacin.

**Results** From May 2017 to Nov 2018, 8 patients (mean age 66.5 years), were enrolled. After adjuvant CT, at restaging the disease was still locally advanced, with no distant progression. Tumor mean size was 31 mm.

In all but one patient 2–4 markers were placed. In 3 of 8 patients procedure had no technical difficulties. In 5 patients, fiducial placement was made difficult due to: increased hardness of lesion, nearest vessels, poor control in the first marker release. Patients started the SBRT protocol 10.2 days (range 6–19) after simulation CT-scan. A minimal migration of one fiducial (<3 mm) occurred in 1 patient. No severe adverse events occurred, and all procedures were performed in an outpatient setting.

**Conclusions** This preliminary evaluation demonstrated the feasibility and safety of the EUS-guided fiducial placement using the new dedicated preloaded needle. Only minor technical difficulties did not affect the correct placement of the fiducials.

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**ePP181 EUS-GUIDED DRAINAGE OF PERIPANCREATIC FLUID COLLECTIONS BY LUMEN-APPOSING METAL STENTS VERSUS SELF-EXPANDING METAL STENTS VERSUS PLASTIC STENTS: SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE OVER 6 YEARS**

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**Aims** Comparing outcome after peripancreatic fluid collection (PFC) drainage by plastic double pigtail stents versus self-expanding metal stents (SEMS) versus the recently developed lumen-apposing metal stents (LAMS).

**Methods** We retrospectively analyzed our local endoscopic database from January 2012 up to November 2017 in patients who underwent EUS-guided drainage for symptomatic PFC. Exclusion criteria were post-surgical peripancreatic collections and follow-up of less than 30 days. Technical and clinical success, adverse events and mortality as well as re-intervention and recurrence rates were assessed.

**Results** 73 patients (mean age: 48 ± 17, 73% males) underwent endoscopic drainage of 75 pancreatic fluid collections (57 pancreatic pseudocysts/PP and 18 walled-off necrosis/WON) by plastic stents (n = 47, 62.7%), SEMS (n = 5, 6.7%) or LAMS (n = 23, 30.7%) using a transgastric (94.7%) or transduodenal (5.3%) approach.

Overall technical and clinical success was 94.7% and 84% respectively. Technical success was higher in plastic stents (100%) and SEMS (100%) compared to LAMS (82.6%) (p = 0.008). However, there was no significant difference in terms of clinical success between the three groups (87.2% vs. 82.6% vs. 60%, p = 0.281).

Intraoperative complication rate was 9.3% (4 bleedings, 3 stent dislodgements) and significantly differed between plastic (n = 1, 2.1%), SEMS (n = 2, 40%) and LAMS (n = 4, 17.4%) (p = 0.006). There was no difference in 30-days complication rate. PFCs treated with SEMS had a higher re-intervention rate (80%) compared to plastic (14.9%) and LAMS (4.3%) (p < 0.001). Similarly, recurrence rate after stent removal was higher in SEMS (60%) compared to plastic stents (14%) and LAMS (13%) (p < 0.028) during the median follow-up of 16.6 months.

**Conclusions** Our results suggest equal clinical efficacy of plastic stents and LAMS in PFC drainage. Despite the small number of patients, SEMS seem nevertheless to be inferior to plastic stents and LAMS. Major advantage of LAMS appears to be a significantly lower re-intervention rate, thereby potentially reducing patient’s procedure-induced burden.
Aims EUS-guided drainage with Lumen Apposing Metal Stents (LAMS) and direct endoscopic necrosectomy (DEN) is an effective miniminvasive treatment of infected or symptomatic WOPNs. It revealed a lower complication and mortality rate compared to surgery or percutaneous approach. The aim of our study is to evaluate efficacy and safety of EUS-guided drainage of infected WOPNs with a LAMS and immediate DEN in a consecutive cohort of patients.

Methods All consecutive patients with infected or symptomatic WOPN from February 2014 to June 2018 were retrospectively reviewed. All patients underwent electrocautery-enhanced LAMS (EC-LAMS) placement with the “one-step exchange-free” technique. Immediate DEN with hydrogen peroxide irrigation was performed following stent placement in all patients. DEN was then repeated until resolution of the WOPN. The primary outcomes were to evaluate survival rate and clinical success. Secondary outcomes included: technical success, adverse events (AEs) and number of procedures per patient.

Results 45 patients were treated in the study period. Clinical success was of 88.8%. Survival rate was 91 and 88.8% at 1 and 3 months, respectively. Technical success was achieved in 97.7% of patients and no procedure-related AEs occurred. Mean number of procedure per patient was 3.7. In the follow-up time (mean of 687 days) pseudocyst formation was observed in two cases, successfully treated by endoscopic therapy.

Conclusions Immediate DEN following EUS-guided one-step exchange-free EC-LAMS placement is an effective and safe treatment for infected or symptomatic WOPNs.

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ePP184 ENDOSCOPIC SPHINCTEROTOMY IN RECURRENT AND CHRONIC GENETIC PANCREATITIS IN CHILDREN

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Aims Recurrent and chronic pancreatitis in children have a greater association with genetic mutations, such as mutations of the trypsinogen protease serine 1 (PRSS1), serine protease inhibitor, Kazal type 1 (SPINK1), cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR), and chymotrypsin C (CTRC). Little literature to support endoscopic sphincterotomy, it usually is indicated in patients with higher burden of attacks.

In our series we evaluate how ERCP with sphincterotomy and stent placement can improve symptoms and reduce episodes of pancreatic fistula in genetic pancreatic children.

Methods From 2012 to 2017, a total of 42 patients with recurrent and chronic pancreatitis with genetic mutations were identified and stratified in our centre. Sex, age, genetic mutation type, radiological investigations, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), sphincterotomy, stent placement, clinical outcome post-endoscopic sphincterotomy (n/p)pancreatitis with hospitalization) were evaluated.

Results We enrolled 42 patients (F/M 21/21; mean age 17 ys), 24 patients (57%; F/M 10/14 mean age 17 ys) underwent to endoscopic sphincterotomy; of these a stent was placed in 15 (63%) patients, instead 9 (37%) patients had only sphincterotomy. The remaining 18 patients (43%; F/M 11/7; mean age 13 ys) never had ERCP.

All patients presented genetic mutations: 35 CFTR-related, 5 PRSS1, 2 SPINK1. All patients had Ultrasound and Magnetic Resonance Cholangio-Pancreatography (MRCP) which documented Wirsung dilatation and dis-homogeneous pancreatic parenchyma.

Comparing patients that had sfinterotomy and patients never had endoscopy with a good disease course, we observed a reduction in the number of attacks and hospitalization (19/24 – 79% vs. 14/18 – 77%; OR 1.09; BR 1.02); in particular patients who placed pancreatic stent improved their quality of life.

Conclusions Endoscopic sphincterotomy is a valid treatment strategy to improve clinical symptoms and reducing attacks and hospitalizations.

ePP185 ERCP IN INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND ADOLESCENTS – DIFFERENT ROLES OF THE METHODS IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

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Aims Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is seldom used in children, and published series have limited numbers of pediatric patients. The aim of this retrospective, long-term, observational study was to assess the efficacy and safety of pediatric ERCP in a large group of children.

Methods Data were evaluated from 626 children with biliopancreatic disorders admitted to University Hospital Motol, Prague, between January 1999 and January 2018. Clinical data were obtained by retrospective evaluation of our database of pediatric ERCP procedures and from clinical records.

Results We performed 856 ERCPs on 626 pediatric patients; of these procedures, 59% were therapeutic and 41% were diagnostic. We achieved 96% technical success. Indications for ERCP and pathological findings differed in different age groups. The main role of ERCP was in excluding biliary atresia in those aged less than one year. In children aged 1 to 6 years, the most frequent diagnoses were choledochal cyst followed by choledocholithiasis. In children aged 7 to 12 years and 13 to 19 years, the most frequent diagnoses were choledocholithiasis followed by pancreatic pathology. The overall complication rate found in this study was similar to rates observed in adult populations.

Conclusions Our study shows the efficacy and safety of diagnostic and therapeutic ERCP in a large series of infants and children with technical success and complication rates comparable to those in adults. Our data show that ERCP had different roles in different age groups of children.

ePP186V ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF PERSISTENT GASTROCUTANEOUS FISTULA COMBINED WITH TRICHLORACETIC ACID. DESCRIPTION OF A NEW TERAPEUTIC METHOD

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Aims Persistent gastrocutaneous fistula is a complication after the removal of the gastrostomy tube. It is reported in 1/3 of patients. Persistent gastrocutaneous fistula is defined by the non-closure of gastrostomy opening after one month. This situation results on abdominal skin burning by the gastric secretion and decreasing quality of life for those patients. This study describes a new method of endoscopic closure of persistent gastrocutaneous fistula using combined endoscopic techniques with trichloracetic acid.

Methods This is a descriptive study of two pediatric patients followed up at a tertiary center in Minas Gerais from August 2017 to August 2018 who underwent endoscopic treatment to close the gastrocutaneous fistula with the use of argon plasma scarification, catherization with trichloracetic acid and placement of metal clips.
Results Two patients were aged between 7 and 17 years. These patients had a gastrointestinal fistula after 6 and 8 months of gastrostomy removal, with daily gastric drainage. The endoscopic treatment was performed with two sessions of trichloroacetic acid application, combined with the use of argon plasma coagulation and placement of metal clips, presenting good results. Both patients presented fistula closure, with no drainage of the gastric content some days after procedure and without complications.

Conclusion Endoscopic therapy for the closure of persistent gastrointestinal fistulas with the combined use of trichloroacetic acid has been proven effective. This complication is not described in the endoscopic literature. In some studies this technique was already used for the closure of fistulas in bronchoscopy.

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ePP187 OUTCOMES AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR CAPSULE RETENTION: A KOREAN CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY NATIONWIDE DATABASE REGISTRY STUDY
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Aims The most concerning complication of capsule endoscopy (CE) is capsule retention (CR) in the gastrointestinal tract although clinical outcome and management of patients with CR are still uncertain. The aim of this study was to investigate clinical outcomes and management of CR.

Methods The CR results in multicenters between October 2002 and April 2018 were retrospectively reviewed. Data on patients’ demographics, CE indication, findings, and details of management were analyzed.

Results A total of 2419 consecutive small bowel CE were performed. CR was detected in 18 cases (0.7%). The almost sites of CR were the small bowel (17 cases) followed by the esophagus (1 cases). Capsule removal was performed by surgery in 9 cases and endoscopically in 4 cases. Two retained capsule dislodged after steroid treatment, 1 case of CR resolved with stopping to take NSAIDs, 2 case of CR resolved without any intervention.

Conclusions This large multicenter study shows that CR is a rare complication with a favorable clinical outcome. About half of patients with CR were managed with non-surgical intervention.

ePP189 INTER-OBSERVER AGREEMENT IN BROTZ CLEANING SCALES FOR CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY
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Aims The diagnostic yield of capsule endoscopy (CE) depends on the adequate visualization of the mucosa. As with colonoscopy, cleaning scales should be described in the report in order to better interpret results. In 2008, Brotz et al proposed and validated 3 different cleansing scales. The aim of this study was to evaluate the inter-observer variability of this cleansing scales.

Methods A hundred CE videos (Mirocam) were reviewed by 2 authors at a fixed frame rate of 100 frames per second in quadruple view (Miroview Client). The CE were evaluated according to the Brotz scales:
1. Overall adequacy assessment (adequate/inadequate)
2. Qualitative scale (excellent, good, fair, poor)
3. Quantitative scale (0–10 score, graded from 0–2 visualization of the mucosa, fluids, bubbles, bile and luminosity).

The kappa coefficient was used to calculate the inter-observer agreement in overall adequacy assessment and the intra-class correlation coefficient was used to evaluate the concordance of the qualitative and quantitative scales.

Results In overall adequacy assessment, the quality of intestinal small bowel preparation was classified as adequate by observer 1 in 67% and by observer 2 in 73%, with an inter-observer kappa index of 0.76 (p > 0.001) suggesting strong agreement.

In the qualitative scale, most of the intestinal small bowel preparations were considered reasonable (40% observer 1 vs. 36% observer 2), with an intra-class coefficient of 0.89 (p < 0.001).
In the quantitative scale, the mean score of the two observers was 6.5 and 6.7, resulting in an intra-class agreement of 0.78 (p < 0.001).

Conclusions The optimization of the quality of the intestinal small bowel preparation and the diagnostic yield of the CE requires, first, a well-validated cleaning scale. Brozz’s rating scales have strong inter-observer agreement. The qualitative scale is easier to apply and has better inter-observer agreement.

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**ePP190 SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF NON-ANESTHESIOLOGIST ADMINISTERED SEDATION (NAS) IN GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY: A PROSPECTIVE, MONOCENTRIC STUDY OF 9380 PROCEDURES**

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**Aims** Sedation is an integral part of gastrointestinal endoscopy, but the best sedation strategy is still a matter of debate. Non-anesthesiologist (NAS) propofol-based-sedation (PBS) remains controversial because of concerns about safety. The aim of the study was to evaluate safety and efficacy of NAS, comparing traditional sedation with PBS.

**Methods** We prospectively collected data of endoscopic exams consecutively performed at our Endoscopy Unit during 17 months. Procedures were classified into two groups: traditional sedation with midazolam and/or fentanyl (group1) and PBS (group2). All gastroenterologists and nurses were trained accordingly to the ESGE position paper. Safety was evaluated in terms of adverse events requiring medical interventions, while efficacy in terms of cecal intubation. Continuous data are expressed as A p value less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

**Results** Among 10624 patients, 9380 (mean age 61.2 ± 14.7 years) underwent endoscopies in NAS: 62.3% (5845) were colonoscopy, 33.7% (3157) esophago-gastro-duodenoscopy, 1.4% (133) echoendoscopy and 0.05% (5) push-enteroscopy. The majority of procedures were performed in outpatient setting (8176, 87.2%) and in most cases they were diagnostic procedures (8780, 93.6%). Group 1 was composed by 1999 patients (21.3%), while group 2 by 7381 patients (78.7%). Twenty-one (0.22%) minor adverse events (17 transitory hypotension/bradichardia and 4 transitory oxygen desaturation) were registered, 3 in group 1 and 18 in group 2. No major complications (i.e. hospitalization, tracheal intubation or death) occurred. No differences between groups in terms of rate of adverse events were registered (0.15% vs. 0.24%; pNS). Cecal intubation rate during colonoscopy was higher in PBS group (99.2% in group1 and 100% in group2; p < 0.05), while 9 colonoscopy in group1 was stopped for intolerance.

**Conclusions** The study adds new favourable data on the safety of NAS with PBS in digestive endoscopy with specifically trained staff. Moreover, propofol sedation increases the endoscopic examination effectiveness, avoiding failure for patients intolerance.

**ePP191 CAPNOGRAPHY MONITORING IS BENEFICIAL BY ESTIMATING ETCO2 INSTABILITY DURING ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (ESD)**

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**Aims** Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) requires deeper sedation than mucosal resection. This may lead to adverse ventilation problems. Capnography measures end-tidal CO₂ (EtCO₂) levels and it is known to detect depressed respiratory activity prior to the incidence of hypoxic events. However, its usefulness during endoscopy has been disputed. Considering that absolute EtCO2 value monitoring would not be as effective as that of general anesthesia due to belching or body movements during endoscopy, we herein introduced a concept of ‘EtCO2 instability’, and studied whether it is correlated with higher chance of hypoxia.

**Methods** Between January 2017 and June 2018, 98 patients scheduled to ESD had received pulmonary function tests before the procedure. All patients received capnographic monitoring in addition to conventional monitoring. EtCO2 level was recorded every 1 minute. Sedation Index was calculated by assessing M/OAAS (Modified Observer’s Assessment of Alertness/Sedation) score, tachypnea and spontaneous body movements. Patients were later grouped into ‘Normal’ and ‘Hypoxia’ groups according to intra-procedural presence of hypoxia and their demographic, procedural characteristics were comparatively analyzed.

**Results** By multivariate logistic regression, we analyzed several factors that influenced the incidence of hypoxic events, and EtCO2 instability (OR 2.427, P-value 0.001) was among them. Hypoxia and EtCO2 instability have been shown to share same causal factors such as high Mallampati score, intra-procedural oral respiration and lower baseline SpO2.

**Conclusions** EtCO2 instability is related to incidence of hypoxic events during ESD. Monitoring EtCO2 is helpful since increased instability of EtCO2 on the monitor may precede a potential hypoxic event, so that clinicians can respond more promptly. In groups of patients who have high Mallampati score or obstructive lung function it may be beneficial to be routinely monitored by EtCO2 when performing ESD.

**ePP192 ADVERSE EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH DRUGS USED FOR ENDOSCOPIC SEDATION: A NATIONWIDE ASSESSMENT**

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**Aims** Currently, most endoscopic procedures are performed with sedation. Although endoscopic sedation is considered safe generally, cases of adverse events (AEs) occur inevitably. This study tried to analyze the patterns of AEs associated with drugs used for endoscopic sedation.

**Methods** Case records of AEs for fentanyl, alfentanil, remifentanil, ketamine, etomidate, propofol, meperidine/ptethidine, diazepam, midazolam and dexmedetomidine were reviewed reported voluntarily to the Korea Adverse Event Reporting System database from 2007 to 2017. The causality of each case was assessed based on the WHO-UMC criteria. The seriousness was determined based on the International Conference on Harmonization on E2D Guideline.

**Results** During the study period, there were 94,084 cases associated with drugs used for endoscopic sedation from 535,826 overall AEs, in which cases 66.5% were female and 35.8% over 60 years old. The most common drug associated with AEs was fentanyl (n = 57,265) followed by meperidine (n = 23,928), midazolam (n = 4,702), remifentanil (n = 2,490), diazepam (n = 2,267), propofol (n = 1,452), ketamine (n = 753), alfentanil (n = 742), dexmedetomidine (n = 312) and etomidate (n = 173). Nausea was most common AEs in fentanyl (51%), alfentanil (43%), etomidate (39%), meperidine (30%) and propofol (25%). Stupor was most common AEs in midazolam (35%). Drowsiness was the most common AEs in diazepam (10%). Vomiting was the most common AEs in ketamine (21%). Hypotension was the most common AEs in dexmedetomidine (45%) and etomidate (25%). Serious AEs occurred in 2,936 (3%) cases, from which etomidate (31.2%) was the most
common drug (31.2%) and hypotension (23.2%) was the most common AE. The reports have increased annually.

Conclusions Fentanyl was associated with AEs the most commonly, followed by meperidine and midazolam. Etomidate needs special attention since it was the most common drug related with severe AEs.

Conclusions In our study the 5 year disease free survival rate was 81% and no patient needed surgery during follow-up. Piecemeal and R1 resections had significantly higher recurrence rates and LM involvement showed higher recurrence rates without statistical significance.

ePP195 OUTCOMES OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (ESD) AT THE ANO-RECTAL JUNCTION AND ILEOCECAL VALVE

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Aims Endoscopic resection difficulty of superficial neoplasms at the perineal rectum is related to the narrowness of the anal canal and high intraoperative bleeding. Resection at the ileocecal valve (ICV) is difficult due to the variable anatomy and the possible neoplasm extension into the terminal ileum. Aim was to assess ESD outcomes of neoplasms at the perineal rectum and ICV.

Methods Prospective study (January 2012 to March 2018) in a single center. All consecutive superficial neoplasms >20 mm in the perineal rectum (margin <30 mm from the anorectal junction, ARJ) and on ICV lips scheduled for ESD were included. Controls: neoplasms >20 mm in the pelvic rectum and cecum/ascending colon, respectively. ESD was performed by the standard technique. Follow-up was scheduled at 3 and every 6 months.

Results Perineal Rectum. 32 neoplasms in the perineal rectum were compared to 63 controls. ARJ involvement was observed in 14 (44%) perineal cases; a circumferential extension ≥50% in 15 (47%) perineal cases and 4 (7%) controls (P<0.0001).

ICV: 14 neoplasms at ICV were compared to 96 and 39 in the ascending colon, respectively. ARJ involvement was observed in 14 (44%) perineal cases and 13 (33%) controls (P=0.064, respectively). Residual rate for neoplasms in the perineal rectum was higher than in pelvic rectum (P=0.072).

Conclusions ESD at the ICV and perineal rectum is effective but 0 resection rate is ≤80% in the cecum and in the perineal rectum. A careful endoscopic follow-up is mandatory.
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### Conclusions

In this multicenter study incomplete closure of the mucosal defect after EMR of large colorectal polyps was associated with polyp and procedure characteristics that reflect more difficult resections. Expertise in clipping of such lesions and investigation in improving clipping technique is needed to maximize clip closure and minimize bleeding risk of EMR.

### ePP197

**SHOULD WE USE THE SMSA AND SERT SCORES TO PREDICT OUTCOMES IN COLONIC PIECEMEAL EMR?**

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**Aims**

Predicting outcomes after piecemeal endoscopic mucosal resection (pEMR) is a major concern with the development of scores such as SMSA, predicting the complexity of excision, or SERT predicting the negative risk for recurrence after pEMR. We intended to apply both scores to a pEMR cohort and understand if SMSA and SERT have clinical applicability in this setting.

**Methods**

Single center, prospective cohort of pEMR of colon lesions ≥ 20 mm, since 2009, with retrospective application of SMSA and SERT scores. Evaluation of patients and lesions characteristics, risk factors for endoscopic recurrence and relation with score result with recurrence (SMSA < 4 in favor, SERT = 0 against). Statistical analysis included descriptive statistics, Qui² test and multivariable regression.

**Results**

Analyzed 302 lesions, in 296 patients, 58% men with median age of 70 years. Lesions had a median size of 30 mm (IQR 15), in the right colon in 51%. Paris classification is in 51% and lia in 24%; LST granular type in 86%. Median SMSA score was 12; SMSA < 4 in 46% (n = 138 lesions); SERT = 0 in 38% (115 lesions). Complications occurred in 7.3% (n = 23), mostly bleeding (n = 20).

Endoscopic recurrence of 18.5% (n = 56) at first surveillance and 7% (n = 17) late recurrence. In univariate analysis, SMSA = 4 (p < 0.001), high-grade dysplasia (p < 0.003) and size > 40 mm (p < 0.001) but not intraprocedural bleeding (p = 0.09) were significant factors for recurrence. Multivariable analysis confirmed SMSA = 4 as predictor of recurrence (OR 3.8; IC 95% 1.8 – 7.9); In the other hand, SERT = 0 is a predictor for no recurrence (OR 0.3; IC 95% 0.1 – 0.8). No relation was found between higher SMSA score and the occurrence of complications (OR 1.3; IC 95% 0.5 – 3.2).

**Conclusions**

SMSA and SERT scores have applicability in the management of follow-up after colon pEMR. We recommend closer surveillance in SMSA = 4 lesions, while the first surveillance exam in SERT = 0 lesions might be delayed.
Hybrid resection techniques (Hybrid EMR-Hybrid ESD) have been described to facilitate complete removal of flat lesions. They may be useful in cases when the snare slips, which may happen in Laterally-Spreading lesions of the non-granular type (LST-NG), fibrosis due to previous resection attempts, and fatty tissue in the submucosa among other factors. However, endoscopists not experienced in ESD may not feel confident doing a circumferential incision with a dedicated knife or the tip of a snare, and it would not be safe if they are not adequately trained in this technique.

Here we report a new hybrid EMR technique especially useful when the snare slips when closed by the operator. After submucosal injection, a circumferential incision is made using a biopsy forceps, with subsequent bites around the target lesion. This incision allows to fit the snare avoiding slippage when it is squeezed. The lesion is finally cut with cold or hot technique. We have applied this technique in three colonic cases: 1) 7-mm flat lesion, slippage of snare was likely related to abundant fatty tissue in the submucosa; 2) 15-mm LST-NG flat lesion. 3) 15-mm residual lesion (IIa Paris Classification), slippage was confirmed with SOD (I-III) with preservation of the longitudinal muscular layer sph Oddi allowed to avoid cholecystectomy in 71.2%. ASD can be performed with a standart or a new design of sphincterotome. It takes into account the anatomical structure of sph. Oddi and is recommended as an alternative to standard sphincterotomy, balloon dilatation and drainage interventions (RR 0,53 [95% CI 0,18 to 1,67]). EASD must be performed by an endoscopist with experience in transpapillary intervention.
preloaded guidewire and a slit on the tip was snapped onto the biliary guidewire and advanced over it (“hitch and ride” technique) until the theoretical location of the ampulla with fluoroscopic control. Once there, the preloaded guidewire was advanced exiting the cannula tip more caudally because of the slit, in a more convenient orientation for pancreatic duct cannulation. After a couple of attempts and blind adjustments of the cannula position we could easily cannulate the pancreatic duct with the second guidewire only under fluoroscopic control. Pancreatic ductography confirmed pancreatic duct disruption and a pancreatic stent was placed into the fistulous tract. The patient clinical status improved and was discharged asymptomatic (Video).

Conclusion The “hitch and ride” technique was initially described to facilitate biliary cannulation during EUS-guided rendezvous. After getting some experience in this setting we could successfully use it to cannulate blindly the pancreatic duct in this case of smoldering pancreatitis with difficult management.

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ePP205  ENDOSCOPIC TRANSORAL FUNDOPLICATION WITH MUSE FOR GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE: RESULTS OF A SINGLE CENTER STUDY

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Aims This retrospective, chart review of prospectively collected data evaluates the clinical outcomes of patients who were treated with MUSE for GERD in a single center.

Methods All patients who underwent MUSE at our endoscopy center between May 2015 and June 2018 were retrospectively identified from a prospective database, collected and analyzed. The procedure was offered to patients with GERD who required and responded to pharmacological therapy. Symptoms were evaluated with a validated clinical score – GERD-HRQL score – and by monitoring the use and dosage of PPIs. Clinical success was defined by ≥50% reduction of the dosage of PPI and by the GERD-HRQL score (≥50% reduction compared to baseline or normalization ≤10] of the score).

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<td>median % TRT (SD)</td>
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<td>median DeMeester Score (SD)</td>
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A total of 25 patients underwent MUSE during the study period (mean age 52 ± 13, 64% males). Five patients did not complete the minimum 6-month follow-up and were excluded from analysis. One patient was lost to follow-up immediately after treatment. A median follow-up of 13.9 (6–36 months) was available for 19 patients. At the date of the last visit, clinical success was achieved in 69% of patients (11 patients discontinued PPI and 2 patients take <50% of the initial dosage). GERD-HRQL score was normalized or improved by ≥50% compared to baseline in 11 patients (58%). % TRT score was normal in 10/15 patients (66.6%) with post-operative pH-monitoring study.

Conclusions Our study confirms the safety and efficacy of the MUSE procedure for the treatment of GERD.

ePP206  ULTRASOUND-GUIDED TRANSORAL FUNDOPLICATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE: RESULTS UP TO 24 MONTHS FROM A SINGLE-CENTER PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims Transoral incisionless fundoplication (TIF) with the MUSE system is a new ultrasound-guided intervention for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). Aim of this study was to assess the safety of TIF with MUSE and its effects on clinical, pathophysiological and endoscopic results.

Methods TAF with MUSE was performed in a series of consecutive patients (pts) with symptomatic GERD, in a single-center study. All pts underwent GERD-Related Quality of Life (GERD-HRQL) and Reflux Symptom Index (RSI) questionnaires, upper gastrointestinal endoscopy, 24 h esophageal pH-impedance recording and high-resolution esophageal manometry (HRM) before, 6 months and 12 months after TIF (HRM only before and 6 months after). Symptoms questionnaires and proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) consumption were also investigated at 24 months. Data were compared to baseline using Fisher test for frequencies and Wilcoxon test for nonparametric data.

Results Thirty-seven pts underwent TIF. In two cases it wasn’t possible to perform esophageal intubation with the endostapler and perforation occurred in two cases. Clinical follow-up was completed in 29, 23 and 16 pts at 6, 12 and 24 months, respectively. Compared to baseline, median symptoms scores and PPIs consumption were significantly improved after TIF. Endoscopic follow-up was completed in 28 and 22 pts at 6 and 12 months, with 5 and 4 pts who had esophagitis, respectively. Pathophysiological follow-up was completed in 19 and 15 pts at 6 and 12 months, respectively. Compared to baseline, 6 months after TIF there were a significantly lower number of acid, proximal and total refluxes, detected by esophageal impedance and a significantly increase of lower esophageal sphincter length, esophagogastric junction contractile integral (Ejg-CI) and of peristaltic waves rate, detected by HRM.

Conclusions Our data showed TIF by MUSE safe and effective, allowing a significant improvement of symptoms scores and a significant reduction of PPIs consumption and refluxes number, detected by esophageal impedance.

ePP207  ANTI-REFLUX MUCOSECTOMY (ARMS) IN THE TREATMENT OF REFRACTORY GASTRO-ESOPHAGEAL REFLUX (GERD): PILOT STUDY EVALUATING THE FEASIBILITY AND SAFETY

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Aims There is no validated endoscopic treatment of GERD. Esophageal mucosectomy is a reference technique, and induce a tunnel shrinking at the esogastric junction (EGJ). Thus, we propose a pilot study to evaluate the feasibility and the safety of the ARMS procedure in refractory GERD, and to document its efficacy (disappearance of the main symptom and RDQ score).

Methods This was a monocentric retrospective study of consecutive patients with GERD refractory to PPI’s, without motility disorder, treated by ARMS. Patients with esophagitis or a hiatal hernia >2 cm were excluded. The procedures were performed in ambulatory, with a therapeutic gastroscopy, CO2 insufflation, and using the Duette system (Cook Endoscopy, USA). A mucosectomy of the 3/4 of the circumference of the EGJ was performed, extended...
to both esophageal and gastric sides. The patients received oral PPI for one month and were evaluated every 3 months.

**Results**

19 patients were included, aged of 53 years old [32 – 88]. The main symptom was pyrosis in 74% of cases (n = 14), the others being regurgitations, thoracic pain, recurrent cough/sinusitis.

The procedure was feasible in 100% of the cases. There were no acute complications. Six patients (30%) had moderate dysphagia at one month, three of them requiring one endoscopic dilation (12 mm).

The follow-up was 6 to 18 months, and five patients were lost on follow-up. Among the 14 other, the efficacy on the main symptom was complete in 57.4% of cases, partial in 7.1% and absent in 35.5% of the cases. A significant decreasing of RDQ was observed after the treatment 41.2 ± 6.7 vs. 20.1 ± 5.1 (p = 0.0026).

**Conclusions**

ARMS for treating refractory GERD is simple, feasible and safe, and could be realized in ambulatory. The efficacy rate was 64.5%, but has to be clarified, after a technical standardization of the procedure and rigorous selection of patients.

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**ePP208 EFFICACY OF ENDOSCOPIC VACUUM ASSISTED CLOSURE TREATMENT FOR POSTOPERATIVE ANASTOMOTIC LEAK OF GASTRIC CANCER**

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**Aims**

Endoscopic vacuum assisted closure (EVAC) has been attempted as new non-surgical treatment option for anastomotic leakage. We evaluate the clinical outcomes of EVAC and compare efficacy with self-expandable metallic stents (SEMS) in post-gastrectomy leakage.

**Methods**

Between Jan 2010 and Feb 2018, total 39 cases of anastomotic leak after gastrectomy for treatment of gastric cancer were reviewed. Twenty-eight patients were treated with SEMS only, 7 patients were treated with EVAC after SEMS failure, and 4 patients were treated with EVAC only. We compared clinical characteristics and therapeutic outcomes between EVAC (N = 11) and SEMS (N = 28).

**Results**

Median follow up duration of EVAC and SEMS were 17 months (range, 0 – 48). All cases treated with EVAC were healing successfully (100%) and did not occurred mortality. Two cases of treatment failure (7.1%) including 1and case of mortality (3.6%) were occurred in patients who treated with SEMS. Median duration of EVAC treatment (15 days [6 – 47]) was shorter than SEMS (36 days [7 – 108]; p < 0.001). Relatively larger size leakage was treated successfully with EVAC (median 2.1 cm [1.5 – 3.3] in EVAC and 1.0 cm [0.2 – 2.5] in SEMS; p < 0.001). Median weight loss at first outpatient department visit after treatment was 8 kg (-3 to 15) in EVAC and 9 kg (2 to 20) in SEMS. The duration of antibiotics use was similar between two groups as median 27.5 days (10 – 94) and 23.5 days (0 – 79). After EVAC therapy, 1 case of anastomotic stenosis was occurred at 147 days after EVAC removal. (9.1%). In SEMS therapy, 4 cases (14.3%) of anastomotic stenosis occurred at median 102 days (29 – 319).

**Conclusions**

EVAC can be effective endoscopic treatment option for post-gastrectomy anastomotic leak. Considering of the leak size may be important when determining treatment options. Further large number randomized controlled trials are needed to define efficacy of EVAC.

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**ePP209 COMBINATION ENDOSCOPIC THERAPY USING ENDSponge AND OVER-THE-SCOPE-CLIP FOR THE THERAPY OF COMPLEX GASTROINTESTINAL LEAKS AND DEHISCENCES**

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**Aims**

To evaluate the success, safety and complications rates of an endoscopic approach using sponge and over-the-scope clips to close large endoluminal GI defects.

**Methods**

Retrospective, observational study at two institutions during a 24-months period. The following over-the-scope clips were used preferentially: 12/6t, 12/6gc and 14/6t. The sponge (Braun Melsungen, Germany) was used as manufactured or adapted to the size of the defect.

**Results**

During the study period we treated a total of 13 patients (9 male, 4 female, mean age 58.9 years; range 38 to 73) with large fistulae or perforations. The mean ASA socre was 3.5, range 3 – 4. Seven patients were critically ill at the time of consultation, with large perforation or intrabdominal abscess. The etiology of the GI defects involving the esophagus (n = 3), stomach (n = 3), small bowel N = 2 and colon (n = 5), including Boerhaave’s syndrome n = 2, leak after gastric sleeve n = 2, colorectal anastomotic leak n = 5, lung abscess with tracheoesophageal fistula (n = 1), combined retropitoneal and pleural abscesses (n = 1), enterocutaneous fistula in Crohn’s (n = 1), radiation-induced rectovesical fistula (n = 1). The defects were treated sequentially by endoscopic lavage and debridement, followed by insertion of sponge. Once the cavity decreased in size the sponge was exchanged or removed and the smaller diameter defect was closed using one or more over-the-scope clips. The mean number of procedures was 3, range 2 – 5. Successful closure of the GI defect and resolution of the abscess was achieved in eight patients (61%). There were no adverse events related.

**Conclusions**

The use of combination sponge and over-the-scope clip appears promising for the treatment of complex GI endoluminal defects, especially when patients are poor surgical candidates and are critically ill. In up to 60% of patients the therapy was successful, suggesting that this approach should be added to the armamentarium of the advanced endoscopist.

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**ePP210 STANDARDIZED PROACTIVE ENDOSCOPIC AND SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH BOERHAAVE SYNDROME TO REDUCE MORTALITY: A RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS**

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**Aims**

Boerhaave Syndrome (BS) is a post emetic transmural rupture of the oesophagus. It is a devastating event associated with a high morbidity and mortality rate. Enteric leakage into the thoracic or abdominal cavity causes mediastinitis, sepsis and multisystem organ failure. New strategy combining minimal invasive tools and interdisciplinary therapy was introduced to treat patients with a rupture of the oesophagus following a standard operating procedure.
Methods  We review treatment results of BS patients treated in a 10 year period started in 2007 at our university hospital.
Results  12 patients with BS were detected during this period. All BS-patients were treated at intensive care units. One patient died within 72 days of the oesophageal rupture. Patients treated following the interdisciplinary strategy survived sepsis and recovered independently of latency between start of symptoms and start of therapy.
Conclusions  Proactive interdisciplinary approach following the SOP in patients with BS was associated with a mortality rate of 8.33% and a 30-days-mortality of 0% respectively. We present this successful treatment strategy for patients with BS.

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ePP211  ENDOSCOPIC BALLOON DILATATION IN CHILDREN WITH PARTIAL GASTRIC OUTLET OBSTRUCTION

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Aims  To demonstrate our own experience with endoscopic balloon dilatation (EBD) in children with partial GOO caused by after ulcerous stenosis of the antral part of the stomach.
Methods  From June 2013 to November 2018 we treated six children with diagnosis ‘GOO’ caused by after ulcerous stenosis of the antrum. We offered EBD as an alternative to surgery. Endoscopic balloon dilatation was performed under general anesthesia using endoscopes Olympus and through-the-scope esophageal/pyloric dilating balloons Boston Scientific and Balton with variable diameters from 6 to 12 mm.
Results  Surgical resection of the antral-pyloric region was performed to one child because her parents wanted. The other five children were successfully applied EBD. Patients underwent 1 – 10 dilating sessions (mean 4.8/patient). Estimated antrum diameter prior to dilation ranged from 2 mm to 6 mm (mean 3.0). Following dilation, diameter of the antrum increased to 10 to 12 mm (mean 11.0) at final endoscopy. In patients requiring a single dilating session (n = 1), predilation antrum size was 6 mm, which increased to of 10 mm. In patients requiring multiple dilating sessions (n = 4), pre-dilation antrum size was a mean of 2.25 mm (range 2 – 3 mm), which increased to a mean of 11.25 mm (range 10 – 12 mm). All patients had good long-term response, with follow-up of 2 – 62 months (mean 27.4). To get sustainable results in maintaining patency of the gastric outlet is necessary to conduct a series of repeated EBD, the amount of which depends on the individual characteristics of the child.
Conclusions  Endoscopic balloon dilatation is an effective method of restoring patency output of the stomach, which avoids surgery. It can be recommended as a method of choice for children with partial GOO caused by after ulcerous stenosis.

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ePP214  PREVALENCE OF SMALL BOWEL POLYPS IN PATIENTS WITH ACROMEGALY BY USING CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY

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Aims  The prevalence of colonic polyposis is higher in acromegalic patients compared to normal population. Only one study shows an increased prevalence of polyps in small bowel in acromegalic population. The objective of this study is to assess the prevalence of polyps in the small bowel in acromegalic patients using capsule endoscopy (CE).
Methods  A prospective, comparative, observational study was performed in patients with acromegaly. The presence of polyposis was evaluated in this population, comparing it against patients with CE due to other causes (abdominal pain, chronic diarrhea and anemia). Gastric transit time (ITT) and intestinal transit time (ITT) of the CE, incomplete visualization and complications were also analyzed.
Results  There were included 61 patients per group, acromegalic patients (AC) had a median age of 55.9 years old (IQR 46, 64) and 37.7% were female, non-acromegalic patients (NAC) had a median age of 56 years (IQR 37, 69) and 62.3% were female. The CE GTT of the AC was 26 min (IQR 10, 96) and 23 min (IQR 12, 51) in the NAC group (p = 0.844). The CE ITT of the AC was 302.26 min (± 115.35) and 263.37 (± 102.68) in the NAC (p = 0.019). The small bowel incomplete visualization in the AC was of 9 cases (14.8%) and 11 cases (18%) in the NAC. There were 6 (9.8%) patients with polyps found in the CE of the AC group and 1 patient with polyps (1.6%) in the NAC group, with an odds ratio of 6.54 (95% CI, 0.76 – 56.10, p = 0.052). There were no complications in either group.
Conclusions  Patients with AC showed a higher CE ITT and more small bowel polyps with a statistical significance tendency.
**ePP215**  IS IT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE INFLAMMATORY ACTIVITY OF SMALL BOWEL CROHN’S DISEASE IN CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY USING THE ICCE CRITERIA?

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Aims A score to predict for small bowel capsule endoscopy (SBCE) in patients with suspected small bowel Crohn’s disease (CD) was proposed in 2006 at the International Conference on Capsule Endoscopy (ICCE). The Lewis score and the Capsule Endoscopy Crohn Disease Activity Index (CECDAI) scores are the most used endoscopic scores to evaluate the inflammatory activity in SBCE. The authors aimed to evaluate the usefulness of the ICCE criteria to predict the severity of small bowel CD in SBCE.

Methods Retrospective, single center study, including 49 SBCE of patients with small bowel CD. The ICCE criteria of each patient and LS and CECDAI scores of SBCE were evaluated and compared.

Results The mean age was 42.4 years (+13.4). 59.2% of patients were females and 65.3% fulfill the ICCE criteria for SBCE. The median LS and CECDAI scores were 565 and 9.0 (IQR: 225136 and 6.016), respectively. Patients without ICCE criteria had median [IQR] LS of 1012.0 [266.5–1354.0] and CECDAI of 12 [8.5 – 17.5] compared to 395.0 [225.0 – 1510.0] (p = 0.4) and 9.0 [4.5 – 15.0] (p = 0.3) in patients with ICCE criteria. No correlation between the sum of items evaluated by the ICCE criteria with the LS (p = 0.5) and CECDAI (p = 0.5) was found. A good correlation between the LS and CECDAI was confirmed (Rho = 0.875, p < 0.001).

Conclusions Although the ICCE criteria are useful to select patients with suspected CD to perform SBCE, these criteria are not useful to predict the severity of small bowel inflammatory activity in patients with established CD. Although the LS is more widely used, CECDAI is easier to calculate and has good correlation with LS.

**ePP216**  DIAGNOSTIC YIELD AND ACCURACY OF SMALL BOWEL ULTRASONOGRAPHY COMPARED TO CAPSULE ENTEROSCOPY FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF SMALL BOWEL DISEASES

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Aims Capsule endoscopy (VCE) is considered the reference standard for the assessment of small bowel disorders since it has the highest diagnostic yield for the detection of luminal and mucosal alterations. There are no studies comparing VCE with small bowel ultrasonography (B-US): the aim of this study was to compare the diagnostic yield of VCE and B-US in the diagnosis of small bowel disorders.

Methods We retrospectively enrolled 159 patients undergoing VCE and B-US for the following indications: obscure gastrointestinal bleedings, suspect or follow-up of known complicated celiac disease, chronic diarrhoea or malabsorption syndromes. The interval between the two exams had to be inferior to one year. We evaluated the diagnostic yields of the two techniques. The accuracy of small bowel ultrasonography was determined using VCE as the reference standard.

Results The diagnostic yields calculated in the whole sample were 55% for VCE and 33% for B-US (P < 0.05). The subgroups analysis showed that VCE ability to detect pathological signs is higher; there was a statistical significant difference between the diagnostic performances of the two techniques in patients with OGIB (62% vs. 14%, P < 0.05) and suspect or known complicated celiac diseases (55% vs. 35%, P = 0.05), while the difference was not statistically significant among patients with chronic diarrhoea and malabsorption syndromes (51% vs. 46%, P = 0.8).

Conclusions Compared to B-US, VCE is more accurate to detect lesions in patients with OGIB and suspect or known complicated celiac disease. B-US could have a role in the screening of celiac disease complications, as it was able to detect patients with severe complications (RCD II, EATL, adenocarcinoma). In patients with chronic diarrhoea and malabsorption syndromes the use of VCE should be proposed earlier in the diagnostic process for its ability to detect clinically relevant lesions.

**ePP199**  APP (AMBERG-PERFORATION-PROJECT) – DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY, SYSTEMATIC APPROACH FOR ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF IATROGENIC PERFORATION IN A GERMAN SECONDARY REFERRAL CENTER

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Aims In recent years there has been a shift of paradigm in the management of iatrogenic gastrointestinal perforations from surgical towards primary endoscopic management. In order to establish and evaluate this concept in our own hospital, we developed the Amberg-perforation-Project.

Methods All perforations occurring in more than 18,000 consecutive gastrointestinal endoscopies in our department from 1/2014 until IV/2017 were recorded, evaluated, and followed-up prospectively. In-house SOPs were designed and communicated with all physicians in our hospital. Primary goal was endoscopic closure of the perforation.

Results In total, we observed 24 perforations in 18,627 consecutive endoscopies (0.13%):• EGD + push-enteroscopy: 7/9.508 (0.07%) (4 therapeutic/3 diagnostic)• colonoscopy + sigmoidoscopy, diagnostic: 3/6.958 (0.04%)• polypectomy (including EMR/ESD): 4/1.577 (0.25%)• ERCP: 9/1.537 (0.59%)• EUS: 1/642 (0.16%)

In addition, 24 cases of extraluminal gas without detectable perforation could be identified: 12 post-polypectomy and 12 following ERCP (Stapfer-4). Diagnosis of perforation could be established within 12 hours in 95.8% (23/24) (in 20 cases during endoscopy). Initial therapeutic approach was surgical in 3 cases, conservative in 3 cases, and endoscopic in 17 cases (4x Clips, 10x OTSC, 3x SEMS). In 1 case no therapy could be performed (outpatient with delayed admittance to our emergency unit). Mortality was 4.2% (1/24). In 3 cases, patients had to be operated on secondary to endoscopic therapy. Endoscopic treatment showed a technical and a clinical success rate of 94.1% (16/17) and 87.5% (14/16) respectively.

Conclusions Primary endoscopic management of iatrogenic gastrointestinal perforations is safe and highly successful in everyday practice of a secondary referral center. Based on the findings of our study, we established a system for documentation and management of endoscopic complications (‘KEMS’), that was successfully integrated in our IT-based patient management system (KIS).
**ePP201** DIGESTIVE PERFORATIONS RELATED TO ENDOSCOPY PROCEDURES BEFORE AND AFTER ESGE GUIDELINES: A LOCAL MANAGEMENT CHARTER BASED ON LOCAL EVIDENCE AND EXPERTS OPINION

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**Aims** Perforations are a known side effect of endoscopic procedures. A proposal for appropriate management should be available in each center and shared with radiologists and surgeons as recommended by ESGE. The objective of our study was to analyze retrospectively the results of perforation management in our center before and after 2016, in order to create a management charter based on local evidence and opinion of local experts.

**Methods** Patients were included if they underwent partial or complete perforation, during an endoscopy. We compared the management and its results in two different periods before (2008–2015) and after the creation of a comprehensive local database (2016–2018). With these results, a panel of experts was questioned to propose a consensual management charter.

**Results** 105 patients with digestive perforation were included (51 between 2008 and 2015 and 54 after 2016). Perforations occurred mainly during therapeutic procedures (86.7%), with a significant increase since 2016 (96.3 versus 76.5%) (p < 0.002). Totally, 78 (74.3%) perforations were diagnosed immediately and closed during the procedure, with a clinical success of 88.5%. Closure was more effective in therapeutic (90.9%) than in diagnostic procedures (75.0%, p = 0.06). For perforations < 0.5 cm, regardless of location, endoscopic closure was effective in 97.4%, compared to 76.5% beyond 0.5 cm (p < 0.05). For perforations < 0.5 cm, systematic CT scan, antibiotics or surgical evaluation did not improve results.

**Conclusions** The detection of perforations and their closure during the procedure clearly improves the prognosis of patients with much less recourse to salvage surgery. Detection of perforations could become a quality criterion for endoscopic procedures. For incomplete (target sign) and complete perforations < 0.5 cm, endoscopic closure is almost always effective and therefore, the surgical evaluation, antibiotic therapy and CT scan could not be systematic but only in case of symptoms of leakage.

**esPP200** COLON POLYPECTOMY: PROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF RISK FACTORS FOR MAJOR COMPLICATIONS

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**Aims** Endoscopic excision of lesions in the colon is generally safe and decisively contributes for avoiding colorectal cancer. Complications such bleeding or perforation are well established. We intend to study the complications after colon polypectomy at our unit and to understand the risk factors associated.

**Methods** Prospective cohort study with registration of all polypectomies between October 2013 and October 2018, in a single center. Evaluation of patients' characteristics (comorbidities, medication), lesions' characteristics (location, size, morphology, SMSA score), complications and outcomes. Statistical analysis included descriptive statistics, Qui² test and multivariable regression.

**Results** Performed 3732 polypectomies, in 1761 patients, median age 66 years (IQR 8). Use of antiaggregant in 8% (n = 299), direct-acting oral anticoagulants (DOAC) in 5% (n = 186), warfarin in 3% (n = 120). Lesions were mostly sessile/flat (70%, n = 2640), in the left colon (55%, n = 2069), median size 10 mm (IQR 5). Median SMSA score was 6, with 9.6% scoring SMSA ≥ 3. Cold snare used in 30% and EMR in 9% of the lesions.

Complications occurred in 2.4% (n = 91), mostly bleeding (2%, n = 75) with mean time for delayed bleeding 6 days (+0.5). Four perforations and 12 post-polypectomy electrocoagulation syndrome. Readmission needed in 2.6% (n = 46), generating 183 days in hospital, 12 blood units transfused, surgery in 2 of the 4 perforations. No all-cause mortality registered. Risk factors for complications in multivariable regression were SMSA ≥ 3 (OR 7.6, IC 95% 3–20) and use of DOAC (OR 9, IC 95% 1.1–23) for delayed bleeding; EMR (OR 9, IC 95% 3–28) and SMSA ≥ 3 (OR 4, IC 95% 1.2–14) for post-polypectomy electrocoagulation syndrome. No risk factors were found for perforation.

**Conclusions** Complications in our unit occurred within recommended thresholds, although complex polyps have higher risks for complications recommending the use of the SMSA score for risk stratification. Patients under DOAC need extra caution in their management and might deserve further study.

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**eP2 VALIDATION OF A SCORE PREDICTING INADEQUATE BOWEL PREPARATION BEFORE COLONOSCOPY IN HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS**

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**Aims** Dik score* has been evaluated in the Netherlands to predict inadequate bowel preparation before colonoscopy among in- and out-patients. We aimed to validate it using a cohort of Greek inpatients.

**Methods** Post-hoc cohort analysis of the data from inpatients undergoing colonoscopy in 4 tertiary greek centers. Dik Score is calculated taking into account patient’s ASA Score, history of tricyclic antidepressants or opioid ingestion, history of diabetes mellitus, history of abdominal or pelvic surgery, history of inadequate bowel preparation and current hospitalization. The Area Under the Curve (AUROC) was used to calculate Dik score’s discriminative ability. For each cut-off we determined its sensitivity, specificity, positive (PPV) and negative prognostic value (NPV).

**Results** We enrolled 261 patients (161 ambulatory, 140 men, 70.7 ± 15.4 years old). In 89/261 (34.1%) patients bowel preparation was considered inadequate (BPPS < 6). Dik Score showed a sufficient discriminative ability for the entire cohort [AUROC (95% CI)=0.69 (0.62 – 0.76)], while it performed better among bedridden compared to ambulatory patients [0.75 (0.65 – 0.85) vs. 0.58 (0.48 – 0.68), respectively]. In the entire cohort sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV for score ≥ 2 and ≥ 3 were 81.6%, 44.3%, 43.3%, 82.2% and 59.8%, 68.9%, 50%, 76.7%, respectively. Among bedridden and ambulatory patients sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV for score ≥ 2 were 95.7%, 21.2%,
52.3%, 84.6% and 65%, 54.8%, 33.3%, 81.8%, respectively and for score ≥3 89.4%, 51.9%, 62.7%, 84.4% and 25%, 76.5%, 27%, 74.6%, respectively.

**Conclusions** In a cohort of Greek hospitalized patients Dik score ≥2 predicts sufficiently those with inadequate bowel preparation before colonoscopy. Moreover, among bedridden patients Dik score ≥3 can be used to further increase sensitivity without affecting specificity.

*Dik et al. Predicting inadequate bowel preparation for colonoscopy in participants receiving split-dose bowel preparation... Gastrointestinal Endoscopy 2012.*

**eP4 ESOPHAGEAL RETENTION OF RESIDUE FROM N-ACETYLCYSTEINE CAPSULE IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY**

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**Aims** N-acetylcysteine (NAC) is a mucolytic agent, and NAC solution has been used to improve visibility during upper gastrointestinal (UGI) endoscopy. On the other hand, NAC capsule may leave a residue in the esophagus and interfere clear mucosal visualization. This study aimed to assess the frequency of esophageal retention of residue from NAC capsule during UGI endoscopy.

**Methods** From January 2017 to December 2017, a total of 153 patients had 156 UGI endoscopy performed while taking NAC capsules. The endoscopic findings were reviewed retrospectively.

**Results** Esophageal retention of NAC capsule residue was observed in seven cases (4.5%). The mean age of patients was 66.0 ± 23.2 years old and four patients were female (57.1%). A patient underwent three endoscopic examinations during the study period, and the residue was observed only when the patient took the NAC capsule. Primary endoscopic diagnoses were sloughing esophagitis in 3 cases (42.9%) and only one case was correctly diagnosed as residue from NAC capsule (14.3%).

**Conclusions** Residue from NAC capsule, which may stay in the esophagus, interferes clear mucosal visualization and it can be misdiagnosed as esophagitis.

**eP5 FOCAL MYOSITIS AFTER ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION OF COLON LST**

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**Aims** Gastrointestinal endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) is a procedure to remove early-stage cancer and precancerous growths from the lining of the digestive tract. Post-polypectomy coagulation syndrome, thermal injury, bleeding, perforation, peritonitis, appendicitis could happen after EMR. Myositis following EMR was focused on this study.

**Methods** 58-year-old male was diagnosed with 2 cm-sized cecal LST (laterally spreading tumor). He was referred to our hospital and admitted for treatment. He had a history of surgery for left colon cancer and ampulla of vater cancer. EMR was performed, and 8h after the procedure, the patient experienced severe right inguinal pain with fever of 38.2°C. Laboratory test revealed a WBC count of 33910/mm³, neutrophil count for 26720/mm³, CRP level of 10.6 independently leading to inflammatory response. Whole abdomen CT was performed, and there was an abnormally swelling of right iliacus muscle with perimuscular fluid collection. Notably, there was no abnormality in the right colon at the site where EMR was performed on CT. Myositis of the right iliacus muscle was diagnosed. Intravenous antibiotics (piperacillin/tazobactam) was initiated on the next day after EMR, and massive fluid therapy with crystalloid was performed. After administrating antibiotics for 3 days, there was no longer fever and laboratory test revealed a WBC count of 14470/mm³ and CRP level of 5.12. The patient got improved and discharged on 8th post-polypectomy day. Pathological analysis revealed a cecal tubular adenoma with moderate dysplasia.

**Results** Several predictable causes can exist such as post-polypectomy coagulation syndrome (PPCS), transmural burn syndrome, infection after submuco-osal saline injection. Also, it is possible that more than one mechanism contributes to the inflammatory process.

**Conclusions** Here, we reported a case of focal myositis following EMR of a cecal LST, which was successfully treated with antibiotics. Myositis of the iliacus muscle following EMR is extremely rare and cecal EMR may be rare cause of myositis.

**eP6 INFLUENCE OF ENDOSCOPY EXPERIENCE, COMORBIDITIES AND PATIENTS AGE ON THE COMPLICATIONS AND DOSE OF SEDATION ON ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND**

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**Aims** To investigate the influence of endosonographer experience and patient related factors on the complications and dose of sedation by EUS.

**Methods** Our retrospective study included EUS investigations performed between 01/2015 – 10/2018. An experienced endosonographer has performed at least 150 EUS examinations including 50 interventions. Sedation related complications were defined as cardiorespiratory instability with oxygen saturation drop below 85% and/or prolonged hypotonia.

**Results** 469 EUS were analyzed (39.3% interventional). The median dose of Propofol and Midazolam were: 140 (30 – 540) mg and (1 – 7) mg, respectively. Sedation related complications were documented in 1.5% of cases. All patients had a transient, non fatal respiratory insufficiency.57.2% of the patients who developed complications were > 75 years. Cardiac and/or pulmonary co-morbidities were present in 85.7% of patients with complications. The endosonographer experience did not influence the complications rate (57.1% vs.42.9%, p = 0.99). The Propofol dose was significantly higher in interventional vs. diagnostic EUS:200 (30 – 480) mg vs.120 (30 – 540) mg, p < 0.0001. The Midazolam dose was similar: 3 (1 – 7) mg vs. 3 (2 – 7) mg, p = 0.06. In both diagnostic and interventional EUS, patients with comorbidities and older age received significant less sedation. Experienced endosonographers used less sedation than trainees (Table1).

**Tab. 1 Factors influencing dose of sedation by EUS**

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**Conclusions** Endosonography experience, patients age and comorbidities had a significant influence on sedation dose. Sedation-related complications occurred only in 1.5% of cases.
eP7 PROPOFOL SEDATION IN COLONOSCOPY: FROM SATISFIED PATIENTS TO IMPROVED QUALITY INDICATORS

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Aims Propofol mediated sedation (PMS) is safe and is clearly associated with increased patient satisfaction. However, whether it results in a favourable effect on colonoscopy outcomes and performance compared to standard sedation with benzodiazepines/opiates remains unclear. This current study aims to determine the effect of PMS on colonoscopy quality measures compared to traditional sedation.

Methods A large cohort of 44,794 patients who underwent sedated colonoscopies over a 15-year period were included. Colonoscopy quality indicators including polyp detection rate (PDR), cecal intubation rate (CIR) as well as terminal ileum intubation rate (TIR) were examined in benzodiazepines/opiates sedated patients and compared with PMS group. Within PMS group a dose-dependent effect was assessed, and outcome of endoscopist directed PMS procedures were compared with anaesthesia provider PMS ones. Adjustment for potential confounders such as age, sex, quality of bowel preparation, procedural setting and indication was performed.

Results Patients who received PMS were more likely to have an enhanced PDR (22.8% vs. 20.9%; P < 0.001), as well as CIR (90.4% vs. 87.3%; P < 0.001), and TIR (6.4% vs. 1.6%; P < 0.001). In multivariate analysis, these findings were maintained, as PMS use was significantly associated with improved PDR (OR = 1.08, 95% CI = 1.03 – 1.13; P = 0.029), CIR (OR = 1.33, 95% CI = 1.25 – 1.42; P < 0.001) and TIR (OR = 4.72, 95% CI = 4.19 – 5.31; P < 0.0001). In the PMS group, a clear dose dependent effect was demonstrated. In the same group anaesthesiology-provider administered PMS was associated with an increased PDR (26.3% vs. 22.5%; P < 0.01), but not with an improved CIR (84.1% vs. 91%; P < 0.01) or TIR (6.6% vs. 3.8%; P < 0.01).

Conclusions Propofol mediated sedation during colonoscopy is associated, in a dose-dependent manner, with a better examination performance and improved outcomes. Further prospective or randomised trials to support these findings are warranted.

eP8 USE OF MOBILE PORTABLE ENDOSCOPY UNIT FOR GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES IN RESOURCE LIMITED RURAL REGION OF INDIA: WHAT WERE THE OUTCOMES?

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Aims The aim of this study was to evaluate the role of mobile portable endoscopy unit in patients with gastro-intestinal diseases in resource limited areas of rural India.

Methods The current study is a retrospective cohort study which included patients from rural areas of central part of two states in four centers during period of May 2017 to September 2018. Endoscopic procedures were performed in patients with gastrointestinal complaints either for outpatient or admitted inpatients, using portable mobile endoscopy unit (TELE PACK X GI by Karl Storz Endoskope, Germany).

Results Total 256 endoscopic procedures were performed in 248 patients. Endoscopic procedures were performed for both inpatients and out patients were 22.3% (57/256) and 77.7% (199/256) respectively. Of the 256 procedures, 162 were males, and 86 were females. Upper G1 endoscopy (UGI) was performed in 184 and Colonoscopy in 72 patients. Dyspepsia (27%) and altered bowel habits (20.6%) was the most common symptom for performing upper GI endoscopy and colonoscopy. Reflux esophagitis (44.6%) was the most common finding in UGE performed. The incidence of esophageal varices – 22.8%, hiatus haemia and gastric varices – 9.8%, the incidence of carcinoma esophagus was more than carcinoma that is, 2.1% and 1.1% respectively. Incidence of colonic polyp was 7.2%. Therapeutic procedures during UGE 28.3% (52/184) and colonoscopy 11.1% (08/72) were also performed under propofol sedation and monitored by trained anesthesiologist. No procedure or sedation related complications occurred. Endoscopic variceal band ligation and polypectomy were the most common therapeutic procedures performed in 56.6% and 11.6 respectively.

Conclusions Reflux esophagitis was the most common finding in diagnostic study and variceal band ligation was most common therapeutic procedure performed. Performing both diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy using mobile portable endoscopy unit is safe and carries significant positive health impact on population in resource limited rural areas.

eP9 ENDOSCOPY FOR PATIENTS PRESENTING WITH ACUTE UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING ON A DEDICATED SATURDAY IN-PATIENT LIST

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Aims We aimed to investigate patients’ outcomes and the impact on services following establishment of a Saturday in-patient endoscopy list in our center.

Methods We retrospectively reviewed and analysed upper Gastro-Intestinal (UGI) endoscopy reports for all patients presenting with UGI bleeding patients who were scoped on Saturday in-patient list between 01/07/2017 & 21/04/2018. We assessed patients' demographics, time interval between referral & test, length of stay (LOS) post procedure, 4 weeks post procedure morbidity/mortality and the use of therapeutic interventions among the patients.

Results 72 gastroscopies were done for AUGIB within the selected period. 7 patients (10.6%) needed repeat gastroscopy within 4 weeks after the initial procedure (6 patients due to suspected re-AUGIB), while 5 patients (8%) died within 4 weeks. 1 patient’s death was related to AUGIB. Two patients died after 4 weeks secondary to non AUGIB related cause. 7 patients were then excluded due to prolonged hospital stay post gastroduodenoscopy because of non AUGIB reasons. A subgroup consisting of the remaining 58 patients who were discharged was further analysed. Mean age is 65.9 +/- 18.4 years. The mean time interval between referral and having the test was 1.05 +/- 0.83 days. The median LOS post procedure was 3 days (IQR: 25%-4, 75%=5.25). Mortality rate & number of patients requiring endoscopic therapy was higher among the group who had the test within 24 hours of referral compared to other patients; (9.1 Vs 0.00%, p Value = 0.33) & (24.4% Vs 11.8%, p Value = 0.48) respectively. 13 patients (22%) were discharged over the weekend.

Conclusions Establishing a dedicated elective Saturday in-patient endoscopy list is safe, feasible and beneficial. It has shortened the hospital stay for a good portion of patients. AUGIB patients who get scoped within 24 hours of presentation will likely need therapeutic intervention.

eP10 CLINICAL AND ENDOSCOPIC ASPECTS OF METASTASES TO THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

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Aims Characterize the endoscopic aspects of metastases to the gastrointestinal tract and analyze the survival rate of this patients.

Methods A retrospective, single center, observational study, between January 2009 to December 2017. All patients with metastatic lesions to the GI tract with histological confirmation were included. Hematologic cancers, Kaposi sarcoma and tumors with direct invasion were excluded.

Results In this period, 54,478 endoscopic exams were performed and 95 patients had diagnosis of GI metastasis (GIMs). There were 49 men and 46 women, with a mean age of 58.9 years. The principle indication for endoscopy was abdominal pain (31.6%) and the most common primary malignancy was melanoma (25.3%), followed by lung (15.8%) and breast cancer (14.7%). The incidence of GIMs in patients with melanoma was 2.2%, in lung cancer was 0.4% and in breast cancer was 0.15. The most common site of metastasis in the GI tract was the stomach (63.2%) and the most common endoscopic presentation was a solitary, ulcerated lesion in the gastric body. The overall mean and median survival rates were respectively 13.3 months (CI 95% 8.2 – 18.3), and 4.7 months (CI 95% – 3.7 – 5.6). The mean and the median survival rates for patients that received palliative treatment (68 patients) were higher compared with the patients that just received supportive care (27 patients). Mean survival rate: 14.62 versus 7.98 months; median 5.47 versus 1.46 months. The comparison of the Kaplan-Meier survival curves between these two groups is different with chi-square test of 6.85 and Log Rank p value = 0.009.

Conclusions Melanoma, breast and lung cancer were the most common metastasis to the GIT. The stomach was the main site of the metastatic lesions. The patients that received palliative treatment before the diagnosis of the GI metastasis had a longer survival rate than patients that received only supportive care.

eP11 ERCP WITH THE PENTAX ED 34-i10T2 WITH DISPOSABLE ELEVATOR CAP VERSUS STANDARD DUODENOSCOPE

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Aims The germ-free processing of endoscopes is a central issue regarding patient safety in endoscopy. Especially duodenoscopes with the additional mechanism of the albaran lever are critical. With the ED-34-i10T2 Pentax Medical introduced a new duodenoscope. It is almost identical to the standard duodenoscope but it contains a disposable elevator cap which has to be changed after every use.

Methods We investigated the ED-34-i10T2 in routine clinical practice and compared it to the standard duodenoscope regarding time to the papilla duodeni, time until intubation of the common bile duct and time for the manual pre-cleaning of the endoscope. Furthermore the examiner and the endoscopic nurse were questioned about the subjective handling during endoscopy and the cleaning of the endoscope. Complications were recorded.

Results We did 37 ERCPs with the standard duodenoscope and 34 ERCPs with the ED-34-i10T2. The average time to the papilla duodeni was similar with 73.5 vs. 81.2 seconds. The time until intubation of the common bile duct was on average 745.7 seconds vs. 391.3 seconds. The mean time for the manual pre-cleaning was 305 seconds vs. 324.9 seconds. Because of heterogenous individual values there was no statistical significance. With the standard duodenoscope there was one bleeding after papillotomy and two patients with a post-ERC pancreatitis. With the ED-34-i10T2 there was one bleeding and one post-ERC pancreatitis. The feeling from the examiner was that with the disposable elevator cap the fixation of the guidewire and use of the fiberoptic cholangioscope was easier. The cleaning was subjective more comfortable with the ED-34-i10T2 because of the disposable elevator cap.

Conclusions In summary there was no significant difference between the new ED-34-i10T2 with the disposable elevator cap and the standard duodenoscope regarding handling, complications and time for the examination or cleaning in clinical practice. The risk of cross-contamination with potential infectious germs could be reduced.

eP12 WHO SHOULD ADMINISTER SEDATION DURING ERCP – ANESTHESIOLOGIST, INTENSIVIST OR ENDOSCOPIST? A COMPARATIVE PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims To compare safety and effectiveness of sedation during ERCP (eSERCp) regarding which medical doctor directs it.

Methods A comparative prospective non-randomized study done in daily practice. Consecutive patients who underwent to ERCP were collected at two centers. January 2017-May 2018. Sedation was directed either by an endoscopist (endoscopist-directed propofol: EDP), on Monday or by an intensivist (intensivist-administered propofol: IAP), on Wednesday or by an anesthesiologist (monitored anesthesia care: MAC), on Thursday. The safety was measured by the appearance of serious adverse events (SAE) and the effectiveness, by the cancelled ERCP rate, sedation time and patient position that determined ease of ERCP and quality of radiologic images.

Results 454 patients (Age: 72.7 ± 15.7y; women: 54.63%): 147 into EDP group, 137, IAP group and 170, MAC group. The endoscopist had the largest experience in eSERCp (> 100 procedures): 98%, p = 0.000 and he administrated only propofol in 81.9%, the intensivist administrated propofol plus midazolam in 78.7% and anesthesiologist, propofol plus other agents (i.e. opioids, ketamine) in 86.2%, p = 0.000. The sedation was deepest in MAC, Observers’s (OAAS): 5.19 ± 0.6, p = 0.015. Similarly, in this group the lateral decubitus position was most frequent (31.6%, p = 0.000), which determined the worst radiologic image (17.8%, p = 0.000). The sedation time was shortest in IAP: 44.4 ± 1.8 min, p = 0.023.

Conclusions Our data suggest that eSERCp is safer and more effective when is administered by an expert nursing team directed by an endoscopist.

eP14 ENDOSCOPIC REMOVAL OF A MIGRATED ENDOSCOPIC DUODENOJEJUNAL BYPASS (ENDOBARRIER) WHICH HAD EMBEDDED ITS BARBWIRES INTO THE ANGLE OF TREITZ

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Aims A 56-year-old patient with obesity (BMI 55) underwent placement of a duodenojejunal bypass (Endobarrier). Nine months after the procedure he presented complaining of severe abdominal pain and hematemesis.

Methods A nasogastric tube was placed. A CT scan of the abdomen showed acute pancreatitis and migration and incarceration of the Endobarrier to the distal duodenum (Figure, Video). After the patient was stabilized, including
transfusion of one unit of blood, endoscopy was performed under general anesthesia.

**Results**
The stomach was filled coffee ground material and food rests. Reaching the migrated Endobarrier was impossible with a gastroscope. Thus a colonoscope was used. The metallic barbs were seen but they were anchored against the mucosa, causing lacerations and bleeding. Therefore, the scope was removed and a "colon" overtube (US Endoscopy) with a pediatric colonoscope was inserted into the stomach. The third duodenum was reached. Fluoroscopy assistance was necessary to locate the overtube, scope and also the metal barbs of the Endobarrier. Once the anchor site was reached we were able to collapse the anchor using the grasper and always under Fluoroscopy for visualization. The barbs were slowly but steadily pulled into the overtube and the device was detached from its embedded site and gradually brought into the stomach (Figure, Video). Once in the stomach we continued to pull the whole anchor into the overtube. We checked with both endoscopic and fluoroscopic views to ensure everything was safely in the tube and fully removed the device out of the esophagus. Relook endoscopy showed no active bleeding. A through-the-scope water-soluble contrast enterography demonstrated luminal integrity without leaks or perforation. The patient’s clinical status improved and he was discharged home two days later.

**Conclusions**
This case demonstrates a severe complication of endoscopic duodenojugal bypass device (Endobarrier) and its endoscopic resolution using techniques and measures from the "extreme endoscopy toolbox".

### eP15 RISK STRATIFICATION AT THE FRONT DOOR FOR NON-VARICEAL GI BLEEDS AND ITS EFFECT ON GI REFERRAL AND ENDOSCOPIC ASSESSMENT

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**Aims**
Upper gastrointestinal bleeding (UGIB) has high inpatient mortality and so early risk-stratification is essential. We seek to establish the impact of non-specialist risk stratification with Glasgow-Blatchford score (GBS) on timeliness of specialist referral and endoscopy. An electronic proforma had been introduced to the emergency and medical departments to improve this process.

**Methods**
40 patients admitted to a university hospital between January and July 2018 with non-variceal UGIB were identified. The following information was collected: the score (or retrospectively calculated score if not done by the admitting clinician), time to referral to specialty, time to endoscopy.

**Results**
GBS was documented in 25%. Those with GBS of 0–1 were discharged without referral to specialty or inpatient investigations more often. 67% of low risk patients were referred within 24h if GBS was not calculated. When GBS was not calculated, 33% with scores 0–1 had a next day endoscopy. When GBS was calculated 0% with score 0–1 underwent endoscopy.

**Conclusions**
The electronic tool was practically not used and only a quarter of patients on admission were risk-stratified using a GBS score. There seems to be excess referrals for specialty assessment for low risk patients when there is no subjective risk assessment. Whether GBS was calculated or not, the referral time to the GI team does not seem to correlate with the score. This implies that the application of GBS may not be well understood among non-specialist clinicians. There might be factors such as time of the assessment (in- vs. out-of-hours when the GI team are not on site), co-morbidities (e.g. ongoing sepsis or the patient is too frail for endoscopy) and subjective assessment of the risk instead of an objective one that guide the admitting clinician to the referral and need for a scope.

### eP16 KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES: USE OF ADJUVANT TECHNOLOGY BY IRISH GASTROENTEROLOGY TRAINEES

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**Aims**
Use of accessory devices and additional techniques in upper and lower endoscopy is always evolving. Incorporating this equipment into routine practice requires initiative often depending on the budget of the unit and the endoscopy department itself.

The aim was to establish the availability and use of specialised equipment and accessory devices readily available to trainees in Ireland.

**Methods**
A survey was distributed to gastroenterology trainees working in Ireland over a four week period. Use of foot pump, scope guide, CO2, simeticone, endocuff, cap, NBI, and chromo-endoscopy was explored in addition to patient repositioning.

**Results**
There were 31 respondents; 29 were included for analysis. Responses were identified from 10 hospital sites. Only 48% of trainees have a formal training list and 52% have been scoping for 4 years or more. Typically 39% of trainees use a foot pump and 38% use a scope guide for colonoscopy. Lack of availability (82%, 47% respectively) was frequently cited among non-users. Only 38% typically use CO2 during colonoscopies while just 10% use simeticone. 78% reported CO2 wasn’t always available to them, whereas trainees don’t find simeticone useful (35%). To aid polyp detection 68% typically reposition the patient. Trainees that don’t report they don’t find repositioning useful (56%). Almost two thirds of trainees typically use NBI. Those who don’t report lack of confidence (33%). Only 18% typically use a cap for polypectomy. Among non-users, 35% haven’t been taught how to use it. Only 11% typically use endocuff. Among non-users, 36% said it wasn’t readily available to them. Only 26% typically use chromo-endoscopy (methylene blue/acetic acid).

**Conclusions**
Many newer accessory devices and technology are not utilised among trainees mainly due to lack of availability or training. Addressing these issues may improve quality of endoscopy training in Ireland.

### eP17 USE OF ENDOSCOPE CLASSIFICATIONS AMONGST TRAINEES IN IRELAND

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**Aims**
Use of classifications to describe endoscopic findings in a standardised fashion is recommended. Their use is advocated for both upper and lower endoscopy. Incorporating them into routine practice is advised but requires education and initiative.

The aim was to establish if Irish trainees are including standardised classifications and scoring systems in endoscopy reports.

**Methods**
A survey was distributed to gastroenterology trainees working in Ireland over a four week period. Routine incorporation of Mayo Endoscopic Score, NICE, Paris and Prague classifications into endoscopy reporting was established.

**Results**
There were 31 respondents; 29 were included for analysis. Response rate was 50.5%. Among respondents 60% were male and the median age 31.5 years (range 28 – 43). Responses were identified from 10 of the 16 hospital sites surveyed. Only 48% of trainees have a formal training list and 52% have been scoping for 4 years or more. To describe polyps 50% of trainees typically use the Paris Classification; 18% never use it. Among non-users, 31% don’t find it useful and 31% forget to use it. Typically 29% use the NICE Classification whereas 29% never use it. Of those who don’t use the NICE classification 37% forget to use it and 26% don’t find it useful. Notably 11% are not sure what the NICE classification is. When reporting IBD findings 85% typically use stan-
eP18  USE OF REPORTING DATABASE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE
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Aims  Quality assurance is been a major priority in endoscopy of late. The endoscopy reports databases that we use are capable of asserting most of the quality performance measures proposed by ESGE. We aimed to set the database so the key performance measures from the 2017 ESGE guidelines could be obtained automatically.
Methods  After setting the database we obtained the key performance measures from all the colonoscopies from January 1st 2018 to October 31st 2018.
Results  We evaluated 1054 colonoscopies. Overall, the rate of adequate bowel preparation was 95.4%, the cecal intubation rate was 97.3%, the adenoma detection rate was 44.6%, the appropriate polypectomy technique was 99.9%, the wel preparation 95.4%, the cecal intubation rate was 97.3%, the adenoma
Conclusions  The recommended completion based on the latest guidelines range from 90% – 95% completion rate according to the indication.
Results  11214 consecutive colonoscopies were done. Over-all cecal intubation was successful in 9456 procedures.(87.3%). If we exclude the interventional procedures (414 procedures), where cecal intubation was not necessary, the main reasons of non-intubation were due to intolerance of the patients (388 patients), followed on the second place by patients with obstructive cancer (299 patients). The presence of diverticulosis, poor preparation for colonoscopy and post- surgical adhesions were significant findings in non-successful procedures.
Conclusions  In normal daily practice, colonoscopy is completed in 88.01% of the procedures but we think that this result will stimulate the efforts to incorporate more quality measures and time in our endoscopy laboratory, by applying Quality Improvement Measures.

eP19  INFLUENCE FACTORS ON CECAL INTUBATION RATE AS A QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT IN COLONOSCOPY
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Aims  Colonoscopy is a common performed procedure in Gastroenterology, and it’s widely used for diagnosis, treatment and surveillance of a wide range of conditions and symptoms. Properly performed, it’s generally safe, more accurate than a virtual colonoscopy and well-tolerated by patients. The completion of a colonoscopy is defined by cecal intubation with the visualization of colonic mucosa and distal terminal ileum when it’s possible.
Methods  We reviewed retrospectively all consecutives endoscopies database of the lower digestive tract, done over a period from 2014 – 2017 in our clinic.
The recommended completion based on the latest guidelines range from 90 – 95% completion rate according to the indication.
Results  11214 consecutive colonoscopies were done. Over-all cecal intubation was successful in 9456 procedures.(87.3%). If we exclude the interventional procedures (414 procedures), where cecal intubation was not necessary, the main reasons of non-intubation were due to intolerance of the patients (388 patients), followed on the second place by patients with obstructive cancer (299 patients). The presence of diverticulosis, poor preparation for colonoscopy and post- surgical adhesions were significant findings in non-successful procedures.
Conclusions  In normal daily practice, colonoscopy is completed in 88.01% of the procedures but we think that this result will stimulate the efforts to incorporate more quality measures and time in our endoscopy laboratory, by applying Quality Improvement Measures.

eP20  EVALUATION OF DOSE RADIATION IN ENDOSCOPIC UNIT
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Aims  To evaluate our mean radiation exposure during endoscopic procedures.
Methods  We randomized between september 2017 and june 2018, 255 endoscopic procedures realized under fluoroscopy, 5 experienced endoscopist work in 2 rooms (one with GE system, the other with Siemens system). The Kerma-area product (KAP) was retrospectively evaluated and classified according to the type of procedure.
Results  Our global mean KAP differs between the two rooms (13 vs. 21 Gy-cm²). We independently analyzed the results for each type of procedures: for difficult ERCP procedure the difference persists (14 vs. 27) when the mean KAP was the same in the 2 rooms for bile duct sone removal (12 Gy-cm²). The mean KAP was the same for the two rooms for prosthesis removal (6 Gy-cm²), and evaluated only in room 1 for dilation (7 Gy-cm²), and digestive prosthesis (9 Gy-cm²).
Conclusions  Our mean KAP were globally close to the more recent dose level reference. It differs between two rooms and the difference may be explained by different procedures in the both rooms. Usually the dose level reference are pooling in "therapeutic ERCP" which may induce different results depending on kind of procedures realized in the center. We propose a more precise mean value dose level reference to evaluated (taking into account also a standard situation especially results given for patients of 70 – 75 kg). In our center, this evaluation was done before a training in radiation exposure and will be repeated each year to verify the continuation of optimization.

eP21  ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF EUS RELATED DUODENAL PERFORATION
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Aims  Endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) has a wide application in upper gastrointestinal and biliopancreatic disorders assessment. EUS experience low complication rate. Perforation is one of the most deemed complication. Surgery allows simultaneous treatment of the perforation and of the biliary disorder. However, surgery is still an invasive treatment carrying its own morbidity and mortality. The aim of our study is to assess feasibility and safety of conservative treatment with over the scope clips (OTSC) in EUS related GI perforation.
Methods  We performed a retrospective study of patients with EUS related iatrogenic perforation from 2011 to 08/2018.
We included patients with EUS related perforation, with immediate diagnosis, and a conservative endoscopic management. Patient with initial surgical management were excluded.
Results  12 perforations in 8504 EUS procedure occurred (0.14%).
1 patient was ruled out due to a delayed diagnosis and initial surgical management.
A total of 11 patients were included, all women. The mean patient age was 75 years (range 68 – 88) years. 8/11 (72.7%) perforations were due to a radial scope.
All procedures were performed at a diagnostic end.
Perforations were located in the superior flexure of the duodenum in 9/11 (81%), in the descending part of the duodenum 1/11 (9%), and in the inferior duodenal flexure 1/11 (9%). The size of the defect was ranged from 10 – 15 mm.
All clipping procedures experienced a technical and clinical success.
3/11 (27%) had a stay in intensive care unit for less than 72h, total hospital stay ranged from 3–22days.

Conclusions Proper indication is mandatory for EUS procedure in elderly people. Conservative endoscopic treatment with OTPSC clips represent a feasible and safe treatment for EUS related duodenal perforation.

eP22   THE GASTROPACK SYSTEM, A NOVEL METHOD TO ACCESS TO GASTROENTEROLOGICAL CARE: RESULTS OF THE UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SYMPTOM POPULATION

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Aims Open-access system allows General Practitioners (GP) to directly schedule endoscopic procedures for their patients. A previous Italian multicentric study showed a rate of inappropriate EGD of 22.9% (29.4% with prescriptions from GP and 12.9% from specialists). This study aims to evaluate if the GastroPack System (GS) may reduce not appropriate EGD.

Methods In GS, patient’s diagnostic work-up, including clinical consultations and/or abdominal ultrasound and/or endoscopic procedures, is scheduled on the basis of a multidisciplinary agreement between GP and gastroenterologists during a preliminary contact. GS has been implemented in a Hospital of a mountain area of Bologna AUSL, with 57,156 inhabitants, where open-access system was previously used. Patients (pts) characteristics, diagnostic work-up, time to first access and time to diagnosis were recorded. Prospective data of upper GI symptoms were analyzed in this study and compared with the open-access literature.

Results 1817 pts (M:F = 752:1065, mean age 61 ± 15.8) with upper GI symptoms were admitted to GS. Among them, 255 (M:F = 99:156, mean age 33 ± 8.7) were young (<45 years) and 1562 (M:F = 653:909, mean age 65.8 ± 11.6) were old (>45years), 68% (173/255) of young and 56% (877/1562) of old pts had EGD. According to ASGE criteria, we observed a rate of inappropriate EGD of 6.6% (70/1050): 18% (32/173) in young and 4% (38/877) in old pts. 37% (12/32) of inappropriate EGD in young and 50% (19/38) in old pts had a clinical significant endoscopic finding (CSF), with an overall rate of 44% (31/70) CSF. Mean time to diagnosis for CSF was 29 ± 35 days, while for cancer was 7 ± 14 days. Overall waiting time to first access was 25 ± 21 days for CSF, while for cancer was 17 ± 16 days.

Conclusions GS could reduce the rate of not appropriate EGD compared to previous data of open-access studies, increasing the prescriptive appropriateness of both GP and gastroenterologists.

eP25   PREDICTIVE MODEL TO DETERMINE THE NEED OF REPEATING ERCP AFTER ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF BILIARY LEAKS

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Aims Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is the first-line procedure to iatrogenic biliary leaks approach. In patients who have undergone biliary stenting, the timing and optimal method of stent removal (ERCP/ esophagogastroduodenoscopy) is controversial. The present study aimed to evaluate ERCP efficacy in biliary leaks treatment and identify patients in whom repetition of ERCP may be unnecessary.

Methods Retrospective, uncinetic analysis of patients who underwent ERCP with sphincterotomy and biliary stent placement between 2008 – 2017 due to iatrogenic biliary leaks. All patients were repeated ERCP with removal of the stent(s). Factors associated with the outcome, resolution of the biliary leak and absence of another pathology in reevaluation ERCP, were identified.

Results 43 patients were included, 62.8% (n = 27) female, mean age 58.2 ± 17.2years. Most common etiology of biliary leaks was laparoscopic cholecystectomy (56.8%) and the most common location the cystic duct stump (53.5%). Technical success was 93.3%, with resolution of the biliary leak in 92.9%. On multivariate analysis, elective iatrogenic procedure (OR = 209.1, 95% CI 2.18 – 2050.8), normal total bilirubin (OR = 138.9, 95% CI 1.19 – 1627.2), ERCP performed in ≤7 days (OR = 32.9, 95% CI 1.08 – 1004.8) and removal of the stent in ≤12 weeks (OR = 40.7, 95% CI 1.11 – 1634.9) were independently associated with resolution of the biliary leak and absence of another pathology (p < 0.05, r² = 0.71). The area under the ROC curve of these criteria for outcome prediction was 0.93 (p < 0.001). When ≥3 criteria were present (42.9%), the model presented specificity of 100%, sensitivity of 58.1%, positive predictive value of 100% and negative predictive value of 45.8% in outcome prediction.

Conclusions We identified criteria that allow selection of 43% of patients in whom repetition of ERCP may be unnecessary. Biliary stents can be removed safely endoscopically by digital dilatation on ambulatory basis. Rarely, when pouch inlet strictures are developed surgical treatment is applied.

eP24   ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF POUCH STRICTURES AFTER ILEO-ANAL POUCH ANASTOMOSIS (IPAA)

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Aims Strictures are one of the most common complications after IPAA (3 – 17%). There may be at the site of ileo-anal anastomosis or at the pouch inlet due to fibrosis or local ischemia. They may result in evacuation problems, pouch dilatation and bacterial overgrowth. Most of them are webs that can be treated by finger dilatation or the use of dilators.

Methods We present clinical outcome and treatment strategy of patients with IPAA who developed post surgery pouch strictures of variable severity. In a total series of 670 patients with IPAA we investigated 65 patients with anastomotic strictures (9, 7%) and 6 patients with pouch inlet strictures (1,08%). Based on patients symptoms and digital examination we ordered pouchography, pachoscopy and in selected cases CT/MRI enterography. Finally, different treatment modalities were applied.

Results 65 patients with anastomotic strictures presented with symptoms like increased frequency (95%), incontinence (84%), urgency (73%) and perianal irritation (58%). 55 were treated with digital dilatation under endoscopic view (mean 2,1 times). In 10 patients hegar/savary dilators were applied (mean 3,2 times) to achieve satisfactory dilatation. In 2 tight stricture cases corticoid injection and needle knife cutting of circular fibrotic tissue was used and in 2 other cases endoscopic dilatation was possible after intubation of the efferent loop (rendez-vous). In most cases there was no need of hospitalization or systemic use of major analgesics. 6 patients with pouch inlet stricture presented mainly with abdominal pain (80%) and increased frequency (22%). All were treated surgically by local excision and anastomosis or by stricture bypass. Cronh ‘s disease was diagnosed in 2 patients.

Conclusions Anastomotic strictures after IPAA are relatively common but usually can be treated safely endoscopically by digital dilatation on ambulatory basis. Rarely, when pouch inlet strictures are developed surgical treatment is applied.

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by esophagogastrroduodenoscopy, increasing safety and efficiency of healthcare resources utilization.

eP26 ENDOSCOPIC FINDINGS IN PATIENTS WITH BOWEL WALL THICKENING ON EMERGENCY ROOM CT SCANS

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Aims: Patients presenting to the Emergency Room with abdominal pain, fever or blood in stools often undergo an urgent CT scan, often revealing bowel wall thickening (BWT). The aim of the current study is to evaluate the significance of such BWT and assess predictors of significant pathology.

Methods: Patients referred to gastroenterology service from the emergency department at Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar between July 2015-July 2017 with BWT were retrospectively analyzed. Apart from the CT features, the correlation of endoscopic findings to the clinical presentation, inflammatory markers and histopathology were studied. Patients with known GI pathology, evidence of luminal obstruction, strictures and luminal mass on CT were excluded.

Results: 109 of 160 patients referred were enrolled in the data analysis. Endoscopic appearance was normal in 37/109 (33.9%) of patients. 41/109 patients (37.6%) had significant chronic pathology – 21 IBD (19.1%) of which 13 CD (11.9%), 8 UC (7.3%), 9 TB (8.3%). 11 Malignancy (10.1%). 31/109 (28.4%) had mucosal abnormalities but normal or acute inflammation on histopathology. Symptoms of diarrhea or pain >2 weeks were the strongest predictor of significant findings on endoscopy. Other features such as blood in stool, fever and weight loss were also associated with having significant pathology.

Laboratory parameters such as mean WBC, Hb, ESR, Albumin and CRP do not differ significantly. Mean Calprotectin was significantly higher in patients with IBD and TB (199.5 ± 299.8 vs. 809.8 ± 540.8; P < 0.001).

Conclusions: One Third of the patients in the study had significant pathology (IBD/TB/Malignancy). Patients with upper GI BWT have low likelihood of significant pathology compared to lower GI BWT. Until further prospective data becomes available, endoscopic assessment may be warranted in most patients with bowel wall thickening on CT scans.

eP27V ENDOSCOPIC VACUUM THERAPY FOR AN ESOPHAGEAL PERFORATION AFTER FOREIGN BODY INGESTION: RESOLUTION AFTER A SINGLE SESSION

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A 70-year-old man was admitted to the Emergency Department due to persistent chest pain after foreign body ingestion (chicken bone) five days before. He referred fever but denied dyspnea or other symptoms. Chest computed tomography revealed in the thoracic esophagus, in the same plane of the left cardiac atrium, a linear and dense formation with 30 mm, with esophageal perforation and presence of an adjacent collection (23 × 31 × 61 mm). After multidisciplinary discussion it was decided to try to remove the foreign body and close the esophageal defect endoscopically. Upper endoscopy was performed and revealed presence of a foreign body penetrated in the esophageal wall. The adjacent mucosa was congestive and purulent drainage was noticed. Foreign body was removed with forceps and a luminal defect with 5 mm was observed, compatible with esophageal perforation. Considering the associated presence of an adjacent collection it was decided to perform endoscopic vacuum therapy (EVT) to try to close the defect and treat the collection simultaneously. The sponge was placed in the lumen with an overtube. The patient was admitted on total parenteral nutrition, antibiotics and antifungal. Five days after, upper endoscopy was repeated with removal of the sponge. On inspection, it was observed granulation tissue on the previous location of the defect, with apparent resolution of the perforation. Chest CT was repeated, with no contrast extravasation and significant improvement of the collection dimensions (27 × 17 mm). The patient completed antibiotic course, initiated oral diet and was discharged. He remains well in the follow-up. EVT is a promising approach for treatment of esophageal perforations. In this case only one session was necessary, with no need for sponge replacement, highlighting the efficacy and potential role of this technique for treating esophageal defects with associated collections.

eP28 UTILITY OF GASTROSCOPY AT THE TIME OF COLONOSCOPY IN PATIENTS WITH IRON-DEFICIENCY ANEMIA REFERRED TO A COLORECTAL CANCER DETECTION PROGRAM

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Aims: Gastrointestinal lesions are present in 40% of patients with iron deficiency anemia (IDA). The utility of upper endoscopy and its timing are not well defined in guidelines. We aimed to assess the usefulness of a gastroscopy at the moment of colonoscopy in patients with IDA.

Methods: Retrospective review of patients with IDA referred to our department in a colorectal cancer detection program from January to December 2015.

Results: We evaluated 97 patients (50.5% men, age 74 ± 12, hemoglobin 104 ± 18 g/L). Colonoscopy alone was performed in 36 (37.1%), gastroscopy alone in 1 (1%), and both in 60 (61.9%). Gastroscopy preceded colonoscopy in 51, and was delayed in 9. The etiology of anemia was diagnosed in 55.7%. Colonoscopy detected lesions in 43 (44.8%) and gastroscopy in 12 (19.7%). Colorectal cancer was detected in 30 (31.1%). Gastric cancer was detected in 4 (6.6%). Gastroscopy was useful in 33.3% of patients without lesions detected by colonoscopy, but only in 7.4% of patients with lesions (p = 0.03). In patients with colorectal cancer gastroscopy was not of use in any case. Biopsies were obtained only in 13 (21.3%) gastroscopies (12 gastric; 4 duodenal). Helicobacter pylori were detected in 6. No case of celiac disease was diagnosed. Biopsies were taken in 33.3% of the delayed gastroscopies and in 19.2% when performed before colonoscopy (p = 0.34).

Conclusions: The combination of colonoscopy and gastroscopy was diagnostic in 54.6% of patients with IDA referred to a colorectal cancer detection program. Gastroscopy was not useful in patients diagnosed with colorectal cancer and its usefulness was low if other possible causes of IDA were detected at the time of colonoscopy. A negative colonoscopy for lesions related to IDA could encourage the endoscopist to perform systematic upper biopsies. In consequence, we suggest the colonoscopy should precede the gastroscopy.

eP29 DIAGNOSTIC YIELD OF ENDOSCOPI Y FOR PREDICTION OF ACUTE GRAFT VERSUS HOST DISEASE IN THE UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

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Aims: Intestinal graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) is a frequent complication after hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation (HSCT) and biopsies are recommended for diagnosis. However, the best biopsy sites have not yet been

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clearly established and final histology results are often delayed as specific staining is required.

We aimed to assess the diagnostic yield of endoscopy for prediction of GvHD of the upper gastrointestinal tract. In addition, we aimed to determine the best sites for obtaining biopsies for diagnosis of GvHD.

Methods A large scaled retrospective cohort study was conducted. Patients diagnosed with acute GvHD in the upper gastrointestinal tract were included. Details included symptoms at time of referral for endoscopy, type of procedure performed, macroscopic findings on endoscopy, and histologic findings of biopsies obtained. Biopsies were graded with the Lerner score. Sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value (PPV), and negative predictive values (NPV) were calculated.

Results A total of 101 patients (mean age 50.24, 44% female) underwent upper endoscopy and were diagnosed with intestinal GvHD. Mean Lerner score was 2.0, 1.5, 1.5, and 1.8 for the esophagus, antrum, corpus and duodenum, respectively. Sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV for endoscopic prediction of GvHD were inconclusive and not significantly (P > 0.05) different between the esophagus (Sensitivity = 54%, Specificity = 62%, PPV = 45%, NPV = 70%), antrum (Sensitivity = 53%, Specificity = 66%, PPV = 42%, NPV = 75%), corpus (Sensitivity = 50%, Specificity = 54%, PPV = 40%, NPV = 64%) and duodenum (Sensitivity = 58%, Specificity = 83%, PPV = 83%, NPV = 58%).

Conclusions The diagnostic yield of endoscopy for prediction of acute GvHD in the upper gastrointestinal tract is considerable low and cannot replace histopathological evaluation. No specific biopsy side showed superior prediction of GvHD. Therefore, we recommend a stepwise biopsy-protocol for patients undergoing upper endoscopy for diagnosis of GvHD.

eP30V ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF BOERHAAVE’S SYNDROME IN A PATIENT WITH PREVIOUS HELLER’S MIOTOMY AND GASTRIC BYPASS: “CHICKEN SOUP IS NOT GOOD FOR THE HEART”

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Aims Boerhaave’s Syndrome or spontaneous rupture of the esophagus is a critical event with high mortality if untreated in the first 24 hours. Endoscopic management has been described.

Methods We present a case of a 66 year old male patient who had Heller’s Myotomy for Achalasia 15 years ago and gastric bypass for morbid obesity 1 year before the current event. After an episode of overindulgence in food (Chiken soup) presented vomiting followed by dyspnea, retrosternal chest pain and diaphoresis. Was admitted in poor clinical conditions with pneumothorax, large left Pleural effusion, mediastinal collection and contrast leakage at distal esophagus in CT Scan. Under general anesthesia and endotracheal intubation, CO2 Upper Endoscopy was performed using a 9.8 mm gastroscope. An orifice greater than 1 cm was identified communicating to the mediastinum. The endoscope was advanced through it and endoscopic drainage completed (450 ml of chicken soup and rest of solids). Ribs, collapsed lung and heart were fully recognized and flushed with saline to complete cleansing of the area. In the mean time the thoracic surgeon placed a chest tube. Double pig-tail 10 Fr stents were placed between medistinum and gastric pouch. A 12 cms partially covered Self-expanding esophageal metal stent was placed from distal esophagus to the gastric pouch. A naso-yeyunal feeding tube was advanced.

Results Immediate adequate clinical response was observed. Naso-yeyunal feeding tube was removed at 7 days. Chest tube was removed at 9 days and discharge from hospital was decided after 11 days. Upper endoscopy allowed pig-tail stents removal at 3 weeks and SEMS removal at 6 weeks achieving complete healing of the perforation. The patient has been followed up for two years and remains asymptomatic.

Conclusion Endoscopic drainage combined with self-expanding stent and adequate thoracic drainage is and alternative for Boerhaave’s Syndrome.

eP31V ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF COMPLICATIONS AFTER ESOPHAGECTOMY AND GASTRIC TRANPOSITION

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Aims Esophagectomy with gastric transposition or gastric pulled-up is indicated in some cases of esophageal carcinoma, and severe caustic esophagitis. Serious complications include necrosis, torsion, delayed emptying of the gastric tube and leakage of anastomosis. Surgical reoperation is complex (35% mortality for leaks and 90% in necrosis.). Endoscopic management in selected cases could be an alternative.

Methods A series of 7 complicated patients managed endoscopically between 2009 and 2015 is presented. In 2 patients with gastric necrosis endoscopic necrosectomy was performed and covered stents were placed for 2 months. Two patients with torsion of the gastric tube were treated with covered stents for 3 months. Two patients with esophagogastric anastomosis leak were treated with partially covered stents for 6 weeks. In one of them the thorax was approached endoscopically by the leak allowing collection drainage and partial pulmonary decortication. In 1 patient with vagal lesion and delayed gastric emptying GPOEM was performed.

Results The 2 patients with gastric necrosis developed refractory stenosis after the Stent, managed with dilatation, mitomycin and additional Stents for 9 and 6 months,. The first patient (cardiac carcinoma) remains asymptomatic 3 years after the second stent. The second patients with severe caustic injury presented rupture of the trachea due to erosion of the SEMS and fatal outcome due to sepsis. The 2 patients with twisted gastric conduit were asymptomatic post Stent (follow-up 6 months and 1 year). The rest of the patients evolved satisfactorily.

Conclusions In severe Complications post esophagectomy and gastric transposition, endoscopic management is possible. However, devastating adverse events related to endoscopic intervention are not ruled out.

eP32 CLINICAL AND ENDOSCOPIC FINDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH DYSPLASIA IN SESSILE SERRATED ADENOMA/POLYP

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Aims Sessile serrated adenoma/polyp (SSA/P) are considered to develop dysplasia by the serrated neoplasia pathway. Dysplastic portions in SSA/P can be difficult to detect and are often incompletely resected. We aimed to evaluate the clinical and endoscopic findings associated with dysplasia in SSA/P.

Methods Among patients with endoscopic resection from 2015 to 2018 in PNUYH, patients with SSA/P in pathologic diagnosis and ≥ 10 mm in size were enrolled. We retrospectively evaluated clinical and endoscopic findings, pathologic diagnosis in these patients.

Results A total of 59 SSA/Ps were assessed in 51 patients. Median size was 15.0 mm (interquartile range 10 – 25), and 79.7% were in the right side of the colon. Thirty of 59 SSA/Ps (50.9%) had dysplasia at histopathology (21 low-grades, 8 high-grades, 1 carcinoma in situ). SSA/P with dysplasia was significantly different in age (p < 0.0001), size (p < 0.0001), NICE type (p < 0.0001)
and Kudo pit pattern (p<0.0001), but not location, morphology, surface patterns and ≥ 2 WASP criteria compared to SSA/P without dysplasia. In multivariate analysis, dysplasia was significantly associated with age (OR 1.123, p < 0.005), size (OR 1.188, p < 0.008) and shape (OR 1.038, p < 0.05).

Conclusions Dysplasia in SSA/P was frequently combined, especially old age and large size, and SSA/P with IIB morphology was inversely correlated with dysplasia. Therefore, SSA/P with these clinical and endoscopic findings should be completely resected for the prevention of local recurrence and interval cancer.

**eP33 LEARNING CURVE FOR COLORECTAL ESD**

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**Aims** To analyze the learning curve of endoscopic submucosal dissections (ESD) for colorectal tumors.

**Methods** The results of the first 170 ESD for colorectal tumors from 09.2007 till 09.2018 have been analyzed. ESD speed, number of complications, rate of en-block resections and snare assistance have been evaluated. All patients were divided into two groups (85 patients each). Age – 61.8 ± 0.73 years, (F = 94, M = 76).

**Results** Rectum – 76 lesions, 55 – in the left colon and 39 – in the right colon. 108 were benign, 62 – malignant (13 of them with submucosal invasion). Tumors were polypoid in 35, non-polypoid in 135 cases (LST-G – 100, NG – 35). The mean tumor size was 14.9 ± 1.7 cm2. En-block resection was achieved in 149 cases (87.6%). Average ESD speed was 12.7 mm2/min (average time for 1 cm2 was 12.9 min). There were 30 cases with snare assistance (17.6%), 20 perforations (11.7%) and 3 cases of delayed bleeding (1.7%). In the first 85 ESD group there were more rectal and less right-sided tumors than in the second 85 ESD group (45 vs. 31, p = 0.03, and 14 vs. 25, p = 0.04). Tumor size did not significantly differ (12.3 cm2 vs. 17.5 cm2, p = 0.14). En-block resections and perforation rates were similar in both groups (71 vs. 78, p = 0.16 and 6 vs. 14, p = 0.09). There were less cases of snare assistance in the second group (20 vs. 10, p = 0.04). ESD was faster in the second group: mean time of ESD for 1 cm2 was 14.7 min vs. 11.4 min (p = 0.04); mean ESD speed was 11 mm2/min vs. 14.6 mm2/min (p = 0.01).

**Conclusions** ESD speed significantly improved after 85 operations. Snare assisted ESD were less often in the second group. Absence of significant difference in perforation rate can be explained by significant increase of right-sided tumors in the second group.

**eP34 MORE LESIONS PER PATIENT DETECTED WITH HIGH-QUALITY VERSUS ADEQUATE CLEANSING: A POST HOC ANALYSIS OF UNIFORM SEGMENTAL CLEANSING SCORES USING THE BOSTON BOWEL PREPARATION SCALE**

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**Aims** Effective colonoscopy requires colon cleansing success which is usually based on the least clean colon segment; one poorly cleansed segment triggers an overall failure. This complicates the analysis of cleansing quality vs. lesion detection. We therefore analysed the relative lesion detection in patients who had the same cleansing score in all three colon segments.

**Methods** Three similar phase 3 randomised clinical trials assessed the colon cleansing efficacy and safety of 1L NER1006 (PLENVU) versus standard bowel preparations. Cleansing quality was assessed by treatment-blinded central readers using colonoscopy videos and the validated Boston Bowel Preparation Scale (BBPS). Trial results were pooled for this post hoc analysis, which excluded patients without fully documented segmental cleansing scores and lesion counts. The mean number of polyps (MPP) and adenomas (MAP) per patient were calculated in patients with uniform segmental scores ranging from zero (failure) to three (high-quality). One-sided t-tests assuming equal variance assessed MPP and MAP of BBPS 3+3+3 versus lower score groups.

**Results** Among 1749 patients included in this analysis, 1178 had uniform segmental BBPS scores (Table). BBPS 3+3+3 demonstrated a higher MPP vs. BBPS 2+2+2 (1.67 vs. 1.03; P < 0.001). MAP was improved with BBPS 3+3+3 vs. BBPS 2+2+2 (0.86 vs. 0.53; P = 0.001) or BBPS 1+1+1 (0.86 vs. 0.50; P = 0.041). Only 8 patients had uniform BBPS scores of zero.

**Tab. 1 Uniform segmental BBPS scores vs. lesion detection**

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**Conclusions** Despite variable sample sizes, higher MPP and MAP were demonstrated for high-quality versus adequate cleansing success and a consistent trend was observed towards improved lesion detection with higher cleansing quality.

**eP36 PREVALENCE OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD) IN A COLORECTAL CANCER POPULATION SCREENING PROGRAM**

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**Aims** IBD are diagnosed in subjects with gastrointestinal symptoms and a diagnostic delay is often observed. IBD may also be present in asymptomatic subjects. In these cases, diagnosis may be further delayed or missed.

**Methods** We analyzed an electronic database of a regional colorectal cancer screening program offered to subjects from 50 to 70 years old. From September 2013 to August 2018, among subjects who underwent colonoscopy in a single hospital, we identified subjects with endoscopic findings suggestive of IBD. We retrieved histological findings and information on other examinations and possible therapeutic decisions.

**Results** 2062 subjects undergoing to colonoscopy were enrolled. In 33 (1.6%) subjects (18 men, mean age ± SD 60.8 ± 7.4 years) endoscopic findings suggestive of IBD were present; 23 of CD and 10 of UC: none of these subjects were taking oral anticoagulants or NSAIDs and reported gastrointestinal symptoms. After a median follow-up of 13 months (range 2 – 59), a definitive diagnosis of IBD was done in 10 subjects (0.5%). 3 already underwent to colonoscopy in the context of the same program and 1 showed familiarity for IBD. 7 were diagnosed with CD (6 men, 61.3 ± 7.1 years) and 3 with UC (2 men, 55.8 ± 3.0 years). In CD population, 4 patients showed colonic, 3 ileal and 1 ileo-colonic location; 1 was treated with steroids and then with vedolizumab, 1 with steroids and then with azathioprine, 1 with 5-ASA while 4 did not receive any therapy. In UC population, 2 patients showed extension limited to rectum and 1 to rectum and sigmoid colon; all patients started therapy with 5-ASA.
Conclusions Prevalence of IBD in a colorectal cancer population screening program is 0.5%. IBD diagnosis can be missed but only 1 out of 3 subjects with endoscopic findings suggestive of IBD is eventually diagnosed as affected by CD or UC.

eP37 A QUANTITATIVE INSIGHT ON PRECLINICAL AND CLINICAL YEAR LEBANESE MEDICAL STUDENTS’ KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

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Aims Colorectal cancer is one of the leading cancers worldwide, with early screening leading to a large reduction in mortality and morbidity, yet screening efforts in Lebanon remain inadequate and a large number of cases present in advanced stages. Health care providers in training, such as medical students, play an important role in raising awareness and educating the public on the importance of CRC screening. Assessing these students’ knowledge and attitudes is the aim of this study.

Methods A total of 189 medical students (41.8% preclinical and 58.2% clinical) participated in a cross-sectional survey. Data was collected using self-administered questionnaires.

Results 94.7% of participants had a positive attitude towards CRC screening. Participants were most knowledgeable about how colonoscopy is done (90% and 98% of preclinical and clinical students respectively). 77.5% of clinical students knew at what age CRC screening is recommended versus 31.8% of preclinical students. Additionally, only 37.3% of preclinical students knew the frequency of colonoscopy for CRC screening in eligible patients versus 74.7% of clinical students with a p-value of <0.01. There was a significant difference in knowledge concerning possible signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer, between clinical and preclinical students with a p-value of <0.01. Even with clinical students’ superior knowledge, the percentage of correct answers given by clinical students was still inadequate.

Conclusions The inadequate knowledge levels among preclinical and clinical students may be one of the barriers affecting CRC screening. Enhancing medical students’ knowledge about CRC screening through curricular modification and constant general health education should be considered as primary tools to try and promote CRC screening and prevention.

eP38V INTRAMURAL COLONIC HEMATOMA: A RARE COMPLICATION OF ENDOCUTANEOUS SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION

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Aims Colonic submucosal dissection (ESD) was scheduled according to the ESGE guidelines [Endoscopic submucosal dissection: European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) Guideline; Endoscopy 2015; 47 (09): 829 – 854]. ESD was challenging due to persistent bleeding trend, from many submucosal vessels, treated using coagulation with knife (Hybrid-knife T-type, ERBE GmbH), through-the.scope (TTS) clips, epinephrine injection, hemostatic monopolar forceps and finally with hemostatic iodidegel (Purastat).

Three hours after the procedure, the patient became hemodynamically unstable, with copious enterorrhagia. So, after initial resuscitation, urgent colonoscopy was performed, showing arterial bleeding from resection bed, stopped by TTS clips deployment. However, a voluminous 8 cm intramural hematoma has been developed; so, an urgent surgical intervention was required.

Laparotomy confirmed intramural hematoma along the descending colon and sigmoid, starting distal to the resection bed, with hemoperitoneum from colon fissuration. Surgical resection was performed and the patient was discharged home one week later. However, during surgical intervention, a hemorrhagic trend was observed. Further analysis revealed deficit factor V Leiden.

In conclusion, intramural hematoma is a rare but potentially life-threatening complication after endoscopic resections, especially in high-risk procedures (ESD) or patients (i.e. patients with bleeding diathesis or with ongoing anti-thrombotic therapies). Before therapeutic procedures, we advise to accurately investigate any possible signs of bleeding diathesis (i.e. frequent epistaxis).
Results 396 and 131 patients were included in training and validation cohort, respectively. Patients with ≥1 adenoma at 2nd surveillance colonoscopy were 113/396 (28.5%) and 21/131 (16.5%) in the two groups. In validation cohort, 3 cancers were found.

Four variables identified the low-risk patient profile of developing metachronous colorectal adenomas: age ≤65 years old, right colectomy, no advanced adenoma at basal colonoscopy and no adenoma at first surveillance colonoscopy. The predictive model showed fair discrimination, with an area under the ROC curve of 0.69 and 0.64, in training and validation cohort.

In validation group, if patients with a low-risk profile skip the 2nd surveillance colonoscopy, 25/131 (19.1%) exams would be saved while missing 2/21 (9.5%) patients with ≥1 adenoma; no advanced adenoma nor cancer would be missed.

Conclusions We provided a risk-stratification tool for adenoma occurrence after colon surgery, which could prove cost-effective to select patients who could skip the second surveillance colonoscopy.

eP40 COLORECTAL CANCERS DETECTED FOLLOWING SURGERY AT ANASTOMOSES OR OTHER COLORECTAL LOCATIONS DURING COLONOSCOPY SURVEILLANCE: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

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Aims Outcomes of endoscopic surveillance following surgery for colorectal cancer (CRC) vary with the incidence and timing of CRC detection, at anastomosis or elsewhere in the colorectum. We performed systematic review and meta-analysis to evaluate the incidence of CRCs identified during surveillance colonoscopies of patients with previous CRC surgery.

Methods We searched PubMed, EMBASE, SCOPUS, and the Cochrane Central Register through January 1, 2018 to identify studies investigating rates of CRCs at anastomoses or other colorectal locations after curative surgery for primary CRC. We collected data from randomized controlled, prospective, and retrospective cohort studies. Data were analyzed by multivariate meta-analytic models.

Results From 2,373 citations, we selected 27 studies with 15,803 index CRCs (89% stage I-II CRCs). Overall, 296 CRCs at non-anastomatic locations were reported over time periods of more than 16 years (cumulative incidence, 2.2% of CRCs; 95% CI, 1.8%-2.9%). The risk of non-anastomatic CRC significantly decreased after 36 months or more from resection, compared with that before this timeframe (odds ratio for non-anastomatic CRCs at 36–48 months vs. 6–12 months after surgery, 0.61; 95% CI, 0.37–0.98; P = 0.031; 53.7% of all non-anastomatic CRCs were detected within 36 months from surgery.

One hundred fifty-eight anastomatic CRCs were detected over more than 16 years follow-up (cumulative incidence of 2.7%; 95% CI, 1.9%-3.9%). The risk of anastomatic CRCs was significantly lower after 24 months or more from resection than before (odds ratio for CRCs at anastomoses at 25–36 months after surgery vs. 6–12 months, 0.56; 95% CI, 0.32–0.98; P = 0.036). 90.8% of anastomatic CRCs were detected within 36 months from surgery.

Conclusions After surgery for CRC, the highest risk of anastomatic and non-anastomatic CRCs is highest during 36 months after surgery − risk decreases thereafter. Patients who have undergone CRC resection should be evaluated by colonoscopy more closely during this time period. Longer intervals may be considered thereafter.
eP43 ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION OF LARGE COLORECTAL LESIONS BY LOW-VOLUME ENDOSCOPISTS: A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims In expert hands, endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) is a safe and effective method for managing superficial neoplastic lesions of the lower GI tract. We aimed to evaluate the technical outcome and safety of colon EMR performed by endoscopists with limited experience in advanced resection techniques.

Methods We conducted a single center, retrospective analysis of data collected from patients with sessile/flat polyps, treated over a 24 month period in our unit. We reviewed data regarding the size, localization and morphological characteristics of the lesions, en bloc resection rates, complications and local recurrence during follow-up.

Results 47 lesions were resected in 41 patients with a mean age of 65 +/- 19.3 years. The median size of the lesion was 20 mm. Most lesions had Paris IIa morphotype (48.9%). High grade dysplasia was reported in 6/47 (12.8%) of cases – all males, and advanced neoplasia (TIS and invasive carcinoma) was detected in an additional 6/47 (12.8%) of cases – 5 lesions having mixed morphology (Islla). Complete resection of all visible tissue was achieved in 45/47 (95.7%) of cases, but only 9/47 (19.1%) of resections were en-bloc. In 2 cases, plasma argon coagulation for ablation of residual adenomatous tissue was performed in the same session, following piecemeal EMR. 9 patients required a second intervention for recurrent adenoma at follow-up, with 6 cases undergoing repeat EMR and 1 patient referred for surgical resection of invasive carcinoma. There were a total of 5 reported intra-procedural bleedings (10.6%) – 3 intra-procedural bleedings, 1 delayed bleeding and 1 perforation, all managed successfully by endoscopy.

Conclusions Our study showed that high technical success rates for colon EMR are achievable even by endoscopists with limited initial experience in resection techniques, with low rates of procedure-related adverse events, comparable to those cited in expert centers.

eP44V ENDOSCOPIC EN BLOC MUCOSAL RESECTION OF LARGE FLAT CAECAL ADENOMA

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Aim Videocase describes a 61-year-old woman with granular homogenous laterally spreading caecal tumor (LST-GH), size 40 × 30 mm, which was curatively treated by en bloc endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) technique. Is not primarily designed technique for such large lesions.

Methods Colonoscope CF-HQ190L (Olympus Europe, Hamburg, Germany) was used. The patient underwent a standard preparation (Vistaprep, Tillotts Pharma) in split dosing. Procedure was performed in anosogestation. White light and narrow band imaging (NBI) were used to evaluate the lesion, which belonged to the NICE type 2 (NBI-International-Colorectal-Endoscopic) classification. The en bloc EMR was performed by the lift and cut technique. A solution of patent blue diluted with adrenaline (1:20.000) was used for the submucosal injection. The lesion was removed with a SnareMaster SD-230U polypectomy snare by using an ESG-100 electrocoagulation unit (Olympus) in the Pulse Cut Slow Level 120 W.

Results We performed an en bloc endoscopic mucosal resection of large LST (40 × 30 mm). Resulting histology was the adenoma with low grade intraepithelial neoplasia (LGIN). Despite of its size, the lesion was resected curatively (R0 resection) without peri- or postprocedural complication and without local residual neoplasia 3 months after the procedure.

Conclusion It is generally assumed that flat lesions ≤20 mm should be removed en bloc by endoscopic mucosal resection technique. For lesions > 20 mm, piecemeal EMR (EPMR) or endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is recommended. However, our case shows that even lesions of 40 mm size can be also curatively resected en bloc. After using methylene blue and diluted adrenaline for injection the lesion becomes blue. Adrenaline causes fading of surrounding tissue and the edges of the lesion are much better visible than without adrenaline. Mucosal fading is more appropriate than labeling the lesion edges with coagulation markers. The whole lesion can be better captured inside the snare.

eP45 INCIDENCE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF INTERVAL COLORECTAL CANCER. IDENTIFICATION OF IMPROVEMENT AREAS

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Aims Interval cancer is a major cause of concern. It is conditioned by multiple reasons such as colonic preparation, exploration time and adequate polyps resection. The primary aim was assessing the incidence and characteristics of interval cancers in our health area.

Methods Colorectal cancers diagnosed between 2016 and 2017 were collected. It was verified the number of these patients who had a previous colonoscopy 3 and 5 years before. The results of this colonoscopy were collected to identify the possible causes.

Results 374 cases of colorectal cancer were diagnosed, 18 (4.8%) had a previous colonoscopy in less than 5 years. In 5 (27.7%), cancer was located on the area of a previously resected polyp. In the rest of patients no lesion was identified in previous colonoscopy, colonic preparation was considered inadequate in 5 (38.4%) and good in the rest (62.6%). The characteristics regarding sex, staging and location are shown in the table.

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If we only consider patients with colonoscopy in the previous 3 years, there were 8 cases (2.1%) (3 in right colon, 3 in left and 2 in rectum), 4 (50%) cancers settled in areas of previously resected polyps.

Conclusions Incidence of interval colorectal cancer is low in our health area. Inadequate preparation remains a major cause of unseen lesions, followed by incomplete polyp resection. Proper colonic preparation is highly important and colonoscopy must be repeated when it is inadequate. Careful polyp resection must be performed, as well as careful reevaluation of the scar after peace-meal resection.

eP46 LONG TERM FOLLOW UP AFTER ENDOSCOPIC MUCOSAL RESECTION FOR LARGE AND CHALLENGING SUPERFICIAL RECTAL TUMOURS

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Aims Endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) is a commonly used technique to remove colorectal polyps. In this study, we aimed to evaluate the success, complications and recurrence rate of EMR for large superficial rectal tumours.

Methods From January 2010 to January 2018, all patients treated by EMR for rectal superficial tumours larger than 20 mm, at our centre, were retrospectively included. Clinical, endoscopic and histological data were collected. We defined “challenging” polyps as polyps presenting at least one of these features: size ≥ 4 cm, macronodules ≥ 10 mm, contact with pectinate line or rectosigmoid junction and invasive carcinoma. Patients who had a surveillance colonoscopy within the year following EMR were assessed for recurrence rate.

Results A total of 81 patients were included (mean age 70.67, 55.6% men). The median polyp size was 28 (20; 60) mm. Histological analysis revealed low-grade dysplasia in 45.67%, high-grade dysplasia in 18.51%, intramucosal carcinoma in 4.93% and invasive carcinoma in 3.7%. The 4 cases of invasive carcinoma were referred to surgery.

53 patients (65.43%) only received a surveillance colonoscopy within the year with median follow-up of 4.34 (3; 11) months. The local recurrence rate was 9.43%.

After logistic regression analysis, no significant correlation was identified for size, location, Paris classification or piecemeal resection. Among “challenging” polyps (60.49% (49/81)), only 42% (34/81) were followed. Recurrence rate of these polyps were 14.70% versus 9.52% for non challenging polyps; p > 0.05.

Intraprocedural bleeding occurred in 14.8% of the cases, delayed bleeding in 10.10% (8/79). Placement of covered stents is associated with an increased risk of migration. Two cases of peritonitis resulted in death, mortality second (1) and eleventh (1) days after procedure. One perforation resulted 14 days after procedure. One perforation occurred at the tumor site on the first (2), second (1) and eleventh (1) days after procedure. One perforation resulted from stent malpositioning, the others were associated with tumor necrosis. Two cases of perforitis resulted in death, mortality 2%. Long-term complications included recurrence of obstructive symptoms (2) due to stent occlusion (tumor ingrowth, 449 and 633 days after stenting) and rectal bleeding (1). Median survival was 133 days.

Conclusions Stenting is an effective method of palliation for patients with malignant colorectal obstruction, including stenoses in the right colon. The main early complication in cases of locally advanced cancer is bowel perforation, which can be diminished by strict observance of stenting techniques. Placement of covered stents is associated with an increased risk of migration.

eP48 PREDICTIVE FACTORS FOR AN ADEQUATE BOWEL PREPARATION. A PROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS

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Aims To determine predictive factors to achieve an adequate bowel preparation.

Methods Prospective register of consecutive colonoscopies. February 2014 - July 2018. Variables: demographic data, indication for colonoscopy, type of bowel cleansing solution and administration regimen, colon length and Boston bowel preparation scale (BBPs). Patients with colon resection and incomplete colonoscopies were excluded.

Results We included 7795 patients. Age: 58.8 ± 13.3; 51.6% women. The diagnostic colonoscopies were more frequent: 66.9%. The 95.4% of patients fulfilled the administration regimen, 64.1% with sodium-picosulfate (SP/MC) and 35.9% with PEG3350/ascorbic acid. The most of patient drank cleansing solution at the same day using “split dose”: 87.1%. We defined as a long colon the 11.8% of colonoscopies and according to BBPs (score ≥ 2 in each segment), the 86.7% were adequately prepared. In a multivariate analysis the fulfillment of the administration regimen: OR = 3.57; 95% IC: 2.47–5.15, age < 60y: OR = 1.91; 95% IC: 1.64–2.24, the intake of cleansing solution at the same day using “split dose”: OR = 1.84; 95% IC: 1.45–2.32, the female gender: OR = 1.33; 95% IC: 1.14–1.55, the SP/MC use: OR = 1.33; 95% IC: 1.14–1.56 and the screening colonoscopy: OR = 1.26; 95% IC: 1.07–1.47 were associated to adequate bowel preparation.

Conclusions Female <60 years old who intake SP/MC solution at the same day in “split dose” in whom the indication for colonoscopy was CRC screening achieve an adequate bowel preparation. Therefore in those patients in whom these features are not identified we recommend a more intensive preparation strategy.

eP49 THE RISK FOR COLORECTAL ADENOMA IS ASSOCIATED WITH LIVER FIBROSIS IN PATIENTS WITH NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE

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Aims Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is associated with risks for developing colorectal adenoma, which is related to various metabolic factors. However, studies on the risks of developing colorectal adenoma according to the severity of NAFLD are limited. This study aimed to evaluate the association between advanced fibrosis in NAFLD and the risk for colorectal adenoma.

Methods We retrospectively analyzed the data of 6,332 adults who underwent abdominal ultrasound and first-time colonoscopy on the same day in a health screening program at Yeungnam University Hospital from September 2009 to June 2017. NAFLD was diagnosed using abdominal ultrasound. We evaluated the presence of advanced fibrosis in NAFLD using various non-in-
vative score, which also analyzed the detection rate of colorectal adenoma according to the presence of advanced fibrosis in the subjects with NAFLD. **Results** The subjects with NAFLD had a higher prevalence of colorectal adenoma, advanced adenoma, and multiple adenomas. In the multivariate analysis adjusting for demographic and metabolic factors, NAFLD was an independent risk factor for colorectal adenoma (adjusted odds ratio [OR], 1.15; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.02 – 1.30), advanced adenoma (adjusted OR, 1.50; 95% CI, 1.12 – 2.01), and multiple adenomas (adjusted OR, 1.32; 95% CI, 1.01 – 1.73). When NAFLD was further stratified based on the stage of fibrosis using the non-invasive score models, the subjects with NAFLD and advanced fibrosis had a significantly higher risk for colorectal adenoma, advanced adenoma, and multiple adenomas than those with NAFLD without advanced fibrosis. **Conclusions** NAFLD with advanced fibrosis is an independent risk factor for colorectal adenoma compared with NAFLD without advanced fibrosis.

**eP50** FACTORS OF PREOPERATIVE COLONOSCOPY THAT AFFECT THE DETECTION OF SYNCHRONOUS ADENOMA IN COLORECTAL CANCER PATIENTS

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**Aims** Despite thorough preoperative screening, approximately 19 – 30% of synchronous polyps are detected after colon cancer surgery. Remnant synchronous lesions might require additional colonoscopy procedure or surgery. The purpose of this study was to investigate the factors of preoperative colonoscopy that can affect the detection of synchronous lesions in the colon in patients who have undergone surgery for colorectal cancer.

**Methods** From January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016, we retrospectively analyzed 1147 colorectal cancer patients, who underwent colectomy and colonoscopy. In all, 518 patients underwent colonoscopy before and after surgery. Index colonoscopy was defined as the last endoscopy performed before surgery. Follow up colonoscopy was performed one year after surgery. The effects of bowel preparation, index colonoscopy, adenoma, and physician and patient factors on postoperative PMR, AMR and AAMR were analyzed. An Aronchick scale ‘Excellent’ or ‘good’ was defined as optimal bowel preparation.

**Results** The overall rate of missed adenomas was 25.7% (95% confidence interval, 22.2 – 29.8%). On comparing the optimal and non-optimal groups, the post-operative PMR, AMR (11% vs. 49%, and 5.9% vs. 35.2%, p < 0.01), AAMR (3.0% vs. 4.6%, p = 0.272), and size of the polyps (3.2 ± 0.55 vs. 4.9 ± 0.23 mm, p = 0.017) were higher in the non-optimal bowel preparation group. Based on the optimal group, we found more synchronous adenomas in the fair group (OR 1.73). When NAFLD was further stratified based on the stage of fibrosis using the non-invasive score models, the subjects with NAFLD and advanced fibrosis had a significantly higher risk for colorectal adenoma, advanced adenoma, and multiple adenomas than those with NAFLD without advanced fibrosis.

**Conclusions** NAFLD with advanced fibrosis is an independent risk factor for colorectal adenoma compared with NAFLD without advanced fibrosis.

**eP51** YIELD OF FLEXIBLE SIGMOIDOSCOPY-BASED SCREENING FOR COLORECTAL NEOPLASIA IN GREEK AVERAGE-RISK INDIVIDUALS: IMPACT OF SERRATED POLYPS

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**Aims** Flexible sigmoidoscopy (FS) is an attractive screening modality, being less invasive and costly compared to full colonoscopy. We investigated the yield of FS with respect to advanced colorectal neoplasia (ACN) detection and identified factors correlating with ACN missed by FS-based screening.

**Methods** Retrospective cross-sectional study of data from 2005 patients aged ≥ 50 years (57.2% female, 61.8 ± 8.2 years) who underwent an average-risk screening colonoscopy between 1/2014 – 6/2018. ACN was defined as conventional adenoma ≥ 10 mm, villous histology, high-grade dysplasia, sessile serrated adenoma/polyp (SSA/P) ≥ 10 mm, SSA/P with cytologic dysplasia, traditional serrated adenoma, or cancer. The additional yield resulting from conversion to full colonoscopy in patients with pre-established distal findings (≥ 3 conventional adenomas, ≥ 10 mm, villous, or high-grade dysplasia) was also evaluated. Two definitions of FS up to the sigmoid-descending junction (FS-1) or splenic flexure (FS-2) were analyzed.

**Results** Colonoscopy revealed 419 conventional adenomas in 293 (14.6%) patients, 54 SSA/Ps in 35 (1.7%) patients and 114 ACNs in 102 (5.1%) patients. FS alone would have led to the detection of 40.4% (46/114; FS-1) and 53.5% (61/114; FS-2) cases of ACN. Forty-two (2.1%; FS-1) and 56 (2.8%; FS-2) patients with pathological distal findings would have undergone full colonoscopy, resulting in the additional detection of 8 (7%) and 7 (6.1%) ACNs, respectively. Overall, the implementation of FS-based screening would have led to the identification of 47.4% (54/114; FS-1) and 59.6% (68/114; FS-2) cases of ACN. Individuals with at least one SSA/P of any size anywhere in the colon were more likely to have proximal ACN with no concurrent distal findings that would have led to full colonoscopy [age- and gender-adjusted RR: 32.6, 95% CI 15 – 70.6, P = 0.0001 (FS-1), 42.3, 95% CI 19.2 – 93.6, P = 0.0001 (FS-2)].

**Conclusions** In Greek average-risk individuals, 40 – 53% of cases of ACN would be missed by FS-based screening. In our setting, SSA/Ps were the only identifiable factor affecting negatively the yield of FS-based screening.

**eP52** ENDOSCOPIC AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES IN CD PATIENTS: RESULTS OF A PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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**Aims** Our aim was to assess clinical and endoscopic outcomes in CD (Crohn’s disease) patients enrolled in an IBD prospective cohort and to identify predictors of persistent inflammatory activity at follow-up.

**Methods** CD patients prospectively enrolled in an IBD cohort from a tertiary care center in Bucharest were followed annually, collecting clinical (CDAI, SIBDQ), endoscopic (SES-CD), biologic (CRP) data at each study visit. **Results** Analysed data from 62 CD patients (visits (22% ileal, 46% colonic, 29% ileo-colonic disease extension) were included, totalling 143 study visits. In the final analysis, at baseline 43% of patients had clinical activity, 82% had active endoscopic disease and reported a poor quality of life (median SIBDQ score 4.7). Enrolled patients had mild endoscopic activity (median SES-CD score 5) and a low prevalence of stenosis (median SES-CD stenosis subscore 0). SES-CD scores improved significantly at first follow up visit (median SES-CD 3, p = 0.013, Mann-Whitney U test), as well as quality of life scores (median SIBDQ score at baseline 4.7 vs. 5.5 at first follow-up visit, p = 0.001, Mann-Whitney U test) and clinical remission rates (43% at baseline vs. 28% at follow-up).
up, p = 0.04). In addition, we found a weak correlation for the SES-CD score with SESCD scores (r = 0.27, p = 0.019) and with CRP levels (r = 0.38, p < 0.01, Spearman’s correlation).

Conclusions Under medical treatment, endoscopic and clinical parameters of CD patients improve at 12 months of follow-up. As there is no consensus regarding SES-CD cut-off scores for endoscopic remission it’s difficult to interpret the significance of SES-CD score improvement. However, according to some authors [1], we could consider that a significant percent of enrolled patients achieved endoscopic remission at one year of follow-up, with 58% having SESCD ≤ 3.


eP53  COLORECTAL CANCER INCIDENCE AND THE PREVALENCE OF PRECURSOR LESIONS IN YOUNGER ADULTS

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Aims In the USA, colorectal cancer (CRC) incidence and mortality decreases among the screening population. However more often younger (< 50y) have been diagnosed with CRC. Therefore, the American-Cancer-Society recommend to start screening colonoscopy (SC) at the age of 45. Aim of our study is to assess the CRC incidence in Austria within different age groups and compare it with the occurrence of precursor lesions.

Methods 266,592 screening colonoscopies were analyzed from 2008 - 2018 within the “Austrian-screening-program”. The incidence (per 100.000) of colorectal cancer with the data from Statistic Austria and the prevalence of precursors within the Austria screening program were assessed within different age groups and compared among adults over and under 50 years.

Results 9341 (3.5%) patients were below the age of 50 and 257.251 (96.5%) were over 50 years old. CRC-incidence under the age of 50 was 7.6 (7.6) & 6.6 (6.6) in 1985; 7.5 (7.5) & 6.5 (6.5) in 1995; 8.7 (8.7) & 7.7 (7.7) in 2005 and 9.8 (9.8) & 8.8 (8.8) in 2015. Incidences for patients over age 50 was 192.7 (192.7) & 156.8 (156.8) in 1985; 215.3 (215.3) & 160.7 (160.7) in 1995; 212.3 (212.3) & 144.0 (144.0) in 2005 and 148.6 (148.6) & 95.3 (95.3) in 2015. The prevalence of advanced adenomas changed from 5.5% (5.5) & 2.1% (2.1) in 2008 to 7.4% (7.4) & 8.7% (8.7) in 2018 within patients under 50 and from 9.5% (9.5) & 5.2% (5.2) to 6.9% (6.9) & 4.9% (4.9) within those over 50 years.

The number needed to Screen (NNS) for an Adenoma was 5 within men aged 45 – 49, as well as among 50 – 54-years old. Within women NNS of 8 was also identical for both age groups.

Conclusions CRC incidence, as well as the occurrence of precursor advanced adenomas decreased within patients over 50 in the last years, while it is increasing among individuals under 50. The NNS for an adenoma is identically among patients aged 45 – 49 and 50 – 54. Therefore, the age for starting SC should be diminished to 45.

eP54  COMPLICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE LEFT COLORECTAL NEOPLASTIC OBSTRUCTION WITH CURATIVE INTENTION. DO ENDOSCOPIC STENTS HAVE A PROTECTIVE EFFECT?

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Aims To evaluate factors involved in medical and surgical complications in patients with acute colonic obstruction secondary to left colon cancer treated with curative intention. We specifically compared the influence of stents.

Tab. 1 Univariate analysis of complications in patients with neoplastic acute left colonic obstruction treated with curative intention

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Methods We performed an observational and retrospective study of patients attended in a single center for acute left colonic obstruction caused by cancer between 2007 and 2014. There were only included patients with curative intention, without metastasis at the time of diagnosis and treated with surgery with R0 resection.

Results There were included 106 patients. It was placed a colonic stent as a bridge in 76 (71.7%), and the rest were operated in an emergency setting. Surgical complication rate was lower in women, OR 0.30 (0.09 - 0.97). In multivariate analysis Charlson score, men and resection larger than 30 cm were associated with a higher surgical complication rate.

There were less medical complications in the postoperative period in patients with a colonic stent, OR 0.044 (0.00 - 0.37). In multivariate analysis, colonic stent and young age had fewer complications too.

The presence of stoma at discharge was less frequent in patients with a colonic stent, OR 0.20 (0.08 – 0.50), the ones with scheduled surgery, OR 0.09 (0.03 – 0.25), and higher in the ones who presented surgical complications, OR 2.73 (1.01 – 7.43). In multivariate analysis, the presence of colonic stent was associated with lower stoma rate.

Conclusions Colonic stents in patients with acute colonic obstruction secondary to left colon cancer treated with curative intention were associated in our study with a lower rate of medical complications and stoma but had no relationship with the presence of surgical complications.

eP56  CLINICAL POTENTIAL OF CIRCULATING TUMOR CELLS IN COLORECTAL CANCER: A PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims Identification of circulating tumor cells (CTCs) in the peripheral blood has been suggested for an early diagnostic and prognostic marker in patient with colorectal cancer (CRC). However, only limited data exist on the diagnostic impact of CTCs in patients with CRC. In this study, we evaluate a newly developed CTCs detection systems based on the cell size to assess CTCs and its clinical potential with early diagnosis and prognostic biomarker in CRC patient.

Methods From 2014 to 2015, a total of 88 patients with newly diagnosed CRC (67 patients with colon cancer and 21 patients with rectal cancer) who were scheduled for surgery and 31 healthy volunteers were enrolled and followed-up in Pusan National University Hospital. CTCs were enriched using
Results Two or more CTCs were detected using FAST in 74 patients and 3 healthy volunteers. The number of CTCs in the CRC group was significantly higher than that in the healthy volunteers (P < 0.001). When a receiver operating characteristic curve was created to differentiate CRC patients from healthy volunteers, the sensitivity and specificity were almost optimized when the critical CTC value was 5/7.5 mL of blood. When this value was used, the sensitivity and specificity in differentiating CRC patients from the healthy controls were 75% and 100%, respectively. In CRC patients with ≥5 CTCs, vascular invasion was frequently identified (P = 0.035). All patients with stage IV cancer were positive for CTCs.

Conclusions Our study demonstrated promising results with the use of FAST-based CTC detection for the early diagnosis.

eP57 INCIDENCE AND RISK FACTORS FOR SESSE SERRATED ADENOMAS AFTER CURATIVE SURGERY IN LEFT-SIDE COLON CANCER PATIENTS

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Aims Sessile serrated adenomas (SSAs) are known to be precursors of colorectal cancer (CRC). However, data regarding detection rates of premalignant lesions during colonoscopy surveillance in patients with a history of left-sided colonic resection for cancer are lacking. In this study, we aimed to identify the incidence and risk factors for serrated adenoma in left-side colorectal cancer patients.

Methods We retrospectively reviewed the medical records of patients who underwent left-sided colonic surgery for colon and rectal cancer at Chungnam national university hospital (CNUH) between September 2009 and September 2016. We enumerated the SSAs in patients with left-side colectomy who received 1 or more follow-up colonoscopies. The patients’ baseline and SSA characteristics and colonoscopy information were reviewed.

Results A total of 539 patients were enrolled in the study. During the first follow-up, 98 SSAs were identified in 539 patients (22.2%). At the second follow-up, 51 SSAs were identified in 212 patients (24.0%). The mean age of the patients was 62.2 years and 77.0% patients were men. The mean first follow-up duration was 11.5 months, and the mean second follow-up duration was 25.8 months. Multivariate analysis showed that alcohol intake (HR, 1.603; 95% CI, 1.093–2.371), bowel preparation (HR, 0.559; 95% CI, 0.301–1.039), and the use of transparent cap (HR, 1.702; 95% CI, 1.060–2.735) were associated with serrated adenoma incidence in the first surveillance colonoscopy. However, in the second surveillance, the body mass index significantly decreased the risk of SSAs (HR, 1.602; 95% CI, 1.033–2.411).

Conclusions Several lifestyle factors are associated with metachronous SSAs risk. The findings of this study enhance our understanding of the mechanisms of SSAs development and indicate that the risk of serrated pathway colorectal neoplasms could be reduced through lifestyle changes.

eP58 CAN SIGMODOPOSCOPY REPLACE COLONOSCOPY WHEN EVALUATING PATIENTS WITH ULCERATIVE COLITIS?

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Aims Ulcerative colitis (UC) is a chronic inflammatory bowel disease of unknown etiology and is a lifelong disease repeating clinical improvement and aggravation. Endoscopic severity assessment is very important, because the severity assessment is related to the prognosis of the UC patient. Colonoscopy is able to identify the entire field, but is accompanied by complication and the preparation process is difficult. The aim of this study is to evaluate the endoscopic tool to assessing severity of ulcerative colitis during follow up UC patients.

Methods The subjects were 183 UC patients who were diagnosed and followed up at Chosun University Hospital from 2013 January to 2017 December. Among them, 101 patients with follow-up colonoscopy were enrolled and retrospectively evaluated for endoscopic severity. The severity is assessed by colonoscopy alone, inspector determines endoscopic severity of follow up UC patients from rectosigmoid and proximal colon. The scale of endoscopic severity is endoscopic mayo score and ulcerative colitis endoscopic index scale (UCEIS).

Results Of the 101 patients, 40 has lesions limited to the rectosigmoid colon. (39%) The average of endoscopic mayo score of entire colon is 1.21 and in case of rectosigmoid colon is 1.07. The average of UCEIS of entire colon is 2.24 and in case of rectosigmoid colon is 1.94. The agreement endoscopic mayo score between the each site is observed with a kappa value of 0.83 (p = 0.00), and agreement of UCEIS between the each site is observed with a kappa value of 0.840 (p = 0.00).

Conclusions There is a very high level of agreement between entire colon severity and rectosigmoid colon severity in followed UC patients. Sigmoidoscopy is a good modality for evaluating the endoscopic severity of followed UC patients, considering complication and high cost.
causative factors of diarrhea and they might be better understood on both clinical and pathological ground. Further studies with endoscopic high definition techniques are needed to rule out the intrinsic limitation of the low definition imaging.

**eP60**  GENDER-SPECIFIC DIFFERENCE IN HISTOLOGY OUTCOMES ACCORDING TO POLYP SHAPE IN SCREENING COLONOSCOPY

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**Aims** Predictions about histology can be made due to polyp’s size, localization and shape. As influence of size and localization have been already shown in many studies (Lieberman D et al, Gastroenterology 2008), our aim of the study was to evaluate probabilities for type of histology according to different polyp shapes and whether it shows distinction between men and women.

**Methods** Screening colonoscopies between 2007 – 2018 were analyzed within Austrian Certificate in Quality for Screening Colonoscopy. Polyp shape was recorded on basis of Paris classification (sessile, flat, pedunculated). Histology was described for polyps: hyperplastic, other benign and for adenomas: tubular, villous, tubulovillous, sessile serrated (SSA), traditional serrated (TSA). Advanced adenomas (AA) were analyzed between 2013 – 2018.

**Results**

- 27 666 (46.88%) screening colonoscopies were from female patients, mean age = 61.76 (SD = 8.92), 53.12% were from male patients, mean age = 61.41 (SD = 8.92).
- 7766 (49.28%) flat polyps were found in women, 7992 (50.72%) in men.
- Hyperplastic polyps were prevalent in women (38.6% vs. 33.4%), followed by tubular (27.2% vs. 26.9%), villous (24.6% vs. 23.6%), and tubulovillous polyps (10.9% vs. 10.7%).
- 875 (6.1%) and 198 (2.5%) of sessile polyps were found in women and men, respectively.
- In men, other benign (48.3% vs. 44.6%), SSA (35.5% vs. 30.9%), and TSA (7.6% vs. 6.5%) were more prevalent than in women.
- Hyperplastic polyps were more common in women (51.96% vs. 44.73%), followed by other benign (43.0% vs. 38.5%), SSA (7.4% vs. 6.4%), and TSA (0.5% vs. 0.4%).

**Conclusions**

- Predictions about histology can be made due to polyp size, localization, and shape. As influence of size and localization have been already shown in many studies, our aim was to evaluate probabilities for type of histology according to different polyp shapes and whether it shows distinction between men and women.

**eP61**  ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION OF SMALL COLORECTAL POLYPS: WHAT IS THE OPTIMAL TECHNIQUE?

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**Aims** More than 70% of the polyps detected during colonoscopies are small (1 – 10 mm). The optimal technique of their complete resection is a subject of concern for endoscopists.

**The aim of this study was to review the different techniques used for the resection of small polyps and to suggest which one would be most effective comparing the different rates of incomplete resection.**

**Methods** This was a retrospective study including all the patients who underwent polypectomy for a small colorectal polyp during a period of 12 months (the year 2017). Three groups were defined: Group 1 (G1) for polyps resected using mucosectomy, group 2 (G2) for polyps resected using hot snare and group 3 (G3) for polyps removed by the biopsy forceps.

**Results** During the year of the study, 116 colorectal polypectomies were performed for 74 patients with an average age of 62 years (22-87 years) and a sex ratio (M/F) of 2.08. Polyps mainly in the rectum (29.3%). They were sessile in 76.7% (n = 89), pedunculated in 10.3% (n = 12), and flat in 8.6% of cases (n = 10). The average size of polyps was 4.59 mm (2 – 10). Diminutive polyps were prevailing (71.5% of cases, n = 83). The histopathological assessment showed that 25.8% of the polyps were hyperplastic (n = 30), while 66.4% (n = 77) were adenomatous. In the latter, 80.5% were tubular and 16.6% tubulovillous. G1 included 16 polyps, G2: 15 polyps and G3: 82 polyps. The incomplete resection rate of adenomatous polyps was significantly higher in G3 compared to G2 and G1 (23.1% vs. 6.6% vs. 18.7%, p = 0.12).

**Conclusions** In our series, complete endoscopic resection of small polyps was much better using hot snare. Until today, no optimal method has been described for the resection of small polyps.

**eP62**  RESULTS OF ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF SIGMA VOLVULUS

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**Aims** Sigmoid volvulus (SV) is represented by the wrapping of the sigmoid colon around itself and its mesentery, causing an intestinal obstruction and ischemic changes.

**Controversy exists between endoscopy and surgery for the therapeutic management of colonic volvulus in emergency.**

**The aim of the study is to assess the outcome of patients with SV managed by endoscopic detoxion.**

**Methods** A retrospective study including patients who underwent emergency endoscopic detoxion in the gastroenterology department of Habib Thameur Hospital, between January 2008 and August 2018 was conducted. The results of endoscopic management, percentage of recurrence, and the need for surgical procedures were analyzed.

**Results** During the study period, a total of 12 patients with acute SV were endoscopically treated. There were 9 men and 3 women, with a mean age of 60.4 years [range 30 – 90]. Endoscopic treatment was successfully performed without any complication in 10 patients, representing a primary success of 83.3%. For the other cases, exsufflation could not be performed because of severity endoscopic signs of bowel ischemia requiring an immediate surgery consisting on sigmoidectomy with Bouilly-Volkmann’s colostomy.
Elective surgery can then be performed in better conditions.

For uncomplicated SV, endoscopy is the best therapeutic option.

Management of LNPCPs to be undertaken in 8 weeks.

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Conclusions

No patients were readmitted. 4 patients had adenocarcinoma.

Polyps were removed completely. One adverse event was noted which was a complication of diverticulitis. These patients were divided into 20 men and 18 women with a mean age of 58.42 years. Diverticulosis was complicated by sigmoiditis in 31 cases, deep abscess in 3 cases, gastrointestinal bleeding in 3 cases and perforation in 1 case. A favorable evolution was obtained after the introduction of antibiotic therapy in most cases (34 patients). Four patients underwent surgical treatment. Colonoscopy performed within 53.8 days (30–90 days) showed diverticula in the sigmoid colon in 22 cases, the right colon in 8 cases, the transverse colon in 2 cases, the right colon in 2 cases and diffuse in 4 cases. Colonic polyps were present in 3 patients (7.8%) of 8.3 mm (5–12 mm) average size. Histological examination showed two tubular adenomas with low grade dysplasia and a tubular adenoma with high grade dysplasia. No cases of malignancy were observed.

Conclusions

After an episode of complicated diverticulitis, colonoscopy was pathological in 7.8% of cases. No cases of malignancy were observed.

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Methods

A retrospective data collection was conducted of LNPCP removed over a 12 months period 14 different parameters were used for each polypectomy conducted and results were analyzed on MS Excel.

Results

50 patients had LNPCPs removed during this 12 months duration. The demographic results shows that majority of patients were in there eighties. 56% were female and 44% were male. Majorit of polyps were in distal sigmoid and hepatic flexure which constitutes 36%. The majority of the polyps removed were between 2–3 cm which makes 36% of total sample size.82% of polyps were removed by hot snare cautery... The majority of indication for colonoscopy was previous polyps and this was 28%. 54% of polyps were completely removed and remaining were piecemeal. 26% of patients received midazolam and 50 mg of Fentanyl.

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Results

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eP67  Efficacy of Emergency Endoscopic Hemostasis in Patients with Acute Lower Gastrointestinal Bleeding and Factors Associated with Necessity of Endoscopic Intervention

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Aims  The necessity and effectiveness of emergency endoscopic hemostasis in patients with acute lower gastrointestinal bleeding (ALGB) has not been clearly established. The aim of this study was to define the role and efficacy of endoscopic hemostasis in patients with ALGB and analyze factors associated with necessity for hemostasis.

Methods  We analyzed the medical records of 587 patients with ALGB treated in two affiliated hospitals during a seven-year period. Our practice was to perform colonoscopy in all patients after hemodynamic stabilization during the first 24 h of hospitalization and capsule enteroscopy and/or computed tomography angiography, when needed.

Results  Endoscopic hemostasis was required in 96 patients (16.3%) and permanent hemostasis was achieved in 82 cases (85.4%) in first colonoscopy and in 100% after a second attempt. No patient required emergency surgical hemostasis and no patient died. Mainly clips (52%), adrenaline injection (40.6%) and APC (39.5%) were performed. Factors associated with need for endoscopic hemostasis were concomitant diseases (p < 0.035, OR 2.69, 95% CI 1.05, 6.87), use of anticoagulants (p < 0.001, OR 2.59, 95% CI 1.59, 4.22), post-polypectomy bleeding (p < 0.001, OR 23.01, 95% CI 11.92, 44.26), presence of colonic ulcers (p < 0.001, OR 5.02, 95% CI 2.14, 11.76) and vascular ectasias (p < 0.001, OR 46.37, 95% CI 15.74, 136.54). Ischemic colitis (p < 0.001, OR 0.766, 95% CI 0.729, 0.805), diverticulosis (p < 0.001, OR 0.108, 95% CI 0.034, 0.348) and neoplasia (p < 0.001, OR 0.89, 95% CI 0.87, 0.92) were negative predictors for the need of endoscopic hemostasis.

Conclusions  Endoscopic hemostasis is required in a substantial number of patients with ALGB with high efficacy and its necessity can be predicted by a variety of factors. However, larger prospective studies are required to better define a prognostic score.

eP68  The Elastic Ligation of Internal Hemorrhoids: Where Are We Now?!

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Aims  Hemorrhoidal disease requires different means of treatment: medical, surgical and instrumental. Among these, the elastic ligature seems to be an effective and widespread technique in the world.

The aim of our study is to report our experience in methodology and short and medium term results of ligation in a population that strongly fear surgery.

Methods  This is a retrospective and descriptive study of 208 patients treated on with elastic ligations for symptomatic internal hemorrhoids. These patients were collected over a period of 15 years (October 2003-April 2018) at the gastroenterology department of Hassan II CHU in Fes.

Results  The mean age of our patients was 50.3 years (20-82yo) with a sex-ratio M/F of 2.85. The clinical signs were dominated by rectorrhagia (99%) complicated by anemia in 116 cases requiring blood transfusion in 72 cases; followed by proctalgia (27.4%). Indications for elastic ligation were symptomatic internal hemorrhoids grade 3 (65.4%) and Grade 2 (33.6%). The average number of ligation sessions that achieved the therapeutic goal was 2.30 sessions [1:5]. The average number of rings per session was 3.1 rings (1–6). Moderate to severe pain was reported by 73 patients (35%) mostly within 6 hours of ligation. Minimal rectorrhagia was reported in 32 cases (15.4%). No major complications required an hospitalization. The success rate was 80.7% (n = 168). Surgery was performed in 31 patients (14.9%) and sclerosis in 7 patients (3.3%).

Conclusions  The elastic ligation of internal hemorrhoids remains an effective and inexpensive technique for the treatment of symptomatic internal hemorrhoids of grade 2 to 3. The results obtained in our study were very reassuring and motivating.

eP69  Long-Term Survival Analysis After Endoscopic Stenting as a Bridge to Surgery for Malignant Colonic Obstruction: Comparison with Emergency Surgery

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Aims  Colorectal self-expanding metal stents (SEMS) can be used as a bridge therapy in acute malignant colorectal obstruction for elective surgical treatment in better clinical conditions. There are reports of higher rates of tumor recurrence in the long-term and worse survival in the SEMS group. The aim of this study was to compare the long-term results of colorectal SEMS versus emergency surgery in patients with malignant colorectal obstruction with curative purposes. The main outcome was overall survival rate.

Methods  This is a retrospective comparison of patients who underwent placement of colorectal SEMS as a bridge therapy for malignant colorectal obstruction versus patients submitted to emergency surgery for the same clinical condition, with curative intentions in both groups. Inclusion: Patients with resectable colorectal neoplasia with obstructive signs and symptoms submitted to emergency surgery or SEMS. Exclusion: evidence of unresectable disease and/or metastatic disease.

Results  406 eligible patients. Groups are similar in age, gender, staging and ECOG status. SEMS group: 55 eligible patients of whom 34 were excluded (palliative care) and 21 were included. There were 3 perforations, 1 silent perforation, 3 obstructions and 3 bleedings. There were 12 minor complications (9 pain, 2 tenesmus and 1 incontinence). Mean follow-up time was 16 months, (range 1–67). Surgery group: 351 eligible of whom 284 were excluded (evidence of unresectable disease) and 67 were included. Mean follow-up time was 17.6 months (range 5–69). Analysis of SEMS versus Surgery: primary anastomosis 70% vs. 14.4% (p < 0.0001); temporary ostomy 35% vs. 71.6% (p = 0.0015); permanent ostomy 15% vs. 35% (p = 0.01); fistula 5% vs. 14.9% (p = 0.44); local recurrence 38.1% vs. 22.4% (p = 0.14). There was no difference in the overall survival rate (Log rank p = 0.873).

Conclusions  SEMS group showed better rates of primary anastomoses and permanent ostomy. There was no difference in local recurrence and overall survival rate between the groups.
**eP70**  **ENDOSCOPIC PREDICTION OF INVASION DEPTH BY CONVENTIONAL COLONOSCOPY IN EARLY COLORECTAL CANCER. A PROSPECTIVE STUDY IN PERU 2014 – 2018**

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**Aims**  Endoscopic resection has been established as the treatment of choice for adenomas and cancer colorectal early (ECRC), with minimal risk of lymph node metastasis. Hence, the tumor invasion prediction might help to determine the best therapeutic approach. The aim of the study is to assess the prediction of tumor invasion by means of conventional colonoscopy in early colorectal neoplastic lesions.

**Methods**  A prospective study for the validation of a diagnostic tool was performed. We included those patients with ECRC who were referred for endoscopic management during the period from January 2014 to July 2018. We evaluated the following endoscopic findings in each lesion: loss of lobulation, expansive appearance, depressed, eroded or ulcerated area demarcated, fold convergence, rigidity, and non-lifting sign. We define the depth of invasion in two groups: as intramucosal (M) with the presence of any or 1 endoscopic findings and massive-submucosal (SM-M) with the presence of at least 2 endoscopic findings. We correlated the prediction of depth invasion using the endoscopic findings with the pathologic stage of the lesions and determined its diagnostic performance. Subsequently, the association of each endoscopic predictor and the histological presence of SM-M invasion were determined with univariate and multivariate analysis.

**Results**  Global accuracy for prediction of tumor invasion by endoscopic findings was of 93.3% Sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value and negative predictive value for the first group (M) was 91.8%, 95.5%, 97.8%, and 84%, respectively; whereas for the second group (SM-M) was 95.5%, 91.8%, 84%, and 97.8%, respectively. We find that expansive appearance and rigidity were independent risk factors, which predict significantly the submucosal invasion.

**Conclusions**  The use of endoscopic predictors by conventional colonoscopy with white light is useful to determine the depth of tumor invasion in early neoplastic colorectal lesions.

**eP71**  **HOW WELL DOES POLYP DETECTION RATE CORRELATE WITH ADENOMA DETECTION RATE?**

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**Aims**  Adenoma detection rate (ADR) is a key performance indicator for colonoscopy as it correlates with diminished risk of interval colorectal cancer (CRC) and mortality. Assessment of the ADR can be time consuming as it requires histological assessment. Polyp detection rate (PDR) is a less cumbersome measure that does not require the linkage of endoscopy and histopathology results. We aim to assess whether PDR was an adequate substitute for ADR.

**Methods**  Single centre, retrospective analysis of colorectal polypectomies performed at Royal Free Hospitals NHS Trust during a 6-month period (March to September 2018). Data was collected from the Unisoft GI Reporting Tool and electronic patient records (EPR). Statistical analyses included chi-square and student t-tests.

**Results**  637 polypectomies were performed on 333 patients (mean age 63.2 (23 – 89)) and were included in this study (380 patients diagnosed with colorectal polyps; 47 (12.4%) excluded as polyp not resected). Median number of polypectomies per patient 1 (1 – 10); median size 6 mm (1 – 70 mm).

**Conclusions**  Almost 1 in 5 patients undergoing polypectomy had resection of hyperplastic polyps only. 10% of patients had a non-neoplastic polyp from the left side removed with no risk of progression to CRC. Correlation of endoscopic impression of adenoma is not 100% with histology and would therefore not advocate the resect-and-discard strategy. This data supports a business case for a ‘polyp nurse’ to assess polyps following histological analysis and risk stratify into the adenoma follow up guidelines. We conclude that the ADR does not correlate with PDR.

**eP72**  **PROBE-BASED CONFOCAL LASER ENDOMICROSCOPY IS A MANDATORY TOOL IN EVALUATION OF NEOANGIOGENESIS IN LOCALLY ADVANCED GASTRIC CANCER AND IN RECTAL CANCER PATIENTS**

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**Aims**  Probe-based Confocal Laser Endomicroscopy (pCLE) is an advanced endoscopic technique which provides high resolution images of the mucosa and of the microvasculature. The aim of study was to evaluate if pCLE can provide accurate information about tumor vascular pattern before and after neoadjuvant radio-chemotherapy (RT/CT) achieving a more accurate diagnosis and patient-tailored targeted treatment in locally advanced Gastric Cancer (GC) and in Rectal Cancer (RC) patients.

**Methods**  130 consecutive RC patients (45F, 85 M mean age: 63 years) and 54 consecutive GC patients (26F, 28 M mean age: 62 years) underwent endoscopy with pCLE-GastroFlex UHD probe and i. v. fluorescein infusion in order to evaluate intratumoral vasculatization. After CT/RT treatment, 69 RC (22F, 47M, mean age: 65 years) and 12 GC patients (7F, 5 M, mean age 56 years) were revaluated using pCLE. Vascular assessment was based on Cannizzaro-Spessotto (CS) scale which evaluated vessel shape, size, permeability and blood flow. The angiogenic score ranged from 0, for normal to 4 for aberrant vasculature.

**Results**  79% of RC patients had an angiogenic score 3 or 4 at diagnosis. The angiogenic score after therapy showed a statistical significant improvement (median CS score pre CT: 3.3 vs. median CS score post CT: 1.8) in almost all RC patients (73%). In GC patients we found unchanged vascular alterations which correlated positively with stable or progressive disease. Since in only 25% of GC patients was detected a small remission it was possible that the unaltered angiogenic score could be ascribed to the lack on neoangiogenesis.

**Conclusions**  Data demonstrate that during the treatment schedule, pCLE analysis is very important for predicting the efficacy of treatments and possibly introduce anti-angiogenic drugs when necessary. Future studies are necessary for the evaluation of pCLE impact in patients survival. This work was supported by the following grant Ministry of Health RF –2016 – 02361525 to R.C.
Epi73V ENDOSCOPIC REMOVAL OF A COLONIC FOREIGN BODY USING A LOOP CUTTER DEVICE

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Endoscopic body ingestion is a common event in childhood but can also happen in adulthood, usually occurring accidentally during a meal. The authors report the case of a 61 year-old female, with no relevant personal history, who was sent to the emergency department due to a foreign body lodged in the sigmoid colon that was identified on an outpatient colonoscopy performed due to lower abdominal pain and episodic fever in the last 3 months. The physical examination and laboratory tests were unremarkable. An abdominal computed tomography confirmed a foreign body with 46 × 5 mm on the rectosigmoid junction, associated with colic wall thickening and densification of the surrounding fat, with no evidence of fluid collections nor intraperitoneal free air. Endoscopic removal was attempted but the foreign body had its ends lodged into the colonic wall (diverticula area), with inflammatory signs and a small quantity of purulent drainage and it was decided to hospitalize the patient and start intravenous antibiotics. Endoscopy was repeated under general anesthesia two days later. A loop cutter device was used to cut the foreign body, with extraction of the two ends with grasping forceps. The sites of previous contact with the colic wall were closed with endoclips. The patient was discharged five days later without any complaints. The authors highlight the therapeutic innovation presented in this case, where an alternative use of a device enabled a safe and minimally invasive resolution and emphasize the excellent iconography collected on video.

Ep74V NEMATODES ATTACHED TO COLONIC WALL. ENDOSCOPIC DIFFERENTIATION (WITH VIDEOS)

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Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is very useful for treating large superficial gastrointestinal tumors in an en bloc resection manner, but it requires high skill. Especially beginners tend to cut the tissue slowly in ESD, and so it may make the tissue burnt. Therefore, the ability of the electrosurgical unit and its setting are extremely important for ESD. VIO series (ERBE, Germany) is often employed for ESD, but usefulness of other electrosurgical units for ESD is not fully elucidated. Herein, we investigated the feasibility of the a new electrosurgical unit “AUTOCONIII400” (KARL STORZT, Germany) for endoscopic submucosal dissection.

Methods We performed ESD for 15 colorectal, 16 gastric, and 4 esophageal lesions. ITKnife 2 (Olympus, Japan) was used only for 9 gastric lesions. We adjusted the settings to find the best combination for each lesion.

Results Procedure time were 22.8 mm, 40.2 mm, and 43.8 minutes, respectively. All patients reported equivalent diagnostic yields. The majority of patients in our cohort prefer CCE despite the potential need for follow-up colonoscopy. The correlation between intra-procedural Modified-Gloucester-Comfort-Scale and patient reported values was weak (R = 0.28). Overall, 77.5% (31/40) of patients would prefer CCE if they required further investigation. Of these, 77.4% (24/31) preferred CCE despite the potential need for follow-up colonoscopy.

Conclusions CCE has a high satisfaction rating and has a higher comfort rating than colonoscopy. Studies have confirmed CCE and colonoscopy have equivalent diagnostic yields. The majority of patients in our cohort prefer CCE to colonoscopy. CCE should be considered as an alternative to colonoscopy in selected individuals.
50–60 W, for submucosal dissection, and Non-cutting mode, effect 2, 80 W for hemostasis. Cutting ability of GastroKNIFE mode and Forced Mix mode were excellent, and even fat-rich tissues and fibrotic tissue were cut with less burning effect. On the other hand, a little slow cutting in submucosal dissection was needed to prevent bleeding.

**Conclusions** AUTOCONHI 400 was feasible for colorectal, gastric and esophageal ESD. Further studies are needed to fully evaluate its usefulness.

**eP77 A RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF COLORECTAL CANCER OUTCOMES IN YOUNG ADULTS**

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**Aims** The primary aim of this study was to look at the 5 year survival rates in young adults (age < 50) following a diagnosis of colorectal cancer.

**Methods** This was a retrospective observational study. The identity of young adults diagnosed with colorectal cancer between 2009–2017 was obtained from the Somerset cancer data base. Clinical information about the patient was obtained from the electronic patient database (iportal) Descriptive statistics and survival outcomes were performed using SPSS software.

**Results** There were 171 patients over a period of 8 years, men (102) women (69). The majority of the tumours for both men and women were found in the rectum (64.6% and 35.4%). Far more patients presented with advanced disease (73%) [stage 3 &4] compared to early disease 27% [stage 1&2], p < 0.0001. Although there was a trend toward low mcv in right sided cancers, there was no significant correlation between mcv and stage of disease at presentation. Surgery with curative intent was offered to 131 (76.6%). Surgery with curative intent was offered to 12 (7%). Palliative chemotherapy was received by 25 (14.6%). Overall all 5 year survival for young adults diagnosed with colorectal cancer was 55%. After adjusting for missing data and confounding variables this improved to 66%. There was no difference in survival between men and women.

**Conclusions** Colorectal cancer is considered a disease of old age. However the incidence of colorectal cancer, particularly rectal cancer in young adults is increasing. It is well known that young adults tend to present with advanced stage of the disease. Our study also support this observation. The overall 5 year survival following a diagnosis of colorectal cancer in young adults under the age of 50 within the catchment area of our institution is comparable to the rest of the united kingdom (58%).

**eP78V CUTTING DELAY DURING POLYPECTOMY OF A LARGE PEDUNCULATED POLYP IN THE CAECUM – USE OF A PARTIALLY ISOLATED SNARE**

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A 69-year old female patient was submitted for endoscopic resection of a large pedunculated polyp in the caecum. After submucosal injection with 10 ml of diluted epinephrine solution, a braided wire snare (25 mm, Olympus-Europe, Hamburg, Germany) was placed around the lesion. Cutting with the HF Unit ERBE VIO 300 (ERBE-Elektromedizin, Tübingen, Germany) was started with EndoCUT Q Effect 3, however, no cutting current could be established at the polyp stalk. Therefore we changed to a partially isolated polypectomy snare with 30 mm (Micro-Tech Europe, Düsseldorf, Germany). The HF generator was set to Auto Cut and the polyp could be resected in one piece. After the endoscopic treatment, an active bleeding could be controlled with through-the-scope clips.

The histopathological diagnosis showed high-grade dysplasia with an R0 resection.

**Conclusion** Complete resection of large pedunculated polyps could involve the risk of a cutting delay. Partially isolated snare could be an answer because the current in the cutting wire is strongly reduced. Attention has to be payed to postinterventional bleeding.

**eP79 APPLICATION IN OUR CENTER OF THE CLINICAL GUIDE FOR ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION OF COLON POLYS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ADENOCARCINOMA PT1**

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**Aims** The pT1 adenocarcinoma resected endoscopically poses a challenge in terms of its management. In some cases, there is a lack of scientific evidence that supports the need of additional invasive treatments. The Spanish Society of Digestive Endoscopy suggests the classification of these injuries according to the risk of dissemination, multidisciplinary advice and individualized decision for patients at intermediate/high risk.

**Methods** A descriptive, prospective study analyzing the follow-up in our center of patients undergoing endoscopic resection of pT1 adenocarcinoma between January 2015 and June 2018.

**Results** 138 patients, 96 men (69.6%), with an average age of: 68.42 +/- 9.75 years and an average follow-up time of 20.96 +/- 10.76 months. The most frequent reason for the indication of a colonoscopy was a positive SOH test within the CCR screening program: 68 (49.3%). The average size of the injuries was 22.36 ± 11.54 mm; 75 (54%) were Paris 0-Ip. In 114 (82.6%) polypectomy was performed in bulk. We described 2 perforations (1.4%) and 17 haemorrhages (12.3%) all endoscopically solved. We classified in risk groups according to the guide of resection polyps of the Spanish Society of Digestive Endoscopy: 67 (48.6%) of low risk, 22 (15.9%) intermediate risk, 39 (28.3%) high risk and 10 (7.2%) resection incomplete. We analyzed the medium-high risk subgroup, after the multidisciplinary committee, 40 (65.57%) were included in the endoscopic surveillance and 19 (31.14%) were operated. Of the patients operated, in 5 (26.31%) the histology of the surgical piece was positive, without significant relationship with any parameter of poor prognosis analyzed. In the endoscopic follow-up, 4 presented recurrence results, resolved by endoscopy.

**Conclusions** In our series, the management suggested by the Spanish Society Digestive Endoscopy seems adequate, in absence of confirmation of results with longer follow-up and larger sample size.

**eP80 HISTOPATHOLOGICAL FEATURES OF POSTCOLONOSCOPY COLORECTAL CANCER**

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**Aims** The targets of this study are to describe postcolonoscopy colorectal cancer (PCCRC) histopathological features and to evaluate relevant differences between PCRCR and sporadic colorectal cancer (SCRC) in this topic.

**Methods** A retrospective simple centre study in a University Hospital was carried out. Colorectal cancer (CRC) cases diagnosed for three years period
were revised (n = 291). PCCRC cases were identified (n = 17; 6 – 60 months after a negative colonoscopy). Statistically significant differences regarding histological type in both groups were analysed (PCCRC vs. SCRC). To value histopathological differences, PCCRC cases and a SCRC control group were paired (1:1) regarding histological type, tumour grade, tumour stadium and location. Features related with CRC prognosis were re-examined by an expert pathologist (lymphatic, vascular and perineural invasion, budding tumour major than 10, tumoral grown type, peritumoral lymphoid inflammatory in-filtration grade, lymphoid Crohn type response and Tumour Intraepithelial lymphocytes. Statistical analysis: Pearson X² test for qualitative variables.

Results: Serrated adenocarcinoma and High-Microsatellite Instability Carcinoma (MSI-H) were more frequent in PCCRC group tan in SCRC (23.53% and 11.76% versus 14.57% and 2.21% respectively), but differences were not significant. All cases of PCCRC had an inflammatory infiltration (High or Low grade) versus 58.83% in SCRC control group (p = 0.011). Lymphoid Crohn type response was present in 47% of PCCRC cases versus 5.88% of SCRC control group (p = 0.007) (Table 1). There were no statistical differences in the other histopathological features.

Conclusions: There are few studies in the literature that analyse PCCRC pathological features. There are some references to molecular aspects. Studies about histopathological characteristics described above have not been found. Predominating Inflammatory infiltration and lymphoid Crohn type response are histopathological features observed in PCCRC with significant difference. Further studies are necessary to extrapolate results observed in this study.

eP81V THE BUBBLE SIGN, A NEW TRACK TO DETECT A PERFORATION AFTER COLD SNARE POLYPECTOMY

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Cold snare polypectomy (CSP) is nowadays a highly recommended procedure for treatment of sessile adenomas up to 10 mm in size. Despite this procedure is not widely accepted in larger lesions, prospective and retrospective studies show outstanding results in terms of efficacy and safety, even performing piecemeal resection (wide field CSP). Indeed, in two recent meta-analysis no perforations have been described with this technique. On the other hand, the scar assessment should be mandatory in order to detect damages in muscular layer. Because of no perforation have been reported with CSP, the evaluation of muscular injuries in this scenario has been unnoticed.

After performing a CSP, we usually irrigate a waterjet over the scar. In case the submucosal layer is intact, the creation of a cushion is observed. However in case of disruption of the submucosal and muscular layer this cushion is missing. We have called this fact “the bubble sign”. Therefore, we present two cases of perforation with CSP in which this bubble sign was missing. Both cases were performed using a Captivator Hexagonal 13 mm snare (Boston Scientific) which is not specifically designed for CSP. These patients were treated by endoclips closure and dismissed 48 hours later with no adverse events.

In conclusion, despite the perforation with CSP is an unusual event, is important to keep it in mind. Irrigating a waterjet over the scar after the procedure and therefore assessing the ‘Bubble sign’ could help us to detect this adverse event.

eP82 COMPARISON OF THE THERMAL ARTEFACT BETWEEN EMR AND UNDERWATER-EMR AND IT’S INFLUENCE IN THE HISTOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

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Aims: Thermal artefact in endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) specimens, suppose one of the main drawbacks in the pathologic assessment. Heat dissipation effect endorsed by underwater-EMR might lead a way to prevent this handicap. We aimed to compare the thermal artefact in samples of en-bloc resection performed by EMR and Underwater EMR. In this regard, injuries in margins and in the whole samples were cautiously assessed.

Methods: We performed a retrospective cross sectional study in which en bloc specimens of U-EMR and EMR were included. All the procedures were accomplished with Endocut Q current (Effect 3; Time 1-interval 6) (ERBE VIO200 s). All samples were assessed by two expert pathologists according to a non-validated score from 0 (non injury) to 3 (Severe injury-non evaluable) both in margins and the whole sample. In the same way, we also assess the possibility of been able to mount the pieces in a cork afterward of the resection.

Results: A total of 40 specimens were finally included (22 U-EMR y 18 EMR). Regarding to the margins assessment, EMR showed a severe injury in 55.6% vs. 27.3% of the lesions resected by U-EMR (p = 0.06). Otherwise, whole architecture of the polyps were deeply altered in 17% of the specimens in the EMR group versus 9% in the U-EMR group (p = 0.47). Nevertheless, these differences were specifically stressed in case of the architecture of serrated lesions, which was severely altered in 100% of cases resected by EMR, compared to only 20% of cases resected by U-EMR (p = 0.07).

Conclusions: These preliminary results show that U-EMR might be an option to prevent thermal artefact in specimens sent to pathologist. This fact remains especially useful in case of serrated lesions.

eP83 THE LOCATION AS A PREDICTOR OF ADENOCARCINOMA IN GRANULAR MIXED LATERALLY SPREADING TUMORS (GM-LSTs): A MULTICENTRE RESTROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS

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Aims: GM-LSTs represent approximately 1/4 of all LST and have a submucosal invasion risk of approximately 10%. Size and location represent important predictor factors of advanced neoplasia. The aim of the study was to evaluate the prevalence of cancer in patients with GM-LSTs, analyzing factors of submucosal invasion risk such as size and location.

Methods: Multicentric retrospective analysis of a prospectively maintained database of all consecutive patients with GM-LSTs that underwent endoscopic resection from 06/2014 to 10/2018 in five Italian centers.

Results: A total of 581 patients (48.8% male; mean age 68.82 years) with GM-LSTs underwent endoscopic resection. The mean size of the GM-LSTs was 41.61 (range 18 – 150 mm). GM-LSTs were removed by: endoscopic mucosal...
resection (EMR) in 429 pts (73.8%) and endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) in 132 pts (22.7%). GM-LSTs were removed en-bloc in 114 cases (20%). In 17 patients the GM-LSTs lesions were considered unfit for endoscopic resection and were referred to surgery. GM-LSTs were mainly located in the rectum (245, 42.2%) and in the right colon (245, 42.2%), while 48 lesions (8.2%) were in the left colon and 43 (7.4%) in the transverse colon. Histology showed low grade dysplasia (LGD) in 160 lesions (27.5%), high grade dysplasia (HGD) in 342 lesions (58.9%) and adenocarcinoma in 79 lesions (13.6%).

When histology was analyzed according to lesion location the incidence of cancer was 18.8% (46/245) in the rectum vs. 9.8% (33/336) in the other colonic segments (p value = 0.001). Overall 41 (51.9%) pts with adenocarcinoma underwent surgery.

Conclusions: Our study confirms the increased rate of adenocarcinoma in patients with GM-LSTs as highlighted in the literature and shows that the prevalence of cancer is significantly greater at the level of the rectum than in other colonic segments. Further prospective multicentric studies are needed to define the best therapeutic approach for the removal of GM-LSTs.

eP84V ENDOSCOPIC TRASLUMINAL DRAINAGE OF ENDOOLUMINAL DIVERTICULAR ABSCESS

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Aim: To describe the case of a diverticular endoluminal abscess, successfully endoscopically drained without any complication.

Methods: We review the case of an endoscopic drainage performed in the endoscopic unit with a follow-up during hospitalization and after two month of having been discharged.

Case report: A 65-year-old man who came for a colonoscopy screening due to occult blood stool and a family history of colorectal cancer. He referred a 2 week history of abdominal pain and dysthermia, without fever, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Colonoscopy revealed diverticulitis in the sigmoid colon and a submucosal mass of approximately 20 × 30 mm. In size with a slightly hyperepic surface mucosa. Palpation of this area with cold forces was soft and after oppression it drained a whitish discharge, with thick purulent aspect with decomposition of the lesion. CT scan was later performed and showed sigmoid diverticulitis without evidence of perforation. Antibiotic therapy was given with adequate clinical response.

Conclusions: 1. The diverticular abscess in this case is an intraluminal complication of a diverticulitis but it is usually extraluminal.
2. There are only two cases in the literature described by Barkin et al and Spicak J1, Martinek J1 with similar presentation. This would be the third case of a diverticular abscess successfully endoscopically drained and without any complications.
3. While colonoscopy is not recommended in episodes of acute diverticulitis, there are certain cases in which it has to be considered not only as a diagnostic tool but also as a minimally invasive therapeutic option.

eP84V_1 RISK OF INFECTION FOLLOWED BY COLONOSCOPIC POLYPECTOMY IN PATIENTS WITH LIVER CIRRHOSIS: A KASID MULTICENTER STUDY

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Aims: Liver cirrhosis is an immunocompromised state. However, there have been no studies to date about infection rates and related risk factors in the patients with liver cirrhosis followed by endoscopic polypectomy including endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) and endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD). We aimed to evaluate the incidence of infectious complications followed by polypectomy and investigate risk factors of infectious complications in these patients.

Methods: In this multicenter, retrospective study involving 10 tertiary centers in Korea, we evaluated 892 patients who had been diagnosed as liver cirrhosis and underwent colonoscopic polypectomy from Jan 2013 to December 2017. We evaluate the incidence of infectious complication after polypectomy and evaluated risk factors for infection.

Results: Infection rate after colonoscopic polypectomy was 2.9% (26/892). The infection rates of local infection, systemic infection and other infection were 2.1%, 1.2%, and 1.0%, respectively. In univariate analysis, old age (odds ratio (OR)=1.86, 95% confidence interval (CI): 1.10–3.16, P = 0.002), hepatic dysfunction (OR=4.50, CI: 1.96–10.50, P<0.001), the presence of ascites (OR=2.00, CI: 1.00–4.54, P=0.05), and tumor size > 10 mm (OR=2.72, CI: 1.23–6.02) are associated with infection. In multivariate analysis, old age (OR=1.79, 95% CI: 1.05–4.16, P=0.010), hepatic dysfunction (OR=4.50, CI: 1.55–9.70, P=0.005).

Conclusions: Clinical infectious complication was relatively high in liver cirrhosis patient after colonoscopic polypectomy, especially patient with old age or hepatic dysfunction, which may warrant prophylactic administration of antibiotics in these high risk patients.

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eP85 CONFOCAL LASER ENDOMICROSCOPY IN THE ASSESSMENT OF PERSISTENT OR RECURRENT INTESTINAL METAPLASIA/NEOPLASIA AFTER ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS RELATED NEOPLASIA – A PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims: Patients after endoscopic treatment of Barrett’s esophagus related neoplasia (BORN) should undergo regular endoscopic surveillance. Probe-based confocal laser endomicroscopy (pCLE) offers detailed examination of cellular structures and may examine larger areas compared to standard biopsy. The aim of this study was to evaluate the efficacy of pCLE (vs. standard biopsies) in detection of persistent/recurrent intestinal metaplasia (IM)/neoplasia (N) in patients after endoscopic treatment of BORN.

Methods: A single center, prospective, controlled and pathologist-blinded study in patients undergoing surveillance endoscopy after treatment of BORN. pCLE images were obtained from the neo-Z-line, the cardia and the esophagus. Thereafter, standard biopsies were taken and sent for histopathological analysis (minimally 4 biopsies from neo-Z-line, 2 biopsies from the cardia and the esophagus). pCLE images were compared to the endoscopist’s diagnosis (minimally 4 biopsies from neo-Z-line, 2 biopsies from the cardia and the esophagus). A single center, prospective, controlled and pathologist-blinded study in patients undergoing surveillance endoscopy after treatment of BORN. pCLE images were obtained from the neo-Z-line, the cardia and the esophagus. Thereafter, standard biopsies were taken and sent for histopathological analysis (minimally 4 biopsies from neo-Z-line, 2 biopsies from the cardia and the esophagus). A single center, prospective, controlled and pathologist-blinded study in patients undergoing surveillance endoscopy after treatment of BORN. pCLE images were obtained from the neo-Z-line, the cardia and the esophagus. Thereafter, standard biopsies were taken and sent for histopathological analysis (minimally 4 biopsies from neo-Z-line, 2 biopsies from the cardia and the esophagus). A single center, prospective, controlled and pathologist-blinded study in patients undergoing surveillance endoscopy after treatment of BORN. pCLE images were obtained from the neo-Z-line, the cardia and the esophagus. Thereafter, standard biopsies were taken and sent for histopathological analysis (minimally 4 biopsies from neo-Z-line, 2 biopsies from the cardia and the esophagus). A single center, prospective, controlled and pathologist-blinded study in patients undergoing surveillance endoscopy after treatment of BORN. pCLE images were obtained from the neo-Z-line, the cardia and the esophagus. Thereafter, standard biopsies were taken and sent for histopathological analysis (minimally 4 biopsies from neo-Z-line, 2 biopsies from the cardia and the esophagus). A single center, prospective, controlled and pathologist-blinded study in patients undergoing surveillance endoscopy after treatment of BORN. pCLE images were obtained from the neo-Z-line, the cardia and the esophagus. Thereafter, standard biopsies were taken and sent for histopathological analysis (minimally 4 biopsies from neo-Z-line, 2 biopsies from the cardia and the esophagus). A single center, prospective, controlled and pathologist-blinded study in patients undergoing surveillance endoscopy after treatment of BORN. pCLE images were obtained from the neo-Z-line, the cardia and the esophagus. Thereafter, standard biopsies were taken and sent for histopathological analysis (minimally 4 biopsies from neo-Z-line, 2 biopsies from the cardia and the esophagus).
patients (48%) underwent ER of all visible lesions followed by radiofrequency ablation (RFA), and 16 patients (38%) had RFA as a single treatment modality. Persistent/recurrent IM was detected only at the level of neo-Z-line in 11 patients (26%, 11/42 pts) by both standard biopsies and pCLE. pCLE but not biopsies detected IM in 2 patients (5%, 2/42), another 2 patients had IM present in biopsies but not in pCLE. pCLE diagnosed one patient with recurrent LGIN in a macroscopic visible tongue, which was not confirmed in biopsies. Sensitivity and specificity of pCLE in detection of persistent/recurrent IM was 93% and 85%, respectively, with a positive predictive value of 93% and a negative predictive value of 86%. Agreement of pCLE and histopathological findings was 90%.

Conclusions pCLE is comparable to standard biopsies in detection of persistent/recurrent IM after endoscopic treatment of BORN.

eP86 EVALUATION OF A NEW DEMILUNE SHAPED DEVICE FOR RAPID ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION (ESD)

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Aims ESD has been established as an effective treatment option for early gastrointestinal cancer. To date, various devices for ESD are available. Most recently, a novel, demilune shaped device was introduced potentially allowing for fast submucosal cutting due to its special design which allows rapid movements of the device above the muscle layer. In addition, the device allows for selective grasping of the vessels thereby enabling ad hoc haemostasis. The primary objective of the study was to evaluate the efficacy and learning curve of a newly developed demilune shaped device for ESD.

Methods Ex vivo porcine models were utilized in an advanced endoscopic simulator of interventional endoscopy. Artificial lesions, each 2 × 2 cm in size, were created in fresh ex vivo porcine stomachs at the fundus, corpus and antrum. ESD was performed after marking of the lesions with the ESD instrument, followed by lifting of the mucosa with submucosal injection of colored saline. Afterwards, circular incision of the lesions was performed with the new ESD-instrument. For resection, the submucosa was lifted with a distal clear cap and cut with the new demilune device. Resection specimens were retrieved to evaluate if all marks were included (R0).

Results Average size of removed lesions was 30 mm. En-bloc resection rate was 100% and R0 resection rate was 95%. Mean total procedure time was 25 minutes and not dependent on the location. No perforations occurred during the study despite the rapid dissection speed through the submucosa. Satisfaction of the endoscopist and the supporting nurse staff was high throughout all cases.

Conclusions The new demilune shaped device for ESD allows for rapid dissection of the submucosa due to its inherent design. Further studies should be now focusing on in vivo studies to confirm these initial results.

eP87 RAPID ON-SITE EVALUATION (ROSE) FOR EUS-GUIDED FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION (EUS-FNA) OF SOLID PANCREATIC LESIONS: "ON SITE" MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM IS THE PIVOT FOR AN ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS

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Aims Compare the adequacy, diagnostic yield and accuracy of EUS-FNA for solid pancreatic lesions before and after introduction of ROSE in a single center study.

Methods All consecutive EUS-FNA procedures for pancreatic lesions performed during the first year of adoption (ROSE1 group) and the following year (ROSE2 group) were compared to those performed during the previous year (pre-ROSE group). EUS-FNA was performed using a linear echoendoscope using 22 or 25 Gauge diameter needles. Adequacy (sample provides sufficient material for evaluation), diagnostic yield (established diagnosis rate), diagnostic accuracy (correspondence between cases for which a diagnosis was rendered and the gold standard) of EUS-FNA were evaluated. Specimen were categorized into: diagnostic in presence of a specific diagnosis and non diagnostic if no sufficient cells or atypias were reported. Histological analysis of surgical specimen, when available, was considered the gold standard for diagnosis; otherwise, clinical and radiologic follow-up compatible with neoplasia (positive) or absence of deterioration/spontaneous resolution (negative) were examined.

Results 94 pancreatic lesions in 92 patients were enrolled (26, 30 and 38 in pre-ROSE, ROSE1 and ROSE2 groups, respectively). Patient number and age, lesion size and localization, technique (needle diameter, number of passages) were oromogeneous. Adequacy rate was 96.2%, 93.3% and 100% in pre-ROSE, ROSE1 and ROSE2 groups, respectively (p = NS); diagnostic yield was 76.9%, 86.7%, 92.1% and accuracy 65.4%, 76.7% and 86.8% respectively, with significant difference between pre-ROSE and ROSE2 groups (p < 0.5).

Conclusions The use of ROSE during EUS-FNA for solid pancreatic lesions is associated with an improvement in terms of diagnostic yield and accuracy, but it does not seem to improve the adequacy of FNA. Rather than the technique adopted, the multidisciplinary team is the real pivot for an accurate diagnosis.

eP88 ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND GUIDED LEFT LOBE LIVER LESIONS BIOPSY (EUS-LLB) WITH ATYPICAL MALIGNANCIES, AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO RADIOLOGICAL IMAGE GUIDED BIOPSY

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Aims EUS is gaining attraction as an alternative method of biopsy. It offers a more targeted approach for focal lesions in liver especially those areas which are accessible via EUS-guided method.

Methods A total of 7 patients from Feb 2018 till September 2018 underwent EUS-guided Left Lobe lesions biopsies using 22G FNA needle, 2 passes were done with slow pull technique over one minute with 10 – 15 strokes in each
pass to obtained core samples. Duration of procedures ranges from 15–30 minutes.

**Results** Case 1: 78 male with history of gastrectomy 5 years back for gastric cancer, presented with weight loss and vague epigastric pain, CT scan showed left lobe lesion. Biopsy showed **well differentiated Adenocarcinoma** from GI Tract. Case 2: 58 male presented with weight loss and Liver mass on CT Scan. Hepatitis B & C screen was negative with normal AFP levels. Biopsy revealed **Sarcomatoid Carcinoma**. Case 3: 53 male presented with weight loss and abdominal pain with multiple liver lesions on CT scan. Biopsy revealed **Neuroendocrine Tumor**. Case 4: 35 male presented with abdominal pain, anti-HCV reactive with normal AFP levels. CT Scan showed liver lesion suggestive of atypical Hepatocellular carcinoma. Biopsy revealed **Smooth Muscle Tumor**. Case 5: 60 female presented with weight loss, CT scan showed pancreatic malignancy with liver metastasis. Biopsy revealed **Metastatic Adenocarcinoma**. Case 6: 42 underwent with obstructive jaundice from ampullary Carcinoma. She underwent EUS staging which revealed left lobe lesion. Biopsy revealed **Metastatic Adenocarcinoma**. Case 7: 32 male presented with weight loss and obstructive jaundice, CT scan showed left lobe malignancy consistent with Cholangiocarcinoma, biopsy revealed **Lymphoproliferative disease** (lymphoma).

**Conclusions** EUS-guided LLB is an alternative new technique for biopsy of liver lesions with suspected atypical malignancies. It appears to have higher level of safety and accuracy for targeted lesional biopsies.

eP89V LOST AND FOUND – SPONTANEOUS GASTROINTESTINAL EXPULSION OF A MIGRATED LAMS

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Lumen-apposing metal stents (LAMS) are increasingly used for drainage of symptomatic pancreatic walled-off necroses (WON) and pseudocysts. As noted in a growing number of studies, complication rates associated with endoscopic drainage procedures using LAMS are low and, among others, include bleeding, superinfections, stent occlusion and migration. Despite its special anti-migratory design, cases of LAMS migration have been reported both into the cyst cavity and stomach. We describe the first reported case of LAMS migration and spontaneous expulsion through the gastrointestinal tract. A 61-year-old man with a large symptomatic periampullary necrotic collection following an earlier episode of acute necrotic biliary pancreatitis was referred to our Interventional Gastroenterology Unit for evaluation and management. At admission the patient was in a state of chronic sepsis, complained of early satiety and abdominal pain, and computed tomography (CT) revealed a peri-pancreatic heterogeneous necrotic collection measuring 15 × 11.6 cm with bilateral pleural effusions and ascites. Endoscopic ultrasound-guided drainage through the gastric wall was performed using 15-mm cauter enhanced LAMS with a flange diameter of 24 mm (Hot AXIOS, Boston Scientific, USA). Regression of WON size was observed promptly after the procedure and following the clinical improvement the patient was discharged. He was readmitted 7 days later due to fever and abdominal pain. Control CT scan showed LAMS occlusion by necrotic debris and intraabdominal abscess on the left paracolic space. Stent de-occlusion and necrosectomy was performed along with an intraabdominal percutaneous drainage placement under ultrasound guidance. The follow-up CT scan showed nearly complete WON resolution and patient was scheduled for LAMS extraction 31 days after its placement (Video). The LAMS, however, couldn’t be visualised the following day on upper endoscopy and was retrieved by the patient after a bowel movement while waiting a fluoroscopy.

eP90 THREADED NEEDLE: DIAGNOSTIC YIELD OF ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND GUIDED FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION IN REAL WORLD CLINICAL PRACTICE

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Aims The primary aim was to assess diagnostic yield of solid pancreatic lesions. Secondary outcomes include: assessing the number of passes performed and the presence of trainees on diagnostic yield.

**Methods** Electronic endoscopy recording system (EndoRad) identified patients that underwent endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) in 2017. Endoscopy reports were examined manually to identify if EUS guided sampling of solid pancreatic lesions was performed. Patient demographics, presence of trainee and number of passes with sampling needle were recorded from endoscopy reports. Pathology reports were examined to assess whether an adequate sample was received from EUS guided sampling.

**Results** 388 EUS procedures were performed in 2017. 48 patients (12%) with solid pancreatic lesions underwent EUS guided tissue sampling. 77% (37/48) of procedures yielded an adequate tissue sample as per histology report. The higher the number of passes, the higher the proportion of samples having an adequate sample for diagnostic purposes, with yields of 89% (16/18) for 3 passes compared to 72% (13/18) and 67% (8/12) for two and one passes respectively. The presence of a trainee was associated with an increased diagnostic yield, 85% (23/27) versus 67% (14/21).

**Conclusions** This prospective study demonstrates that a higher number of passes is associated with higher diagnostic yield, mirroring published clinical trials and interestingly that the presence of a trainee increases diagnostic yield. A standardised protocol for number of passes and needle type used may also warrant repeat audit in the future.

eP91 FEASIBILITY AND EFFICACY OF A NOVEL NEEDLE IN ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND-GUIDED TISSUE SAMPLING FOR PANCREATIC SOLID LESIONS: A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMIZED COMPARATIVE STUDY

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Aims Histologic confirmation is crucial in the evaluation of pancreatic solid lesions. Recently, variable needles with different shapes for endoscopic ultrasound-guided tissue sampling (EUS-TS) have been widely used to diagnose pancreatic lesion. However, most needles used currently are made from major companies and expensive. Therefore, it is urgent to develop an inexpensive needle with a novel concept technology. We evaluated the feasibility and efficacy of a newly developed prototype needle in EUS-TS for pancreatic solid lesions comparing the commercially available ones.

**Methods** As a prospective randomized trial, we compared between a 22-gauge needle (22G, Clear-Tip, FINEMEDIX, Daegu, Korea) with side-hole of both reversed bevel (test needle) and three commercially available 22G biopsy needles (control needle) in patients with undergoing EUS-TS of pancreatic solid lesions. First two passes of EUS-TS were accomplished in a random order between test and control needles. The procured specimens were prepared for the comparison of specimen adequacy and diagnostic accuracy to final diagnosis. Additional two passes were performed using the control needle for histologic diagnosis. Two blinded pathologists evaluated the specimens based on an already agreed diagnostic criteria for cytology and histology.

**Results** Between February and June 2018, 24 patients (median 63.5 years, 14 males) with pancreatic solid lesions were enrolled. Among them, one patient...
had no final diagnosis due to inadequate specimen. Technical failure occurred in one case of test needle. There was no significant difference between test and control needles in terms of specimen adequacy (91.3% vs. 95.8%) and diagnostic accuracy (72.7% vs. 82.6%) (p value = 0.456 and 0.331, respectively).

**Conclusions** The new prototype needle is feasible and efficient for EUS-TS in pancreatic solid lesions. However, further study including large volume and for longer periods is needed to validate these results.

**eP92 ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF PANCREATIC FLUID COLLECTIONS (PFC): A SINGLE CENTRE EXPERIENCE WITH LUMEN APPOSING METAL STENTS (LAMS)**

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**Aims** PFC may require drainage in case of persistent symptoms, infection or rapid increase in size. The endoscopic management is challenging and the appearance of LAMS could overcome some limitations of surgical and percutaneous drainage, such as leakage and migration.

**Methods** All patients who underwent LAMS placement for PFC drainage in our centre from November 2016 to November 2018 were included. We collected data regarding type of PFC and drainage, technical success, resolution/reduction of collection and complications. In all cases we had a CT describing the PFC prior to stent placement. Stents used measured 10 mm in length, with two different lumen diameters (10 mm and 15 mm). Transabdominal US was executed the day after and a CT after 3 months. In a case of reduced PFC further endoscopic attempts were made with a double-pig tail plastic stent, first, and subsequently with a second LAMS.

**Results** Fifteen patients (10 M and 5 F, median age 58.6) with PFC were treated with LAMS. Indications were: pseudocist in 13 cases, walled-off pancreatic necrosis (WOPN) in 2 cases. The median size was 10.1 cm. The drainage was transgastric in 13 patients, transduodenal in 2. PFC were solved in 9 cases (60%) and reduced significantly in 6 (40%). Two patients needed endoscopic necrosectomies and/or hydrogen peroxide irrigation after stent placement. In a case of reduced PFC further endoscopic attempts were made with a double-pig tail plastic stent, first, and subsequently with a second LAMS. Stent-related adverse events were observed in 2 patients: we experienced “stent buried syndrome” under the gastric mucosa, both cases solved endoscopically but in one case the distal flange remained imprisoned in the retroperitoneum and it is still in place, not causing any symptoms. There was no procedure-related or 30 day mortality.

**Conclusions** This monocentric study demonstrates that LAMS can be considered a safe and effective approach with a high technical success rate and a very low serious adverse events rate.

**eP93 LONG-TERM EFFICACY AND COST EFFECTIVENESS OF ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF PANCREATIC PSEUDOCYSTS: PIGTAIL VS SELF EXPANDING METAL STENTS (SEMS)**

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**Aims** Currently endoscopic therapy is a gold standard management option of pancreatic pseudocysts. However, particular type of stent application in larger pseudocysts is still debated, especially regarding long-term outcomes and costs. Therefore, we hypothesized that due to its larger diameter and improved drainage SEMS would be as efficacious and cost effective as pigtail stents in resolving pseudocysts larger than 6 cm.

**Methods** To test the hypothesis we conducted a retrospective cohort study into patients who underwent endoscopic pancreatic pseudocystogastrostomy in VULSK during 2012 – 2017. Patients were followed up for 6 months when according to local protocol stent should be removed. We collected demographic (age, gender) and clinical data (sten type, size of the pseudocyst, presence of infection, bleeding, sequential operation, resolution of the cyst, number of days admitted in 6 months, number of endoscopies performed) from hospital records. Economics department provided the data regarding treatment costs. For statistical analysis we used R statistical package. To compare the groups we used Chi-square, Fisher-exact test and t-test. Results were considered statistically significant if p < 0.05.

**Results** Our study comprised 49 patients, 75% of whom were men. All drainage procedure were done under EUS guidance and during 6 months of follow-up all patients attained pseudocyst resolution. Main findings are summarized in Table 1.

**Ep94v BEYOND PALLIATION: USING EUS-GUIDED CHOLEDOCHOUDUODENOSTOMY WITH A LUMEN-APPOSING METAL STENT AS A BRIDGE TO SURGERY**

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**Introduction** We analyzed the efficacy of pylorus-preserving pancreaticeoduodenectomy (PPPD) after endoscopic ultrasonography-guided choledochoduodenostomy (EUS-CD) using a lumen-apposing metal stent (LAMS) as a bridge to surgery.

**Patients and methods** Retrospective multicentric analysis of all consecutive failed-ERCP patients (06/2017 – 10/2017) who subsequently underwent EUS-CD using LAMS, followed by PPPD with resectable distal malignant biliary obstruction.

**Results** Five patients underwent an EUS-CD using EC-LAMS; the bile duct was accessed using the transbulbar approach. The technical success rate of EUS-CD was 100%. No procedure-related adverse events occurred. Five patients underwent PPPD with a technical success rate of 100%.
The presence of a transduodenal LAMS did not impede surgery. No cases of biliary or duodenal fistula occurred. Pancreatic fistulas with late bleeding were observed in 2 patients (1 fatal).

**Discussion and conclusion** These few cases indicate that PEPD after EUS-CD using LAMS is feasible and safe.

EUS-CD should be performed irrespective of the stage of the disease, also for patients fit for surgery.

Additional larger prospective studies are required to confirm this preliminary data, in particular for possible interference with postoperative outcomes.

**eP96 FACTORS ASSOCIATED TO WOPN ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT SUCCESS**

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**Aims** Endoscopic necrosectomy with metal stents, especially lumen apposition metal stents (LAMS), is increasingly being used for the treatment of complicated walled-off pancreatic necrosis (WOPN), but the need for necrosectomy is not well understood. The aim of this study is to evaluate clinical, endoscopic and radiologic predictors for the need of necrosectomy in patients treated with LAMS.

**Methods** Patients with WOPN treated with LAMS from 2014 to 2017 in our unit were retrospectively reviewed. Data was obtained from medical records and reviewed by endoscopist and radiologist. Clinical success was defined as the percentage of patients without need for surgery. Necrosectomy was performed only when clinically needed (i.e. fever or hemodynamic instability during follow-up). Predictors for the need of necrosectomy were evaluated with univariate analyses.

**Results** Eighteen patients were analyzed. Three were excluded due to early decease (2 intestinal perforation and 1 pancreatitis recurrence and advanced age). Among the remaining 15, 67% were men with mean age of 66 ± 14 years. One immediate adverse event occurred (7%) as the stent migrated to the gastric cavity during deployment, but was relocated in the same procedure. All 15 patients solved without need for surgery, but 5 (33%) required necrosectomy (4 multiple necrosectomy sessions, 1 only irrigation). The percentage of necrosis detected in the previous CT scan (47 ± 20% vs. 15 ± 18%, p = 0.008), and the purulent aspect of the fluid drained (100% vs. 40%; p = 0.044) predicted the need for necrosectomy in the univariable analysis, but only the first in the multivariable (p = 0.042). Other factors as age, gender, collection characteristics on CT scan (size, number, distance to stomach, or density) or EUS, or indication for drainage were not significant.

**Conclusions** Percentage of necrosis detected in the CT scan previous to WOPN drainage with LAMS might predict the need for necrosectomy.

**eP97V EUS-GUIDED BILIARY AND PANCREATIC DRAINAGE AS RESCUE DEFINITIVE THERAPY IN A PATIENT WITH CHRONIC PANCREATITIS AND VITAL RISK COMPLICATIONS**

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**Case** A 67 year old male patient with records of chronic pancreatitis and partial gastrectomy with Roux-en-Y anastomosis is admitted to the hospital for acute cholangitis. During admission he suffers a bout of acute pancreatitis with infected perirenal collection developing severe sepsis with multiorgan failure requiring soportive therapy and admission to ICU. Pancreatobiliary surgeons decline surgical treatment because of the unacceptable surgical risk. EUS-guided hepatopancreaticostomy for treatment of cholangitis and percutaneous drainage of the perirenal collection are decided with subsequent clinical improvement. Maintained percutaneous purulent drainage precludes from complete resolution of the collection and feeding pancreatic duct disruption is suspected on a CT scan. As rescue therapy to solve the pancreatic duct disruption an EUS-guided wirsung-jejunostomy is performed. After this procedure the pancreatic disruption and perirenal collection are finally resolved and the patient is discharged asymptomatic. One month after discharge he is admitted because of a new bout of acute cholangitis. Antegrade cleansing of the biliary tract with extraction of stones and sludge is performed through the hepatopancreaticostomy stent. A preapillary biliary stenosis is seen and a plastic stent is antegrady and transpapillary placed for treatment of the stenosis. The patient remains asymptomatic and an elective antegrade endoscopic revision is made, both through the wirsung-jejunostomy with transpapillary passage of a new stent to complete the treatment of the pancreatic stenosis, and through the hepatopancreaticostomy with retrograde extraction of the biliary plastic stent and placement of a transpapillary fully covered biliary stent to complete the treatment of the biliary stenosis (Video).

**Conclusion** We describe the case of a patient in such a poor condition precluding surgical therapy who was finally resolved by means of EUS-guided biliary and pancreatic drainage. This antegrade accesses allow now to complete the treatment of the biliary and pancreatic duct stenosis secondary to the chronic pancreatitis.

**eP98V EUS GUIDED BILIARY DRAINAGE – TECHNICAL VARIANTS**

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**Description** We present the video of 4 cases of obstructive jaundice solved with endoscopic ultrasonography guided biliary drainage. In 3 of these patients, it was not possible to access the second duodenal portion and/or to visualize the papilla major due to the presence of pancreatic head adenocarcinomas with subsequent duodenal invasion, which led to cholechocholedochoduodenostomies in two of them, and the placement of an antegrade transpapillary metal stent through the duodenal bulb in the other patient. The fourth patient had obstructive jaundice secondary to metastatic hilar adenopathies, due to an advanced gastric neoplasia with gastro outlet obstruction. Biliary drainage was performed through a hepatopancreaticostomy. All procedures were performed with technical and clinical success (resolution of jaundice) and with no relevant adverse events related to the procedure. None of the patients presented biliary obstruction recurrence until their death.

**Motivation** ERCP stent placement is a minimally invasive 1st line technique for the treatment of biliary obstructions. Despite their high safety and efficacy, there are patients where this is not possible, even when performed by experienced ERCP endoscopists. The majority of these cases are related duodenum invading tumors, not allowing the duodenoscope to access the 2nd duodenal portion or recognition of the major papilla. In these situations biliary drainage by echoendoscopy, is a valid option in centers with experienced ERCP endos-
The application of USE-guided Hydrocoils can be a safe and effective method in bleeding from gastric varices in patients not candidates for TIPS. It could also ensure a complete obliteration of the vascular lumen and thus dispense with the use of cyanoacrylate. Longer studies are needed to corroborate these preliminary results.

eP103V  BEWARE OF THE GLUE

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Background Endoscopic injection of cyanoacrylate (CYA) was a stepforward in the therapy of gastric varices (GV). However has been associate to adverse events, mainly, GE (glue embolism). To minimize the risk of GE, EUS-guided injection in the perforating feeding vein of GV of CYA was reported (1), followed by the deployment of coils in GV without injection of CYA (2). Another approach is to deploy into the gastric varix itself one or two coils followed by injection of CYA (3, 4). One multicenter study reported a rate of pulmonary GE of 30% after an average injection of CYA mixed with lipiodol by EUS-guidance (5).

Aims & Methods In the following videos we present, after injecting pure contrast through 19G needles into the GV, some aspects of the hemodynamic in this setting.

Results First-video: high-blood flow velocity and how the contrast is rapidly cleared out. Second-video: how the contrast flows through 5 coils through the gastrorenal shunt and superior cava vein. Third-video: clearance of contrast in spite of 4 coils deployed. Fourth-video: how the flow is obstructed and the contrast remains in the gastric varix except for several small drops that run through the coils. Fifth-video: shows a completely procedure. Two coils are deployed and though them the contrast is fragmented into small drops and flows towards the gastrorenal shunt and superior cava vein. After deployment more coils, a mesh is obtained and thrombosises of GV is achieved.

Conclusions EUS-guided therapy of GV seems promising because of its accuracy and safety profile. Although it is postulated that injection of CYA without lipiodol is safe there is no way to carry out asymptomatic GE if lipiodol and CT scans are not used.


eP104V  EUS-GUIDED RECANALIZATION OF A COMPLETE STENOSIS OF THE BILIARY ANASTOMOSIS IN A PATIENT WITH WHIPPLE RESECTION

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Access to the bile duct in a patient with Whipple resection can be an endoscopic challenge. The biliary-enteric anastomosis can be achieved by echoendoscopy (EUS) to assess the etiology of the stenosis and, if it is not possible to perform an ERCP due to complete stenosis, create the repertmeabilization of the anastomosis.
A 57-year-old male with Whipple’s resection for pancreatic head cancer was admitted with cholangitis. The radiological images showed a dilation of the withintrahepatic bile ducts and a complete stenosis of the choledocojejunal anastomosis. An external drainage was placed by interventional radiology, not being able to traverse the anastomosis. The spontaneous exit of this drain occurred, with the following percutaneous bile leak and disappearance of the intrahepatic dilation that made impossible this access again.

Tumor recurrence was ruled out with a diagnostic EUS. The echoendoscope was inserted through the afferent limb, and a fine-needle aspiration of the anastomosis was performed.

An ERCP was attempted, but the anastomosis couldn’t be endoscopically identified, thence access by EUS was performed.

With the echoendoscope in the afferent limb anastomosis, the common bile duct was punctured with a 19G needle and a guidewire was inserted. The fistula was dilated with a 6Fr cystotome and subsequently a 10 mm Hurricane balloon was used. Finally a 10 × 40 mm fully covered metal stent with flaps was inserted, achieving the recanalization of the biliary anastomosis. It was fixed with a hemoclips.

Conclusions EUS is useful in the assessment of biliary anastomosis in patients with Whipple resection, and allows the recanalization of the anastomosis when the stenosis is complete.

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eP105V DIRECT PERORAL CHOLANGIOSCOPY FOR DIFFICULT BILIARY STONES TREATMENT DIRECT PERORAL CHOLANGIOSCOPY IN DIFFICULT BILIARY STONES

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Introduction Peroral cholangioscopy (POC) using a conventional endoscope allows better visualization of the biliary tree and the use of devices that are not possible with the duodenoscope and is a useful technique for the treatment of difficult biliary lithiasis’ cases. The authors describe one of these cases, resolved using POC and polypectomy snare.

Cases Report A 76-year-old female, with a medical history of liver transplant in 1991 for primary biliary cholangitis, which was complicated with an anastomotic stricture. She had been previously submitted to four endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), including two direct POC procedures (between 2009 – 2016) due to episodes of symptomatic choledocholithiasis/ cholangitis. In the previous procedure, balloon catheter passage and POC with mechanical lithotripsy failed to remove the largest stones and a plastic stent of 10Fr and 4 cm was placed, to permit biliary drainage and provoke mechanic fragmentation of the impacted stones. Three months later, POC was repeated with a conventional videogastroscopy (Olympus Gif-Q180), and identified a biliary stone distal to the anastomosis, which was removed with a Roth net retriever. Cholangiogram confirmed the persistence of a subtraction defect of 20 mm, proximal to the anastomosis. Mechanical lithotripsy (Olympus BML-110) was attempted without success. Then anastomosis dilatation up to 15 mm (Boston Scientific Wire guided Balloon Dilator) was performed, under direct and fluoroscopic control. Subsequently, the conventional endoscope was introduced proximal to the anastomosis with direct visualization of the calculus, which was successfully removed recurring to a polypectomy snare (Olympus SnareMaster). Final cholangiogram revealed no subtraction defects, with proper drainage at the end of the procedure.

eP106 DO CIRRHOTIC PATIENTS HAVE HIGHER RISK OF COMPLICATION FOLLOWING ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY? A SINGLE CENTER STUDY

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Aims Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is one of the most important procedures in the diagnosis and treatment of pancreaticobiliary disease. However, there is still insufficient data on the complication rate of ERCP in patients with liver cirrhosis (LC). The aim of this study was to investigate the rate of complications following ERCP in cirrhotic patients.

Methods A total of 51 patients with liver cirrhosis having CBD stones, who underwent ERCP at Yeungnam University Hospital from 2006 to 2017, were reviewed retrospectively and compared with age- and sex-matched non-cirrhotic patients (n = 102). Clinical outcomes and the rate of complication were investigated.

Results Of 51 LC patients, Child-Pugh class A was 24 (47.1%), B, 16 (31.4%) and C, 11 (21.6%), respectively and the number of decompensated LC was 30 (58.8%). The rate of endoscopic sphincterotomy was higher in non-LC patients (76.5% vs. 58.8%, p = 0.038) and the rate of balloon dilatation was higher in LC (41.2% vs. 22.5%, p = 0.027). There was no statistical difference regarding pancreatitis, cholangitis and perforation between two groups. The incidence of bleeding in cirrhotic patient was significantly higher than in non-cirrhotic group (17.6% vs. 4.9%, p = 0.023) and in particular, immediate bleeding rate was higher in LC (13.7% vs. 2.9%, p = 0.028). The rate of complications in patients with LC was not significantly different regardless of Child-Pugh score or the presence decompensated liver.

Conclusions Cirrhotic patients have a significant bleeding risk following ERCP procedure compared with non-cirrhotic patients. A large, prospective study is needed for elucidating the further outcomes of ERCP in cirrhotic patients.

eP108 A RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS TO ASSESS THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING A BILARY SPHINCTEROTOMY TO INCREASE AND SIMPLIFY CANNULATION SUCCESS RATE OF THE MAIN PanCREATIC DUCT

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Aims MPD cannulation is the prime requisite for any pancreatic endotherapy during an ERCP. Very few techniques are described for selective pancreatic duct cannulation. When doing primary pancreatic therapy in cases where MPD cannulation is difficult, if we could get the wire into the CBD first, then doing a wide biliary sphincterotomy is shown to increase the success of cannulation of the MPD without using any more sophisticated techniques.

Methods Our data of all cases (1206) for pancreatic ERCP from October 2008 to May 2018 was studied. All cases were done by a single operator. All cases where MPD could not be cannulated in three attempts, or MPD not cannulated directly in 10 minutes or CBD cannulated first were studied. When MPD cannulation failed we tried to cannulate the CBD first or when CBD was first cannulated, instead of trying MPD cannulation again we did a wide biliary sphincterotomy, separated the biliary and pancreatic orifices and then cannulated the MPD with a cannula and glide wire.

Results:

- Number of ERP: 1206
- Successful direct MPD cannulation: 982 (81.4%)
- Difficult Cannulation: 224 (18.6%)
• CBD cannulated first: 199 out of 224 (88.9%)
• Biliary sphincterotomy done: 199 (100%)
• Successful MPD cannulation after biliary sphincterotomy: 185 (92.9%)
• Failed MPD cannulation after biliary sphincterotomy: 14 (7.03%)
• Pancreas Divisum found: 10/14 failed cannulations (71.4%)
• Failed MPD cannulation overall: 25 out of 1206 (2.07%).

Conclusions If direct MPD cannulation is difficult, cannulating the CBD first and doing a biliary sphincterotomy improves the MPD cannulation success rate significantly. Increase success from 81.4% to 92.9%. Failed MPD cannulation even after biliary sphincterotomy, 71.4% had divisum. Lavage therapy after failed cannulation would be EUS guided drainage or surgery.

eP109 CAROLI’S DISEASE (CD) CAUSED BY VERY RARE GENETIC MUTATION, MISDIAGNOSED WITH ERCP AND MRCP AS PRIMARY SCLEROSING CHOLANGITIS (PSC)

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Aims CD is a rare congenital condition characterized by localized or diffused, multifocal, segmental dilatation of the intrahepatic bile ducts. Mutations in polycystic kidney and hepatic disease gene 1 (PKHD1), located on chromosome 6, are responsible for CD, and many causative mutations are known. In some cases all clinical examinations are not sufficient to clearly diagnose CD, but genetic analysis may be helpful.

Methods We report the case of a 41 years old man on conservative treatment over 20 years for chronic renal insufficiency, with 4 episodes of cholangitis. Following extensive diagnostics (MRCP in 2 times, ERCP and liver biopsy) the differential diagnosis included PSC and CD. In order to resolve the diagnostic dilemma, we referred the patient for genetic diagnostics, where clinical exome sequencing (CES) was performed.

Results MRCP showed diffuse cystic/ fusiform dilatation of the intrahepatic bile ducts and normal caliber of choledochal duct, with enlarged polycystic kidneys. First the differential diagnosis of CD with polycystic kidney disease and PSC with dysplastic kidney disease was made. Liver biopsy showed multiple bile duct hamartomas (MBH), without evidence of congenital hepatic fibrosis (CHF). On the following ERCP and MRCP examinations changes in bile duct pointing to PSC were described and the diagnosis was leaning towards PSC. CES showed the presence of 2 very rare pathogenic heterozygous variants in PKHD1 gene causing CD (nonsense variant c.370C>T, and missense variant c.4870C>T).

Conclusions We report the discovery of 2 pathogenic variants in PKHD1 gene, causing CD with polycystic kidney disease in a patient undiagnosed for many years. Sometimes MRCP, ERCP, not even liver biopsy is not sufficient to clearly diagnose CD. Finally, in children and adult patients who present with recurrent cholangitis and hepato/splenomegaly or in all cases with cholangitis and polycystic kidney disease, a diagnosis of genetic condition – CD, should be considered.

eP110V BILE CAST SYNDROME- A RARE CAUSE OF BILIARY OBSTRUCTION AFTER LIVER TRANSPLANTATION SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED USING DIGITAL SINGLE-OPERATOR CHOLANGIOSCOPY

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Aims We report a case of bile cast syndrome 6 months after orthotopic liver transplantation successfully diagnosed and treated using digital single-operator cholangioscopy.

Methods A 29-year old male patient was referred to our unit with jaundice and diffuse itching in the last 3 weeks, 6 months after deceased donor liver transplantation. Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography demonstrated intrahepatic bile duct dilatation and stenosis at the level of the anastomosis. Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography was performed. Occlusion cholangiography revealed intact biliary anastomosis, irregular stenosis with a length of 25 mm ending close to the bifurcation. Cholangioscopy was carried out. The anastomosis was easy to pass through, bile casts were found in the donor bile duct adherent to the biliary wall, causing partial obstruction of the lumen. The bile casts were successfully cleaned with saline irrigation and multiple balloon sweeps. A 10 f 12 cm plastic stent was placed to secure the drainage. The stent was removed. Follow up cholangioscopy demonstrated almost completely clean bile ducts. The patient remains asymptomatic 9 months after the procedure.

Conclusions Bile cast syndrome is a rare obstructive cholangiopathy occurring as a complication after liver transplantation. The diagnosis could be difficult, relying only on the traditional imaging modalities. The condition may mimick anastomotic or non-anastomotic biliary stenosis leading to inappropriate treatment choice. Digital single-operator cholangioscopy may add useful di-
eP112 THE FIRST EXPERIENCE OF INDIRECT PERORAL CHOLANGIO-PANCREATOSCOPY USING THE SPYGLASS DS SYSTEM (BSC) IN RUSSIA

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Aims To evaluate possibilities of diagnostic and therapeutic peroral cholangiopancreatoscopy (POC).

Methods From December 6, 2017 to November 6, 2018, we performed 628 ERCP including 33 SpyGlass POCs in 31 patients: 30 cholangioscopies, 2 pancreaticoscopies and one cholangiopancreatoscopy for assessment of the spread of major papilla tumor. The indications for cholangioscopy were: undifferentiated strictures – 22, Mirizzi syndrome – 2, control of bile duct stones extraction – 1, laser lithotripsy for choledocholithiasis – 2, guidewire placement – 2, removal of CBD ligature – 1; for pancreaticoscopy – strictures in chronic pancreatitis suspicious of malignancy – 2.

Results The overall technical success of the intervention was 97.0% (32/33). Intraductal biopsy with Spy-bite forceps was successfully performed in 17/18 (94.4%) planned cases. Histological confirmation of cholangiocarcinoma was obtained in 6 patients, including one in a patient with primary sclerosing cholangitis. Other strictures were benign. Divergence of endoscopic and histological diagnoses observed in 2 cases. Sensitivity of Spyglass visual diagnosis compared to Spy-bite histology was 83.3%, specificity 90.9%. Therapeutic interventions were successfully performed in all 5 patients, among them two laser lithotripies of large bile duct stones with complete clearance of bile ducts. Indirect POC changed tactics in 15 patients. In comorbid patient with acute biliary pancreatitis and obstructive jaundice due to undifferentiated CBD stricture+choledocholithiasis the progression of pancreonecrosis leading to his death 3 days after EPST+POC was noted; however not directly related to Spyglass. Overall morbidity and mortality was 3.22%.

Conclusions The main indications for endoscopic peroral intraductal interventions are various types of undifferentiated and complicated strictures of the biliary tree and pancreatic ducts, as well as the “difficult” bile and pancreatic duct stonies. Diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic interventions using the SpyGlass is promising technology, relatively easy to learn for ERCP specialists, with a level of complications and mortality comparable to traditional transpapillary interventions.

eP113 ACUTE CHOLECYSTITIS IN HIGH RISK SURGERY PATIENTS. VALUE OF PERCUTANEOUS CHOLECYSTOSTOMY AND ERCP

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Aims Either percutaneous cholecystostomy (PC) and ERCP is recommended in patients with diagnosis of acute calculous cholecystitis (ACC) and high surgical risk. We aimed to compare the outcome of PC and/or ERCP in patient with ACC who are high-risk surgery candidates (HRSC).

Methods During January 2005–December 2017, we retrospectively reviewed patients with ACC who are HRSC and managed with ERCP and/or PC as a first line treatment.

Results We identified 71 cases, 22 treated with ERCP (31%), 47 (66.2%) with PC and 2 with PC+ERCP (2.81%) and a follow-up time of 5 years or until surgery. The average age was 74 years-old in ERCP group and 77 years-old in CP group. Anesthetic risk ASAII or greater was observed in 13 patients (39.1%) in ERCP group and 43 patients (91.48%) in PC group. The rate of patients free of recurrence or need additional invasive procedures were discussed in table 1.

Tab. 1 Rate of patients free of recurrence or need additional invasive procedures.

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<th>Procedure</th>
<th>Rate of patients free of recurrence or need additional invasive procedures</th>
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<td>ERCP</td>
<td>81.3% (34 patients of 42)</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>78.8% (10 patients of 13)</td>
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<td>PC+ERCP</td>
<td>61.5% (21 patients of 34)</td>
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Morbidity in ERCP group was 4.5% (1/22), due to delayed postpapillotomy bleeding, which was solved by endoscopy procedure later, and 2.1% (1/47) due to bile peritonitis in PC group. In PC+ERCP group, there were not technical procedures complications, but a patient died because of biliary sepsis. PC and ERCP mortality was 1/71 (1.4%).

Finally, the morbidity and mortality of cholecystectomies were 3.8% (1/26) due to surgical site infection and death.

Conclusions Patients free of recurrence of biliary event were similar in both techniques (40 – 50%), 50% of not surgical patients who an ERCP were performed and 32% who a PC were performed, need a cholecystectomy afterwards.

eP114 THE ROLE OF ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY (ERCP) IN THE MANAGEMENT OF BILIARY COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ORTHOTOPIC LIVER TRANSPLANTATION (OLT)

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Aims To describe the prevalence of different biliary complications after OLT, their endoscopic management and the results obtained.

Methods Retrospective single center analysis including all OLT performed from January 2008 to December 2017. We collected demographic, clinical and endoscopic variables. Clinical success was accepted in patients reaching analytical normalization and not presenting symptoms for at least 6 months without stents in situ.

Results A total of 395 patients underwent OLT with a median age of 57.2 years (IQR: 50.9 – 62.9), 311 (78.7%) men. ERCP was performed in 155 patients (39.2%) due to analytical/radiographic suspicion of biliary complications. In 8 (5.2%) it was normal, in 106 (26.8%) a diagnosis was reached and 41 (10.4%) presented multiple diagnoses. The most frequent diagnoses were: anastomotic biliary stricture (28.6%), bile leak (4.8%), ischemic stenosis (3.5%), lithiasis (3.3%) and secondary sclerosing cholangitis (3%). The first examination was performed 110 days after transplantation (IQR: 34 – 223), with 3 (IQR: 2 – 4) procedures/patient, and a first to last ERCP interval of 8.3 (IQR: 2.1 – 16.4) weeks.
ERCP was the first line of treatment in 147 (99.3%) cases. Twenty (13.6%) were in treatment at the end of the study period. Among the remaining 127, clinical success was achieved in 87 cases (68.6%), although 5 anastomotic biliary stenosis recurred after 9 months (range 6–37).

Conclusions Anastomotic biliary strictures are the main post-transplant biliary complication, occurring in 28.6% of our OLT. ERCP reaches clinical success in a high percentage of patients, although repeated procedures are usually required.

eP115 DIGITAL, SINGLE-OPERATOR CHOLANGIOPANCREATOSCOPY IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF PANCREATOBILIARY DISORDERS: RESULTS FROM A SINGLE TERTIARY CENTER

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Aims A new digital cholangioscopy (SPY DS) provides higher-resolution imaging of the pancreateobiliary tract. The aims of our study were to assess:
1. diagnostic yield of SPY DS visual diagnosis and biopsies in patients with undetermined biliary strictures;
2. the efficacy of SPY DS directed treatment of difficult lithiasis and
3. safety of SPY DS.

Methods Retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data.

Results Since May 2015, a total of 59 patients underwent 66 SPY DS (65 cholangioscopies and 1 pancreatoscopy); among them 37 (56%) were performed with diagnostic intents (with biopsies in 29/33), and 29 (44%) in 21 cholangioscopies and 1 pancreatoscopy); among them 37 (56%) were per-

Tab. 1 Results in patients with a single diagnosis

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<th>Patients (%)</th>
<th>ERCPs, med (IQR)</th>
<th>Interval 1st-last ERCP, (weeks) med (IQR)</th>
<th>Clinical success, (%)</th>
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<td>Anastomotic stricture</td>
<td>86 (21.8%)</td>
<td>3 (2–4)</td>
<td>8.9 (3.4–18.6)</td>
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<td>Ischemic biliary stricture</td>
<td>5 (1.3%)</td>
<td>4 (1–4)</td>
<td>4.7 (1.4–6.4)</td>
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<td>Bile leaks</td>
<td>5 (1.3%)</td>
<td>4 (2–4)</td>
<td>11.6 (5.6–12.5)</td>
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<td>Lithiasis</td>
<td>5 (1.3%)</td>
<td>2 (1–2)</td>
<td>7.5 (1–8.1)</td>
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3. SPY DS guided stone lithotripsy was effective in majority of patients and
4. The most frequent complication was cholangitis in 9% of patients.

93 patients with AC and no other biliary pathology: 8 underwent biliary drainage (6 percutaneous drainage and 2 ERCP), one was readmitted due to cholecystitis (16.7%); 85 underwent antibiotic therapy without biliary drainage, 23 (27%) were readmitted due biliary pathology (6 cholecystitis, 8 choledocholithiasis, 5 pancreatitis, 2 biliary colic and 2 gallbladder neoplasms). 15 patients had AC and choledocholithiasis; ERCP was performed in 12, 1 was readmitted due to choledocholithiasis (6.7%). In 3, ERCP was not performed, one died and another was re-admitted (50%) due to choledocholithiasis. 8 patients with AC and pancreatitis: 2 underwent ERCP, none had to be readmitted (0%); 6 received only medical treatment, 2 died, 1 was readmitted for cholecystolithiasis (25%).

Conclusions Patients with AC and cholecystectomy contraindication because of high surgical risk have high rates of readmission and non-biliary cause mortality. Patients with AC and AC+cholecocolithiasis who underwent ERCP and sphincterotomy presented lower rates of biliary readmissions.

Tab. 1 Baseline characteristics, mortality and readmission rates

| 116 patients admitted with AC | 54 men (47.3%) 62 women (52.7) |
| Mean age | 84.8 (60–102) |
| Associated biliary pathology | 13 choledocholithiasis 8 pancreatitis 2 choledocholithiasis + pancreatitis |
| Mortality | - during hospital admission 13/116 (11.2%) - After 5 years 69/103 (67%) - For biliary cause 3/103 (2.9%) |
| Readmissions in 5 years | - Biliary pathology 35 (31.5%) - Other medical reasons 190 (84.5%) |

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stricture. Four patients thought to have malignancy by the visual diagnosis, but no malignancy was found in 10 patients who underwent SpyBite biopsy. Five patients underwent surgery: 2 malignant and 3 benign findings. Sixteen patients with difficult stones, with a mean size of 17 ± 2.4 mm, 43.7% with ≥ 2 stones with previous failed ERCPs of 2.2 ± 0.7 were treated with SpyGlass-guided holmium laser lithotripsy. Complete, incomplete and failed biliary and pancreatic stone clearance was achieved in 50% (8/16), 25% (4/16) and 25% (4/16) of the patients, respectively. Three out of 4 failed patients referred to surgery (Choledochoduodenostomy). Overall procedure-related complications 6.9% (2/29).

Conclusions SpyGlass is a useful tool for diagnosing indeterminate biliary strictures (especially visual) and treating difficult-to-remove biliary and pancreatic stones with an acceptable safety profile.

eP118 PERORAL CHOLANGIOPANCREATOSCOPY USING A NEW VIDEOSCOPE (CHF-Y0012)

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Aims Peroral cholangioscopy (PCS) and pancreatoscopy (PPS) using videoscope (CHF-BP260, CHF-B260, Olympus Co.) was performed since 2002 in our hospital. Endoscopic image is a good, however it is sometimes easy to broken. We recently started to use a new videoscope (CHF-Y0012, Olympus Co. Tokyo). In this study, we evaluate with the endoscopic image for diagnosis of the biliary and pancreatic disorder.

Methods Since Jun. 2016, PCS and PPS using a new videoscope (CHF-Y0012) were performed in 49 cases (44 cases are the bile duct stenosis and 5 are intraductal papillary-mucinous neoplasm). The outer diameter of CHF-Y0012 is 3.3 mm. It has the scope bending function (up 70°and down 70°) and the channel diameter is 1.3 mm. It is inserted into the bile duct and the main pancreatic duct under fluoroscopic guidance. Physiological saline is continuing to inject during observation. Endoscopic photographs were taken using the EVIS-290 systems (Olympus Co.).

Results PCS and PPS using CHF-Y0012 were successful in all cases. One case of the malignant biliary stenosis (IBMN) could not observe the main lesion because of the intrahepatic stenosis. Endoscopic stenosis and no evidence of malignancy were observed by performing the EUS-290 systems (Olympus Co.).

Conclusions PCS and PPS using CHF-Y0012 are very useful for the diagnosis of the biliary and pancreatic disorder.

eP119 OPTIMAL TIMING OF ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAHY IN ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH ACUTE CHOLANGITIS

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Aims Acute cholangitis may deteriorate the patients condition due to sepsis, therefore antibiotic therapy and biliary decompression is mandatory. Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is the first line procedure used for biliary drainage. Our aim was to define the clinical impact of ERCP timing in elderly patients with acute cholangitis.

Methods We retrospectively investigated patients > 70 years with acute cholangitis between January 2016 and December 2017 at the Gastroenterology Department of the Timis Emergency County Hospital, Romania. Patients were divided in two groups according to their timing when the ERCP was performed – in the first 48 hours and beyond 48 hours. We assessed their severity according to the 2018 Tokyo Guideline criteria and we analyzed the outcomes of mortality and length of hospital stay (LOHS).

Results A total of 114 patients was included in this study with a mean age of 78.5 ± 11.5 years old. The female to male ratio was 1:48. Most patients had grade I (mild) severity of cholangitis – 51/114 (44.7%). Grade II (moderate) severity of cholangitis was met in 36/114 (31.6%) patients and grade III (severe) in 27/114 (23.7%) patients. Analyzing the timing of ERCP, 56/114 (49.1%) patients underwent the procedure in less than 48 hours and 58/114 (50.9%) patients had their ERCP done in more than 48 hours. Delayed ERCP and a higher grade of severity was correlated with a longer hospital stay, a mean LOHS of 7 days. Early ERCP and mild grade of severity had a mean LOHS of 4.7 days. We found no differences in mortality associated with the timing of the procedure.

Conclusions Elderly patients have a high incidence of severe cholangitis, therefore ERCP needs to be performed as soon as possible. Delaying the procedure was not associated with an increased mortality rate, but significantly influenced the length of hospital stay.

eP120 ENDOSCOPIC RESECTION OF ADVANCED AMPULLARY ADENOMAS: OUTCOMES OF A SINGLE-CENTER RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims Ampullary adenomas have a potential of malignant transformation, so complete removal is essential for curative therapy. Endoscopic resection should only be performed in patients without evidence of invasive cancer. This study aims to evaluate the outcome of endoscopic resection of ampullary adenomas in a tertiary endoscopy department.

Methods We investigated all patients referred for endoscopic ampullectomy between January 2014 – January 2017 at the Regional Institute of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Cluj-Napoca, Romania. All patients had a benign pathological result prior to the endoscopic resection. Post-procedural complications such as bleeding, perforation, cholangitis, pancreatitis and mortality were analyzed. Data about resection type, post resection histology and 1 year follow-up was also processed.

Results We included 19 patients with a mean age of 63.5 ± 17.7 years. The mean size of the tumor was 17.4 ± 7.8 mm and all patients had an endoscopic resection. The male to female ratio is 0.7. ‘En bloc’ resection was done in most cases 15/19 (78.9%). Bleeding occurred in 6 cases (31.6%) and two patients (10.5%) developed acute pancreatitis. The average days of hospitalization after endoscopic ampullectomy were 5.7 with a range from 2 to 25 days. Adenocarcinoma was described in the last histopathological result in 4/19 cases (21.1%). One year follow-up noted a recurrence rate of 15.8% (3/19 cases).

Conclusions In conclusion, endoscopic resection of ampullary adenomas is a high risk procedure with an increased risk of complications, but performed by experienced endoscopists in selected patients is safe and surgery can be avoided.
eP121 ASSOCIATED FACTORS WITH ABSENCE OF BILE DUCT STONE AT ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAHY (ERCP) IN PATIENTS WITH CHOLEDOCHOLITHIASIS DOCUMENTED ON MAGNETIC RESONANCE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAHY (MRCP)

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Aims Determine factors associated with absence of bile duct stone at ERCP in patients with choledocholithiasis documented on MRCP.

Methods A retrospective, cross-sectional, analytical study of patients with choledocholithiasis on MRCP undergoing ERCP from January 2016 to January 2018 at a referral endoscopy center. The clinical, biochemical, radiological and ERCP findings were analyzed.

Results Two hundred eighteen patients with choledocholithiasis documented on magnetic resonance MRCP undergoing ERCP were included. Most patients were female (66.5%) with a median age of 66.5 years (range 18–96). MRCP findings were as follows: mean bile stone size 7 mm. (range 2–20), mean bile duct diameter 11 mm (range 6–27), median number of stones at bile duct 1 (range 1–15). Median days between MRPC and ERCP was 19 (range 1–173). Laboratory values before ERCP were: white blood cells 7.05 x 10^9/mm^3 total bilirubin 3.18 mg/dL (range 0.15–18.4), direct bilirubin 2.7 mg/dL (range 0.1–18), alkaline phosphatase 230 UI/L (range 34–923), GGT 405 UI/L (10–3020), AST 45 UI/L (range 10–827), ALT 45 (range 3–970).

At ERCP stone was found on 173 patients (79.4%). Patients without bile duct stone on ERCP had lower alkaline phosphatase levels (133 vs. 220 UI/L, p = 0.017), lower mean bile duct diameter on MRCP (11 vs. 12 mm, p = 0.009) and lower bile duct stone size on MRCP (6 vs. 9 mm, p = 0.002) than patients with bile duct stone at ERCP.

Predictors of bile duct absence at ERCP: bile duct diameter < 10 mm on MRCP (OR 0.31 CI 95% 0.14–0.67), bile duct stone size < 6 mm on MRCP (OR 0.32 CI 95% 0.13–0.78) and a cut-off value of 129 UI/L alkaline phosphatase before ERCP (OR 0.40 CI 95% 0.19–0.83).

Conclusions Normal phosphatase, common bile duct diameter < 10 mm and bile duct stone size < 6 mm on MRCP were predictive factors of stone absence at ERCP on patients with choledocholithiasis on MRCP.

eP122 PROPHYLACTIC EFFICACY OF 7-CM PANCREATIC STENT PLACEMENT FOR POST ENDOSCOPIC AMPULLECTOMY PANCREATITIS

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Aims Endoscopic ampullectomy is a minimally invasive therapy for duodenal ampullary adenoma. With advances in endoscopic devices and methods, it became a safe and efficacious therapeutic procedure that can avoid the need for open surgery. However, there are few reports on suitable pancreatic stents after endoscopic ampullectomy. The placed pancreatic duct stent becomes unstable because of Oddi sphincter removal, so it may be better to use a relatively longer and double flapped pancreatic stent. We evaluated the length of pancreatic stent for prevention of post ampullectomy pancreatitis (PAP) retrospectively.

Methods This retrospective study was conducted from 2013 to 2018. Patients with pathologically proven ampullary adenoma who underwent endoscopic ampullectomy were enrolled. Predictive factors of PAP were evaluated by univariate analysis.

Results We reviewed 40 consecutive patients who underwent endoscopic ampullectomy without chronic pancreatitis or IPMN. After endoscopic ampullectomy, either straight 5 Fr, 5 cm or shorter plastic stent (n = 18) or a 5 Fr 7 cm or longer plastic stent (n = 22) was placed to pancreatic duct. PAP occurred 9 patients (17.5%) in our cohort. An incidence of PAP in the patient with short pancreatic stent (n = 8, 44.4%) was significantly higher than those with long pancreatic stent (n = 1, 4.5%). Univariate analysis for post ampullectomy pancreatitis showed that a short stent placement was significant risk factor for PAP (Odds ratio 16.8, 95% CI 1.8–153.3, p < 0.001). The reason for only one patient who developed PAP after inserting a long stent was considered to be due to perforation and fistula associated with the mucosal resection.

Conclusions 5Fr, 7 cm or longer pancreatic plastic stent should be used for prevention of pancreatitis after ampullectomy.

eP123 IMAGING CHARACTERISTICS RELATED TO DIFFICULTY OF CANNULATION IN ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIO-PANCREATOGRAPHY

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Aims The aim of this study was to investigate the imaging characteristics and clinical factors related to difficulty of cannulation in endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP).

Methods Data of imaging studies (CT or MRI) and clinical findings of the patients underwent ERCP were retrospectively analyzed. Between January 2017 and August 2018, we compared the endoscopic result about cannulation time, success rate and use of rescue therapy such as pre-cut. Only patients undergoing first time ERCP were included in the study.

Results A total of 192 patients were included in the analysis. The overall cannulation success was 99.0% (190/192) and use of rescue therapy was 5.8% (11/190). Use of guide-wire assisted technique was 11.0% (21/190) and double guide-wire technique was 2.1% (4/190). The median time for all successful cannulations was 90 seconds (range 16–1308). Imaging characteristics associated with difficult cannulation were presence of large duodenal diverticulum in CT scan, acute angle of common bile duct-duodenal wall and prominent peri-ampullary mucosa. Major papilla located inside the diverticulum was a significant risk factor for difficult selective cannulation. There was no significant factors (age, gender, body weight) related with cannulation time.

Conclusions Characteristic image findings can be useful in predicting the difficulty of cannulation before ERCP. More attention would be required to performing ERCP procedure in patients with risk factors.

eP124 ENDOSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF OCCLUDED SELF-EXPANDABLE METAL STENTS USED FOR MALIGNANT STRICTURES OF THE BILE DUCT: RESULTS OF A SINGLE-CENTER RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims Self-expandable metal stents (SEMS) have become a mainstay of palliation for cholestasis in patients with malignant strictures of the bile duct, providing longer patency than plastic stents. There is, however, limited data regarding management of stent dysfunction in these patients, with current guidelines supporting use of both plastic and metal stents. We report our experience with management of SEMS dysfunction.

Methods We conducted a retrospective analysis of a prospectively updated database of ERCP procedures in a referral center for endoscopy. We identified all patients who had at least 1 SEMS implanted for a malignant stricture of the bile duct and cases with at least one more endoscopic intervention for stent dysfunction after SEMS implantation were included in the final analysis. Stent dysfunction was defined using a combination clinical, biochemical and imaging data, as per ESGE guidelines. Patient age, gender, diagnosis and bilirubin levels were retrieved, along with data regarding the initial procedure as well as the subsequent management of stent dysfunction.

Results One hundred seventeen consecutive patients treated by means of a SEMS for malignant biliary obstruction in our service between October 2016-October 2018 were identified and 18 patients (15.3%) with subsequent stent dysfunction were included in the final analysis. Pancreatic tumors were the most common indication for stenting (11/18). 16/18 patients had an uncovered SEMS initially implanted, with 5 patients having previous plastic stents. Median stent patency was 3 months (range 1–26 months). Stent dysfunction was successfully treated by the SEMS-in-SEMS technique in 13/18 cases (72.2%), mechanical cleaning with a balloon in 3 cases and plastic stenting in 1 case.

Conclusions In our study, relatively few patients presented with stent dysfunction after SEMS implantation. Treatment was usually achieved by means of an additional metal stent; however, plastic stenting or mechanical cleaning were also successfully employed in some cases.

**eP125 CHOLANGIOSCOPY AND PANCREATOSCOPY ARE SAFE AND ARE ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH CLINICAL IMPACT**

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Aims Diagnosis and effective management of complex biliary and pancreatic duct abnormalities is challenging. We evaluate the utility of peroral cholangioscopy and pancreatoscopy with targeted biopsy in these patients.

Methods Procedures were done under deep sedation by an anesthesiologist. An Olympus TJF-Q180V-duodenoscope and disposable SpyGlass cholangioscope (Boston Scientific) were used. The advancement of the cholangioscope was accomplished after standard biliary or pancreatic papillotomy with insertion of a guide wire to the target area under fluoroscopy. Prophylactic antibiotics were used for all patients. All patients were selected for cholangioscopy after standard diagnostic and therapeutic techniques failed. All procedures were performed by highly skilled and experienced endoscopists.

Results Since January 2016, 22 procedures (19 cholangioscopies and 3 pancreatoscopies) were done on 21 patients (9 Females). Median age was 65.8 (range 31 – 86). The diagnostic findings (non-exclusive) were: biliary lithiasis in twelve patients, pancreatic lithiasis in 2, benign biliary strictures in 6, PSC with cholangiocarcinoma, malignant CBD polyp, IPMN and Intraductal papillary neoplasm, each in one patient. Stone extraction was performed in eleven patients. Five and one patients respectively underwent complete or partial laser lithotripsy and stone removal from the bile ducts and pancreatic duct. One patient underwent a polypectomy from the distal CBD. Eight biopsies were taken from the CBD and one from the PD. Malignancy and high grade dysplasia was confirmed in two cases and was ruled out in one. The mean duration was 65 (range 50 – 90) minutes. All patients recovered fully and no severe adverse events were seen.

Conclusions Cholangioscopy and pancreatoscopy is safe, was associated with high procedural success and may have clinical impact on the management of highly selected, complex cases.

**eP126 EVALUATION OF PREDICTORS FACTORS OF FAILURE IN ENDOSCOPIC BILIARY DRAINAGE IN MALIGNANT HILAR BILIARY STRicture**

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Aims To evaluate the clinical success of biliary drainage by ERCP in patients with primary or secondary malignant hilar biliary stricture and to analyze the predictors factors of failure.

Methods This is a retrospective, observational study, in a tertiary oncologic center in Brazil. We included all the patients with malignant hilar biliary stricture (Bismuth ≥ II) submitted to a biliary drainage by ERCP, between January 2010 and December 2017. Clinical success was defined as a decrease in the direct bilirubin level to ≤ 50% of the pretreatment value within 2 weeks.

Results 82 patients were included. Bismuth classification grades II, IIIA, IIIB, and IV were noted in 23.2%, 15.9%, 14.6% and 46.3%, respectively. The indication of ERCP was palliative drainage in 56.1%, cholangitis in 29.3% and in previous stent obstruction in 13.4%. About 39% of the patients had a previous stent, 35.4% had plastic stent and 3.7% had metallic stent. The mean direct bilirubin was 8.2 mg/dL.

In 7.3% stent placement technically failed. In 20.7% one hepatic lobe was drainage, in 64.6% more than one lobe was drainage and in 7.3 the stent was placed distal to the confluence of the biliary hepatic branch. The clinical success rate was 53.7%.

The strictures Bismuth IV were related with lower clinical success rate when compared with others strictures (Table 1).

**Tab. 1 Predictors of clinical failure for biliary stents**

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Conclusions Endoscopic biliary drainage for malignant hilar biliary stricture still has limited clinical success rate. The proximal strictures (Bismuth IV) are associated with lower clinical success rate.

**eP127 PLACE OF ENDOscopic RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ECHINOCOCCAL CYSTS COMMUNICATING WITH BILE DUCTS: A SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE**

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Aims The aim of our study is to specify the efficacy of ERCP in the management of hydatid cysts communicating with bile ducts.

Methods This is a retrospective study, conducted from January 2002 to September 2018 in the gastroenterology II department of the medical teaching hospital of Rabat, including all patients followed for a liver hydatid cyst communicating with bile ducts. ERCP and endoscopic biliary sphincterotomy were performed before surgery in 20 patients, and in postoperative for 22 patients.

Results Among ERCP performed in our department in the period of the study, 2,4% (n = 42) was for a liver hydatid cyst communicating with bile ducts.
The mean age was 47 years old, with a higher prevalence in male (65%). The persistent external biliary fistula in postoperative were complicating the hydatid cyst communicating with bile ducts in 34%. All our patients underwent an endoscopic biliary sphincterotomy allowing the clearing of the bile duct from hydatid material using balloon or dormia basket. The follow up was marked by the disappearance of jaundice in 5 to 12 days on average after ERCP and resolve of the biliary fistula in 10 to 12 days. The global success which was defined by the definitive clearance of the common bile duct was obtained in 100% of our patients.

Conclusions Our study confirm the efficacy and safety of ERCP and biliary endoscopic sphincterotomy in the management of echinococcal cysts communicating with bile ducts. It leads to decrease duration of hospital stay and to avoid a heavy surgery.

**eP128V  BALLOON SPHINCTEROPLASTY IS A SAFE AND RELIABLE METHOD TO ACHIEVE BILIARY CLEARANCE IN AN AT RISK CHOLEDODCHOLITHIASIS COHORT**

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Introduction Endoscopic balloon sphincteroplasty (EBP) has been recommended by ESGE as an alternative to Endoscopic Sphincterotomy (ES) in patients with coagulopathy or alternated anatomy.

Aim To investigate the effectiveness of EBP versus ES in managing selected patients with choledocholithiasis at TUH.

Method Over one year, patients with untreated coagulopathy or abnormal anatomy, with choledocholithiasis were recruited. Indication, demographics, diagnosis, duct clearance rates, sedation and complications were recorded. EBP was performed with an 8 mm Hurricane Biliary Balloon for ≥4 minutes under direct and fluoroscopic control, with subsequent stone extraction using standard techniques. Outcomes were compared to age and sex matched ES choledocholithiasis patients.

Results Of 577 ERCP’s, 19 EBPs were performed and compared to 57 matched ES cases. Mean age 62 (21–91), 29 (38%) males. Indications: gallstone pancreatitis 4 (5%), choledocholithiasis alone 72 (95%). Findings: Confirmed choledocholithiasis, 15/19 (79%) and 42/57 (74%), normal balloon trawl, 3/19 (16%) and 15/57 (26%) in EBP and ES groups respectively and 1/19 (5%) EBP stricture.

While failure of duct clearance was less common in EBP patients (OR 0.65), the difference was not significant: 87% (13/15) EBP vs. 81% (34/42) ES, p = 0.47. Despite EBP patients being coagulopathic, ES intra-procedural bleeding rates were higher (OR 3.3), again non-significant; EBP 1/19 (5%) vs. ES 9/57 (16%), p = 0.4. There were no significant post-procedure complications; procedure duration and mean sedation were comparable.

Conclusion EBP was not inferior to ES in selected patients with choledocholithiasis. A low bleeding rate despite coagulopathy, with effective duct clearance suggests EBP warrants further investigation.

**eP130V  TWO CASES OF DELAYED REMOVAL OF MIGRATED PANCREATIC STENT SOLVED WITH THE SAME TECHNIQUE – FOREIGN-BODY FORCEPS**

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Pancreatic stenting has been increasingly used for a variety of pancreatic conditions during therapeutic endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP). Proximal migration of pancreatic stents is an infrequent complication of pancreatic stenting and its management is difficult to tackle despite the several different methods described.

We present two well-documented cases of delayed removal of proximal migrated pancreatic stents, which were previously placed to prevent post-ERCP pancreatitis. In both cases the main pancreatic duct was not dilated and the pancreatic stent migrated beyond the pancreas genu. A variety of devices were tried, however only the foreign-body forceps was successful. Round cup forceps was used as it may be less traumatic. Despite the manipulation of pancreatic duct (PD), there were no procedure-related complications.

The use of foreign-body forceps for endoscopic retrieval of migrated PD stents seems safe, effective and simple to use. We prefer a round-cup rather than tooth-rat forceps. To our knowledge, this is the first time that the use of round-cup forceps for PD stent removal has been reported. The removal strategy will always have to be tailored to each patient condition, but we consider that foreign-body forceps might be a good first approach, especially when the PD is not dilated.
eP131  ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF BILIARY COMPLICATIONS AFTER ORTHOTOPIC LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

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Aims  Biliary complications are frequent after orthotopic liver transplantation. Management of these complications with endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is available. The aim of the present study was to analyze the experience in the endoscopic management of biliary complications after liver transplantation in a third level center, and to determine the factors associated with higher rates of technical and clinical success.

Methods  Observational retrospective study including ERCPs performed in patients with biliary complications after liver transplantation between February 2012 and January 2017. Factors analyzed were: demographics, time between transplantation and ERCP, indications for ERCP, strategy of stenting (only plastic stents, only self-expandable metallic stents, plastic followed by metallic stents, and metallic followed by plastic stents), technical and clinical success, and complications.

Results  One hundred and sixty-eight endoscopies were performed in 58 patients. Thirty-three patients (56.9%) presented with early complications. The most frequent indication for ERCP was anastomotic stenosis (57.8%). Technical success in the first ERCP was achieved in 43 patients (74.1%). Early onset of the biliary complications was associated with higher rates of technical success (OR: 6.49; p: 0.036). Clinical success was obtained in 36 cases (62.1%). Patients with early complications presented higher probability of having good clinical response (OR: 11.16; p: 0.033). Results were worse in patients receiving only plastic stents (50% of clinical success). Eleven complications were observed among 168 ERCPs (6.54%), including 2 pancreatitis, 5 bleeding events, 3 cholangitis and 1 micro-perforation.

Conclusions  ERCP is safe and useful in the management of biliary complications after liver transplantation. Early onset of the complications is associated with better results. Some patients will need repeated procedures to obtain a good clinical response.

eP132V  ENDOLUMINAL RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION WITH SPYGLASS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA

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A patient of 38 years. Medical history: ambulatory clinical follow-up due to cryptogenic liver cirrhosis. Admitted in April 2018 for spontaneous bacterial peritonitis (SBP). During abdominal MRI admission, a lesion was reported in the hepatic hilum with hilar adenopathies compatible with cholangiocarcinoma. Due to marked portal hypertension and poor clinical improvement, a TIPS was placed 2 months after admission without clinical changes. On July 18, ERCP with SpyGlass was applied, biliary stents placement with biliary biopsy of suspicious lesion was taken. We took only one sample due easy bleeding. Pathology report: suspicious but not conclusive with cholangiocarcinoma. After that, the patient presented remarkable clinical improvement. PET-CT was performed to confirm malignant diagnosis, reporting hilar cholangiocarcinoma with tumor viability signs, with intrahepatic bile ducts dilatation. Sepsis concurrent SBP and antibiotic therapy was initiated with multiple antibiotic schemes by multiresistant bacteria for 2 months. Endocarditis and other endovascular infections were ruled out. Four months after admission, oncology committee requested to repeat biliary biopsies and get adenopathies biopsy. Endoscopic ultrasound with FNA in August 2018 confirmed metastatic lymphadenopathies. In September 2018, second ERCP with SpyGlass system was performed; Endoscopic biopsy by SpyBite confirmed cholangiocarcinoma. With these findings, the patient did not meet Mayo Clinic criteria for curative resection, so endoluminal radiofrequency with Spyglass was offered as palliative treatment. An 18 mm temperature-controlled radiofrequency (RFA) catheter (ELRA STARmed, Korea) through duodenoscope working channel into the papilla of Vater was inserted. RFA was applied at 10 watts for a time period of 2 minutes under 80 °C of intraductal temperature. A temperature sensor inside the electrode provided accurate temperature measurements. The power and impedance settings were automatically made from the VIVA generator (STARmed Korea). After the procedure, patient presented mild self-limited abdominal pain for 12 hours, with no other complications 15 days after the procedure.

eP133V  PERCUTANEOUS ENDOSCOPIC ASSISTED HEPATIC ABSCESS DRAINAGE

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Duodeno-pancreatic resection is the preferred operative approach in malignant mass lesions of the pancreatic head. One serious long-term complication of the procedure is benign or malignant stenosis of the biliocolic anastomosis and associated cholangitis.

We present the case of 64-year-old female operated for adenocarcinoma of the pancreatic head. A Whipple procedure was done followed by postoperative chemotherapy. Unfortunately, a year later there was a progression of the disease with mass lesion in the liver hilum and concomitant stenosis of the hepaticojugal anastomosis. A self-expandable metal stent was placed to relieve the obstructive jaundice and a new cycle of chemotherapy was initiated. Six months later the patient presented in the emergency unit with fever and elevated levels CRP and leukocytes. Upon further ultrasound examination an abscess cavity with solid debris and liquid content was observed in the right liver lobe. The patient was not suitable candidate for surgery and a 10fr drainage catheter was placed percutaneously. However, after few days of continuous lavage with saline and intravenous antibiotics, there were no significant improvement in patient condition.

After multidisciplinary team meeting a decision was made to clear the debris with a gastroscope inserted trough a previously, percutaneously placed self-expandable metal stent. Under ultrasound and fluoroscopy guidance a guidewire was placed in the cavity followed by metal stent insertion. That made possible direct communication between abscess cavity and skin. The lumen of the stent was dilated to 12 mm to facilitate scope passage. The abscess cavity was revealed with a gastroscope and the solid debris were cleared. After the procedure the patient condition improved, and she was discharged from the hospital a few days later.

In our case this innovative technique helped in improving patient condition. It is applicable in selected cases in tertiary centers with a prepared multidisciplinary team.

eP134  ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF BILIARY COMPLICATIONS AFTER LIVER TRANSPLANTATION, SINGLE CENTRE EXPERIENCE

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Aims Biliary complications are common in liver transplant recipients with incidence as high as 32%. The most common complications are biliary strictures and biliary leak. ERCP is a primary treatment modality in those patients; clinical success depends on the type of complication. The aim of our study was to assess frequency and outcome of biliary complications in a single, large volume transplant centre.

Methods We retrospectively reviewed medical records of all adult patients who underwent orthotopic liver transplantation (OLT) between January 2005 and November 2016. We analysed all cases of biliary complications and evaluated outcome of endoscopic treatment. We compared survival rate and retransplantation rate of patients with and without biliary complications.

Results In selected period 1037 patients underwent OLT, 248 (23.9%) of them were diagnosed with biliary complication; 142 patients had biliary stenosis (57.2%), biliary leak occurred in 85 patients (34.2%), the remaining 21 patients had other complication (8.6%). A total of 811 ERCPs were performed in 199 patients. Endoscopic treatment led to resolution of biliary complication in 162 cases (81.8%); the average number of procedures required for clinical success was four. Treatment success differed significantly in the group of patients with biliary stenosis and leak (92% vs. 42%; p = 0.001). There was a statistically significant difference in survival and retransplantation rates between patients who had biliary complication compared to a control group (24% vs. 13.9%; p = 0.004, respectively 11.6% vs. 3.9%; p = 0.001).

Conclusions Biliary complications after liver transplantation have significant impact on patients and liver-graft survival. Endoscopic therapy was effective in treatment of biliary strictures, the success rate in biliary leak was unsatisfactory.

eP135 BILARY OBSTRUCTION AFTER TIPS PLACEMENT IN A LIVER TRANSPLANT PATIENT

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Aims Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS) is a method conventionally used in portal hypertension treatment. Refractory ascites and bleeding from esophageal varices are the most common indications. Complications frequently observed include bleeding and development of liver encephalopathy, those affecting the biliary tree as bilioporal fistula and biliary stenosis are much less common. Placement of TIPS in a liver transplant patient is rare and implicate a technically challenging procedure.

Methods None.

Results A forty year old male patient diagnosed with alcoholic cirrhosis underwent whole liver transplantation. Postoperatively, no major complications were observed and the patient was discharged early. He was admitted to our clinic with ascites and fluidootherox approximately two months later. The portosystemic gradient was 28 mm Hg and gastroesophageal varices were found on gastroscopy. Liver biopsy showed microvascular damage corresponding with the diagnosis of sinusoidal obstruction syndrome (SOS). Placement of TIPS resulted in regression of ascites and fluidootherox. However, an apparent rise in cholestatic enzymes level occurred and MRCP showed dilatation of the dorsal right-lobe bile ducts with parenchyma abscesses, ERCP discovered a tight stenosis of the right posterior duct caused by external impression by the previously implanted stentgraft. An attempt of bridging the stricture endoscopically with a stent was unsuccessful. Therefore, a percutaneous transhepatic extrernal-internal drainage drain was inserted resulting in resolution of cholestasis and liver abcesses.

Conclusions Our case report describes biliary stenosis, a rare complication of TIPS placement, which was successfully treated by percutaneous transhepatic drainage. It is the first complication of this type ever described in a liver transplant patient.

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eP136 SCREENING FOR HEAD AND NECK SECOND PRIMARY TUMORS IN PATIENTS WITH ESOPHAGEAL SQUAMOUS CELL CANCER: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

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Aims Esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC) is often accompanied by second primary tumors in the head and neck region. Patients with an additional head and neck second primary tumor (HNSPT) have a worse prognosis than those with only ESCC. Therefore, early detection of HNSPTs may improve the overall outcome of esophageal cancer patients. The aim of this study was to review the literature to investigate the yield of endoscopic head and neck screening to detect HNSPTs in patients with ESCC. Secondary aims were to investigate whether screening should be performed synchronously or metachronously, and to investigate whether there is enough evidence to justify endoscopic screening in the Western world.

Methods A systematic literature search was conducted until January 2018 to retrieve studies from Embase, MEDLINE, Web of science, Cochrane Central and Google Scholar. Studies in which ESCC patients were endoscopically screened for the detection of HNSPTs were included. MINORS- and relevance-criteria were used to assess the study quality. The primary outcome was the pooled prevalence of HNSPTs.

Results Eight studies were included in this systematic review and meta-analysis with a total of 4295 patients; all studies were performed in Japan. The pooled prevalence of HNSPTs was 5.4% (95% confidence interval (CI) 3.6 – 8.1). The overall heterogeneity (I2 = 88%, p < 0.001) was high across the studies. Most SPTs were located in the hypopharynx (59%), classified as low-stage (85%), and detected metachronously (69%).

Conclusions Based on our results, the pooled prevalence of HNSPTs was 5.4% (95% CI 3.6 – 8.1). The majority of HNSPTs were classified as low-stage, which can be treated curatively and have an excellent prognosis. Therefore, (metachronous) endoscopic screening could be considered in patients with ESCC. Since all studies were performed in Japan, it is not clear if this consideration applies to the Western world.

eP137 FACTORS INFLUENCING THE LONG TERM OUTCOME OF CAUSTIC ESOPHAGEAL STRICATURE DILATION USING SAVARY DILATORS

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Aims Less is known in the literature about the management and long-term outcome of Caustic esophageal stricture (CES). It is reported from developing
countries particularly in pediatric and adolescent age group. The study is aimed to assess the long-term outcome of CES dilatation using Savary Gilliard dilator and also the factors associated with better outcome.

Methods: We retrospectively reviewed the medical record of patients who underwent CES dilatation using Savary Gilliard dilators from July 2008 to July 2018. Rule of three was used for the esophageal stricture dilatation. Data is expressed in frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation. Mann-whitney U test is used to determine the factors associated with better outcome.

Results: Twenty one patients were included in study, mean age of patients was 21 ± 19.4. Out of twenty one 12 (57.1%) were males. More than half of them were in pediatric age group 11 (52.4%). Acid ingestion was seen in 14 (66.7%) while 7 (33.3%) patient had alkali ingestion. Accidental corrosive intake was found in 16 (76.2%), however 5 (23.8%) patients had taken it with suicidal intent. Most of patient had zargar’s class IIa 12 (57.1%) injury. Mean length of stricture was 7.3 ± 4.5 cm and range of number of dilatation required was 4 to 59 sessions. Overall all pediatric patients required less number of session as compare to adults (p value = 0.008). Four patients had complex stricture. Complex stricture (p = 0.018) and stricture longer then 10 cm (p = 0.028) required more sessions of dilatations. Complete resolution of stricture was noted in 18 (85.7%) patients while 3 (14.5%) patients with complex stricture still require dilatations. Six patients had associated pyloric stenosis, managed via CRE balloon dilatation and while two required gastrojenu-metry. One patients developed minor perforation during the procedure.

Conclusions: CES can be successfully managed via savary dilatations, long and complicated stricture required more sessions of dilatations while pediatric patients are better responders to treatment.

eP139 SELF-EXPANDABLE METAL STENTS (SEMS) IN ESOPHAGEAL VARIICES POST BAND BAND ULCER REFRACTORY BLEEDING, A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims: Evaluate efficacy of SEMS in control of variceal post band ulcer bleeding and 42 days survival outcome.

Methods: A retrospective study conducted on 28 patients at Hepatology and gastroenterology department) National Liver Institute, Menoufia university, Egypt whom received SEMS as a management of their refractory bleeding from post variceal band ligation ulcer. Patients followed up for 42 days.

Results: Patients age (mean ± SD) (57.8 ± 8.6) years and 24 were males. Their child class (A/B/C) 3/15/10 respectively with 5 patients had early stage HCC. Admission prognostic scores were MELD (15.7 ± 6.3) MELD Na (20 ± 6.4) ALBI score (-1.36 ± 0.58) and CLIF-C AD (57.96 ± 10.21) (mean ± SD). Their hospital stay range were (1 – 33) days. As regard control of bleeding, 3 patients had uncontrolled bleeding and 2 patients experienced re-bleeding after initial control and well control of bleeding achieved in 23 (82.1%) patients.7 (25%) patients died, (4 from bleeding, 1 from multiple organ failure MOF & 2 from sepsis), 6 (21.4%) stents were displaced. We classified post banding ulcer endoscopically into A- ulcer covered with clot (9 patients), B- ulcer oozing blood (7 patients), C- ulcer with active spurring (12 patients). Univariate analysis was conducted revealed that post band ulcers other than type A, development of overt hepatic encephalopathy were risk for 42 days mortality (p = 0.04, 0.02 respectively).Low base line arterial blood pressure mean 65 ± 6.7 (p = 0.003), increased number of transfused blood units 5.4 ± 4.8 (p = 0.006) and high base line CLIF-C AD score mean 64.4 ± 15.6 (p = 0.05) were associated with 42 days mortality.

Conclusions: SEMS is a promising maneuver to control post band ulcer bleeding but individualized approach in respect of type of the ulcer is advised for better survival outcomes.

eP140 NBI GUIDED CRUSH CYTOLOGY COMPARED TO HISTOPATHOLOGY – EARLY DIAGNOSIS & FASTER TREATMENT INITIATION

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Aims: To Prove the Utility of Crush Cytology as compared to standard histopathology.

Methods: Crush cytology for gastrointestinal (GI) lesions is not studied much. We studied utility of crush cytology in diagnosis of GI lesions compared to conventional histopathology, 94 suspected cases of malignancy of esophagus, stomach, ampulla and colorectum, undergoing endoscopy from August 2018 to November 2018 were included in the study. For any tumor, an area was targeted for biopsy using NBI criteria, first 2 biopsies taken on a slide, crush smears made, stained with H&E and studied. then Correlation done with conventional histopathology from remaining bits. Diagnostic values, accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and positive and negative predictive values calculated.

Results: There were 72 cases of histologically confirmed carcinomas and 65 patients were positive for carcinoma by crush smear cytology. Thus, the diagnostic performance of crush cytology and histopathology was 90.3% vs. 100%; p>0.05 which revealed no significant difference between two tests. Male/ female ratio of 2.6:1 and mean age of 60.3 years;Incidence of carcinomas was highest in seventh decade, with 36.6% cases. Most common site was colorectal (52.4%) followed by esophagus (22.9%), stomach (17.1%), ampulla (4.3%) and GE junction with 2.8% cases each. Most common histologic types of colorectal and gastric malignancy were well-differentiated adenocarcinoma (83.8% & 69.2%) and poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma (2.7% & 30.8%), respectively. Squamous cell carcinoma (18.8%) was the most common malignancy of esophagus. Crush smears were not conclusive in 7 cases i.e they showed high grade dysplasia and final biopsy was malignant. Sensitivity of crush cytology was 75.5%, specificity 85.5%, PPV 90.3%, and NPV of 19.8%. Diagnostic accuracy 82.5%.

Conclusions: Crush cytology is Easy and rapidly performed technique. The diagnostic yield is very high. It is comparable to histopathology. Final pathology certain in >90%. Treatment/surgery can be initiated faster without awaiting HPE report.

eP141 EARLY DIAGNOSIS IS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVED CLINICAL OUTCOME IN BENIGN ESOPHAGEAL PERFORATIONS: AN INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA META-ANALYSIS

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Aims: Benign esophageal perforations (BEP) are subdivided in two groups; 1. spontaneous esophageal perforations, also known as Boerhaave’s syndrome, and 2. iatrogenic esophageal perforations.

Timing between onset and diagnosis of BEP is regarded as an important risk factor for poor outcome. However, no strong evidence exists to support this finding. We investigated whether timing between onset and diagnosis is associated with clinical outcome of patients with BEP.
Methods A systematic review (PROSPERO: CRD42018093473) was performed following PRISMA guidelines. Clinical studies of patients treated for BEP were identified from Medline, Embase and Cochrane databases. After study inclusion, corresponding authors were invited to share individual patient data (IPD) and a meta-analysis was performed. Patients were subdivided in two groups; (1) early diagnosis (≤24hours); and (2) late diagnosis (>24h), after symptom onset. We used multi-level mixed model logistic regression analysis to compare both groups while correcting for age, gender, etiology, esophageal location and initial treatment strategy. Outcome included mortality, intensive care unit (ICU) admittance and re-interventions.

Results The systematic search yielded 146 studies eligible for inclusion. If possible, we invited corresponding authors of included studies (n = 115) to share IPD. In total, 25 authors (22%) responded and shared IPD. Out of 960 patients, 672 patients (iatrogenic n = 411, spontaneous n = 261) were included in the IPD meta-analysis. After multivariable logistic regression analysis, late diagnosis (>24h) was associated with 6% increase in mortality (95% CI 1.20–4.10, OR 2.2, p = 0.01), 17% increase in ICU admittance (95% CI 1.21–3.34, OR 2.0, p = 0.007), and 19% increase in need for re-intervention (95% CI 1.48–3.35, OR 2.2, p < 0.001), when compared with early diagnosis (≤24h) of BEP.

Conclusions This real-world IPD meta-analysis shows that late (>24h) diagnosis is associated with higher mortality, ICU admittance and re-intervention rates, when compared with early (≤24h) diagnosed patients with BEP. This association confirms results from previously published small cohort studies and expert opinion.

eP143 DIAGNOSIS OF BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS IN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CENTRE ZAGREB BETWEEN 2012 AND 2017

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Aims To evaluate basic epidemiology situation and demographic data of patients diagnosed with Barrett’s esophagus in University Hospital Centre Zagreb between January 2012 and December 2017.

Methods In a 6 year period, upper GI endoscopy was obtained in 19,950 patients. We have analysed our endoscopy data base and hospital data system regarding pathohistological diagnosis and demographic data of patients diagnosed with Barrett’s esophagus as well.

Results Endoscopy suspicion of esophageal metaplasia (ESEM) was set in 592 patients. Pathohistological confirmation of Barrett’s esophagus was established in 163 patients (0.8%). Intestinal metaplasia without dysplasia was diagnosed in 137 patients, confirmed low grade dysplasia in 20 patients, high grade dysplasia in three and early cancer in Barrett esophagus in three patients.

In the group of 163 patients with confirmed Barrett’s esophagus 116 (71%) were male and 47 (29%) were female with median age of 58 years. Hiatal hernia was observed during endoscopy in 92 patients (56%). Patients with high grade dysplasia and early cancer have been treated with bandEMR and then radio frequency ablation (RFA), and all the patients with confirmed low grade dysplasia have been treated with RFA.

Conclusions Barrett’s esophagus still has a low incidence in Croatia, even in a high volume tertiary referral Centre.

eP144 DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES OF THE ESOPHAGUS, COMPlicated BY BENIGN STRicture

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Aims Identification of the clinical features, diagnosis and treatment of 4 nosological units: mucous membrane pemphigoid (MMP), lichen planus (LP), eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) and Crohn’s disease (CD).

Methods From 2003 to 2017, 57 patients with esophageal strictures caused by autoimmune diseases were treated. EoE – 24 cases (42%), LP – 15 (26%), CD – 10 (18%), and RP – 8 (14%) patients. An Rg-contrast study revealed that in most cases MMP and LP were complicated by the stricture of the proximal esophagus, EoE and CD were complicated by the strictures of the distal esophagus, and in 7 patients with EoE the esophagus was narrowed throughout. Patients with MMP, LP and CD had multiple erosions and superficial ulcers of the esophagus, unlike them in EoE. Autoimmune genesis of stricture development was morphologically confirmed in 100% of cases. The method of choice is a combination of endoscopic treatment and specific treatment. Each dilatation session provokes the main disease, and forced bougienage can lead to complications, so endoscopic manual should be performed in stages, in a “gentle” mode.

Results On the 14th day after dilatation, all patients reported an improvement in the condition – the result of treatment in all 57 patients (100%) was
good. A year later, 48 (84%) patients were under observation, 12 of them (25%) were compensated, and no data for recurrent stricture were obtained. In 28 (58%) patients with dysphagia of 2 – 3 points, X-rays showed that they had a recurrent stricture, which required repeated complex treatment. After 3 years 39 (68%) patients were inspected. A satisfactory result was in 9 (23%) patients; a recurrence of stricture was detected in 30 (77%) patients.

**Conclusions** The main minimally invasive method of treatment is endoscopic bougienage, which should be carried out in stages, in a “gentle” mode, and certainly with specific treatment to autoimmune diseases.

### ep145 RISK FACTORS FOR PREDICTING EARLY VARICEAL REBLEEDING AFTER ENDOSCOPIC VARICEAL LIGATION (EVL)

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**Aims** The aim of this study is to determine the factors predicting the occurrence of post-LVO bleeding and its mortality.

**Methods** Between April 2010 and April 2018, 587 LVOs were performed in the gastroenterology endoscopy unit in 393 patients with cirrhotic portal hypertension. Early rebleeding following EVL is mainly due to early spontaneous slippage of rubber bands leaving the unhealed ulcer.

**Results** The complication occurred in 32 patients (8.1%) whose mean age was 49.9, twenty-five patients were admitted through emergency departments for gastrointestinal bleeding while 21.2% were under secondary prevention protocol by ligation. This EGD was performed by a junior doctor at 21 patients with the establishment on average 4.7 rings [2.9]. All our patients received octreotide for an average of 3.8 days, whereas none of them was put under PPIs after the realization of this 1st EGD. The pressure bleeding occurred within an average delay of 7.4 days. It induced haemodynamic instability in 8 patients (25%) requiring transfusion in 78% of patients. univariate analysis, the risk factors for the occurrence of this hemorrhagic event were: ligation in the setting (p = 0.004), the presence of ascites (p = 0.001), the hepatic encephalopathy (p = 0.001), the platelet count < 70 000 (p = 0.04), the presence of a portal hypertensive gastropathy (p = 0.001), an advanced Child Pugh score (p = 0.03) and the achievement of the EGD by a junior (p = 0.004). The multi-varied analysis concluded that only a low platelet count is statistically associated with the occurrence of fall of eschar. Mortality was 31.2% (n = 10) following this complication.

**Conclusions** Early rebleeding following EVL in cirrhotic patients is a serious complication, especially in cases of emergency recruitment. The occurrence of this complication was statistically linked to low platelet count and a high mortality rate.

### ep147v ESD OF CIRCUMFERENTIAL ESOPHAGEAL SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA, “MUCOSAL BRIDGE TRACTION TECHNIQUE”

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**Introduction** We present the case of a circumferential oesophageal submucosal endoscopic dissection in a 56-year-old patient who presented a squamous esophageal squamous carcinoma of 10 cm in superficial length, without evidence of lymph node involvement by EUS, CT and PET-Scan. ESD was decided as the preferred first-line treatment according to the patient decision.

**Brief description of the technique** The procedure was performed in the operating room, with the patient in supine position, intubated under mechanical ventilation, PEEP +5.

After marking the limits of the lesion, a circumferential mucosal incision was made with flush knife 1.5 mm at the anal side of the lesion. Then a semi circumferential proximal mucosal incision was made. Tunneling with flush knife and IT nano was done.

*Mucosal bridge traction technique*: Before completing submucosal dissection, 2 mucosal ‘bridges’ were left on the oral side, to help traction of the lesion, when doing submucosal tunneling dissection. At the end of the procedure the mucosal bridges were cut. The procedure was completed in 2 hours and 45 minutes.

The final histology showed an intramucosal squamous cell carcinoma that contact the muscularis mucosa (M3) at two points, without evidence of lymphovascular or submucosal involvement.

The patient presented a stenosis after 3 weeks of the procedure, despite corticosteroid treatment, requiring endoscopies treatments. 9 months after the intervention there is no evidence of local or distant recurrence, and the patient has a normal diet, having required 17 endoscopic balloon dilation sessions to date.

**Conclusions** The tunneling technique is useful in the submucosal dissection of extensive esophageal lesions. This novel technique, ‘mucosal bridge traction...
tion technique might be helpful in some cases of ESD, as an alternative traction technique.

eP148V SUCCESSFUL COMPLETE ERADICATION OF BARRETTS ADENOCARCINOMA WITH UNDERLYING ESOPHAGEAL VARICES WITH MODIFIED EMR TECHNIQUE AND RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION

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Case We present the case of a 63-year-old patient with alcohol cirrhosis, with portal hypertension and esophageal varices in prophylaxis with beta-blocker. During follow-up upper endoscopy a 0-IIa lesion is detected on a barrett’s esophagus.

A modified band ligation EMR technique was performed, with histology showing intramuscular adenocarcinoma, clear margins. Three sessions of radiofrequency ablation with HALO 360 and 90 of the remaining Barrett’s esophagus were performed with the standard technique. In each session, intravenous somatostatin was administered starting before the procedure, and maintaining it 24 hours. Prophylactic antibiotic was administered peri-procedure. After each session hospital discharge was performed at 24 hours, there were no incidents or complications during or after the procedure.

In the last follow-up endoscopy Barrett eradication was confirmed endoscopically and histologically.

Comments Radiofrequency (HALO) ablation can be performed in selected cases of patients with esophageal varices and dysplastic Barrett, taking into account the risks and benefits of the technique. In the present case Barrett’s esophagus (T1a) in a cirrhotic patient with esophageal varices, was successfully eradicated following radio frequency ablation (HALO), without complications.

eP149 RISK FACTORS OF DYSPLASIA AND ADENOCARCINOMA IN BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS

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Aims Barrett’s esophagus (BE) is a rare lesion that can progress to adenocarcinoma of the lower esophagus Endoscopic and histological monitoring is necessary to detect these lesions early and to propose appropriate management.

The purpose of this work was to determine the risk factors of dysplasia or degeneration during BE.

Methods A retrospective descriptive study (2009 – 2016) including all patients presenting a Barrett’s esophagus in the endoscopy was conducted. The BE was classified according to Prague and the diagnosis was retained on the histological data of the esophageal biopsies. The patients were divided into two groups: group 1 (G 1) BE without dysplasia, group 2 (G2) BE with dysplasia (low or high grade) or adenocarcinoma. A statistical study (SPSS 23.0 software, p significant if < 0.05) was performed to compare the two groups.

Results Eighty-three patients with histologically confirmed BE were included. Of these, eight patients (9.6%) had dysplasia, only one of high grade, and five patients (6%) had adenocarcinoma. Comparing the two groups, the risk factors identified of dysplasia or degeneration were age with mean age (56 years old vs. 61 years old) respectively in groups 1 and 2 (p = 0.04) and dysphagia as functional sign (8%, vs. 46%, p = 0.003, OR = 9.1). There was no significant difference in sex ratio [H/F] (1.25 vs. 1.6, p = 0.08) neither in the other signs (anemia, gastroesophageal reflux). The two groups were comparable in the mean length of the BE (17 mm vs. 26 mm, p = 0.33) and the HP infestation rate (46% vs. 46%, p = 0.98).

Conclusions Only advanced age and dysphagia were predictive of dysplasia or degeneration during BE. An intensification of the monitoring protocol of these patients could be proposed to allow detection and early management of dysplasia.

eP150 INJECTION OF CYANOACRYLATE FOR THE TREATMENT OF GASTRIC VARICES BLEEDING

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Aims The aim of our study is to evaluate the efficacy and safety of gastric varices injection with cyanoacrylate.

Methods A prospective study between May 2015 and November 2018, all patients with gastric variceal bleeding was hospitalized and underwent endoscopic treatment. Success was defined as an absence of recurrent bleeding after the cyanoacrylate injection, and safety was evaluated by looking for side effects.

Results Thirty three Cyanoacrylate injections were done for 23 patients (13 women and 10 men, the sex ratio was 0.76), the mean age was 43 (ranging from 15 to 77 years old).

All patients had portal hypertension, 17 due to intra-hepatique cause (73.9%), 5 patients had extra-hepatic portal hypertension, and unidentified cause for one patient.

All patients was admitted to the emergency unit for upper gastrointestinal bleeding (hematemesis and melena in 73%), 25% was hemodynamically unstable. The hemoglobin mean rate was 7.2 g/dl (3.8 – 9.8). All patients received early vaso-actif treatment.

The esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) was done in less than 24 hours after the hemorrhage. We found GOV 2 in 82%, GOV 2 and IGV1 in 12.5%.

Commericially flexible sclerotherapy injectors with a 6mm/21-gauge needle were used for gastric variceal injection. N2BC was mixed with Lipiodol at the same proportion (1cc-1cc) with the average of 2 injections spot in every session.

All patients achieved immediate hemostasis so the treatment was successful in 100%, without any complications (epigastric discomfort, fever, embolism, thrombosis) and no endoscope was damaged.

The re-bleeding was noticed in 6 patients, from new gastric varices.

Tow patients died from uncontrolled bleeding away from the N2BC injection.

Conclusions The study confirm the efficacy of and safety of cyanoacrylate injection for the treatment and second prophylaxis of gastric varices bleeding. To confirm it efficacy in the primary prophylaxis, other studies are needed.

eP151 ANTIREFLUX MUCOSECTOMY. PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A PROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Aims Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is very prevalent and has a significant impact on quality of life. Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) are the mainstream of treatment, but up to 30% of patients do not respond. Several endoscopic treatment systems have been developed, with disparate results. Anti-reflux mucosectomy (ARMS) is based on the resection of the gastric
mucosa distal to the cardia, which, after healing, results in a retraction that remodels the cardial valve, and rectifies the angle of His.

The main objective of the study is to evaluate the efficacy of ARMS by pH-metry and specific quality of life questionnaires.

**Methods** All patients submitted to ARMS, with dependent on conventional treatment who did not present a hiatus hernia, have been included consecutively and prospectively.

**Results** Since April 2018, the technique has been performed in 7 patients, average age of 41 years, a baseline deMeester score of 37.1 (mean), and a GERD questionnaire score of 19 points (mean). The average time of completion was 45 minutes, with slight bleeding occurring in three of them. The average stay was 1.5 days, without complications. The control gastroscopy at month showed the formation of a fully competent neovale in all patients, except one. There was improvement in the GERD questionnaire, with an average decrease of 16 points and the 4 patients evaluated in the third month after technique had managed to suspend the PPIs. Of the 4 pH-metries performed on that date, 2 of them showed a normal deMeester score. The third patient remained unchanged, in which a fully competent neovale was performed on that date, 2 of them showed a normal deMeester score. The third patient remained unchanged, in which a fully competent neovale was not achieved, despite it he presented a significant decrease in the GERD score and suspended the PPIs.

**Conclusions** The preliminary results of this study indicate that the ARMS manages to reshape the cardial valve and achieve effective control of GERD, with an excellent safety profile.

**eP152 A MULTICENTER STUDY ON THE PREVALENCE OF EOSINOPHILIC ESOPHAGITIS IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AMONG ADULTS UNDERGOING UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY**

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**Aims** The aim of this study was to evaluate the prevalence of eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) in the central region of the Russian Federation among adult patients undergoing upper gastrointestinal (UGI) due to upper gastrointestinal symptoms.

**Methods** This study was conducted in 5 endoscopy departments in the central region of the Russian Federation: (4 in Moscow, 1 in Yaroslavl). During a 12 month period (from October 2017 to October 2018) 23740 adult patients (aged 18 - 80 years) were evaluated using UGI endoscopy due to symptoms (heartburn, dysphagia, food impaction, acid regurgitation, chest pain, epigastric pain, nausea, vomiting). In patients with endoscopic findings of EoE (edema, rings, exudates, furrows, and strictures) 8 biopsies were obtained from the proximal and distal esophagus to quantify the maximum eosinophil count per high-power field (eos/hpf; hpf = 0.24 mm) by a gastrointestinal pathologist. EoE was defined by ≥15 eosinophils/high-power field.

**Results** UGI endoscopy revealed typical endoscopic features of EoE in 47 patients. Esophageal biopsy confirmed EoE in 18 (0.076%) cases (male – 77.7%, female – 22.3%). The average age was 37.25 years (range 21 – 67), 88.8% of patients were under 45 years of age. Individuals with EoE suffered from dysphagia (61.1%), heartburn (50%), food impaction (33.3%), and nausea (38.8%). 83.3% of EoE patients had a past history of gastroesophageal reflux disease, 27.7% suffered from allergic rhinitis, 33.3% had atopic dermatitis, 11.1% asthma. 1 patient had a family history of EoE (his sibling and mother also suffered from dysphagia due to EoE).

**Conclusions** The prevalence of EoE among adult patients undergoing upper endoscopy in the Russian Federation is 0.076% (1 case for 1319 UGI endoscopy). The characteristic findings of EoE patients included predominantly male gender, age under 45 years and history of atopic diseases.

**eP153 ACHALASIA: ENDOSCOPIC DILATATION RESULTS AND PREDICTIVE FACTORS OF FAILURE**

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**Aims** Achalasia is a primary motor disorder of the esophagus. Its treatment consists of decreasing the pressure at the lower esophageal sphincter (LES). Pneumatic dilatation is an efficient therapeutic method compared to surgery. The aim of our work is to study the results of endoscopic dilatation and to identify the predictive factors of failure.

**Methods** We have performed a retrospective analytical study from 2014 to 2018 including patients treated with pneumatic dilatation for mega-esophageal. Patients who have previously undergone Heller surgery or who received a medical treatment were not included. Treatment failure is defined as the persistence of dysphagia after 3 dilatations or relapse within 2 years. The studied parameters were the epidemiological, clinical, manometric data and the results of dilatation.

**Results** Seventeen patients were enrolled with an average age of 47 years and a sex ratio F/H = 1.4. Patients had mean Eckardt score = 7 and chest pain in 41% of cases. 35% of patients were of type I achalasia, whereas 65% were of type II. Seven patients had a residual pressure of LES > 35mmH and 72% had a residual pressure of LES > 10mmHg. 16 patients had a first dilatation with a 30 mm balloon. The mean number of dilatations was 2.8 and no serious complications were detected except a case of GERD. 47% of patients did not respond to dilatation. In bivariate analysis, only young age (< 40 years) and the presence of chest pain were predictive of failure (p = 0.008). However, no factor was found in multivariate analysis.

**Conclusions** In this study, endoscopic dilatation represents an efficient method in the treatment of achalasia with a success rate exceeding 50%. The response could have been better once we have included patients with a satisfactory number of dilatations. As mentioned in the literature, young patients and those with chest pain are advised to have Heller myotomy immediately or POEM.

**eP154 REAL LIFE DATA FOR DYSPLASTIC BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS MANAGEMENT AND FOLLOW-UP**

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**Aims** Real life data concerning the management and outcome of patients with dysplastic Barrett esophagus (BE) are scarce. Evaluate the management and outcome of patients with dysplastic BE.

**Methods** Analyze 10 years data from a single center. All patients had dysplastic BE on ≥2 consecutive endoscopies confirmed by ≥2 dedicated pathologists.

**Results** 47 out of 55 dysplastic patients fulfilled the inclusion criteria [40 LGD, 5 high grade dysplasia (HGD) and 2 with intramucosal adenocarcinoma (IMAC) at the initial diagnosis]. Age: 58.7 ± 16.2 years, 37 males, with a follow-up of 2666 patient-months (range:1 – 134, Q1 = 6, Q3 = 36). BE length > 3 cm in 15 patients. The grade of dysplasia progressed in 4 patients, all with BE > 3 cm and during the first 12 months after the initial diagnosis (2 LGD to HGD and 2 HGD to cancer). Among 31 patients with LGD without endoscopic intervention and a follow up of 1914 months, 11 regressed to non-dysplastic BE (2 –
eP155 PREDICTORS OF FAILURE OF PNEUMATIC DILATION IN ACHALASIA

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Methods Patients with achalasia undergoing DP between 2000 and 2017 in our department were included and evaluated retrospectively. The dilations were performed with balloons of 30 to 35 mm. The efficacy of the treatment was judged on the clinical improvement of the symptoms (Eckart score). Failure was defined by a number of dilations > 2 or surgical treatment.

Results Sixty-eight patients were included. The average age was 47 years old (5–60 years). A total of 93 PDs were performed with an average of 1.3 dilations per patient. Clinical recurrence requiring a second dilatation session was found in 22% of patients. Failure of endoscopic treatment was noted in 6% of cases. In a univariate analytical study, age under 30 years (p = 0.002), number of dilations (p < 0.0001), initial pressure of LES < 35 mm Hg (p < 0.0001) and vigorous achalasia (p = 0.002) were significantly associated with dilatation failure. In multivariate analysis, only young age (p = 0.004), low pressure of LES (p = 0.003) and vigorous achalasia (p < 0.001) were independent predictors of PD failure. In our study sex was not significantly associated with treatment failure.

Conclusions Pneumatic dilation is an effective, simple and well tolerated technique. However, in case of clinical and manometric predictive factors of PD failure, another endoscopic treatment such as POEM should be proposed as first line.

eP156 AUGSBURGER ZENKER QUESTIONNAIRE – ACQUISITION OF SYMPTOMS AND MONITORING DURING FOLLOW-UP OF PATIENTS WITH ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF SYMPTOMATIC ZENKER’S DIVERTICULUM

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Methods From August 2014 to July 2018 n = 97 patients with symptomatic Zenker’s diverticulum were treated with flexible endoscopy. The symptoms of the patients were recorded by an eight-item questionnaire prior to treatment and 1 and 6 months post-interventional. The questionnaire asked for the Dalakas’s dysphagia score, the frequency of dysphagia, odynophagia, regurgitation, vomiting, dry cough, hoarseness and nocturnal awakening due to Zenker related symptoms on an ordinal scale with values from zero to four. The scores of the single symptoms were added to a total score (0 to maximum 68 points) whereas according to our clinical experience frequent and more specific symptoms were higher rated. In case of readmisssion with recurrence the score was raised again and compared with the score of recurrence-free patients.

Results The median value prior to treatment was 41.0 (32.0 – 45.8). Patients, who developed a recurrence later on showed already before intervention a tendency for higher values (44.0 vs. 36.0 of recurrence-free patients, p = 0.09). The median value one month after treatment was 5.0 (0 – 12.3) and after six months 9 (0 – 18.0). Patients with recurrence (n = 13) stated a value of 32.5 (24.8 – 45.0) before the retreatment. In the follow-up a value of ≥ 26 shows a high probability for recurrence (specificity 98.7%, sensitivity 75%, PPV: 92%, NPV 95%). Patients with values less than 21 most likely had no recurrence (NPV 97%).

Conclusions We described the first time a specific questionnaire for patients with symptomatic Zenker’s diverticulum. It records extensively the symptoms prior to treatment. It can be a helpful tool to calculate the probability of symptomatic recurrence in patients after flexible endoscopic treatment.

eP157 RESTORATION OF A RARE, IMPRESSIVE AESTHETIC CERVICAL DYSMORPHIA DUE TO OESOPHAGEAL ACHALASIA BY PERORAL ENDOSCOPIC MYOTOMY PROCEDURE

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Aims An aesthetic advantage of peroral endoscopic myotomy procedure (POEM) on achalasic patients against surgical approaches, is the absence of abdominal or thoracic skin scars. The aim of this abstract is to present another impressive aesthetic result, succeeded via therapy of an achalasic patient with POEM, which simultaneously corrected an accompanied rare extensive aesthetic cervical dysmorphism, as well.

Methods Patient, a female 77 years old, presented with dysphagia, heartburn, regurgitation, retrosternal pain during last year, and the above men-
tioned dysmorphic left cervical distention which was deteriorated in size by food intake, last month. The laboratory findings of esophagogastroduodenoscopy, manometry and OGD reconfirmed the presence of achalasia. CT scan revealed a large esophageal tube with significant tortuosity that caused an extreme anatomical deviation of aorta and neighbor anatomy, explaining the above mentioned dysmorphic picture. A successful anterior POEM was performed.

Results The second post procedural day the barium esophagogram showed the easy emptying of barium through the LOS. Patient was able to swallow and was discharged on antibiotics and progressive diet. Seven days later the patient assured that cervical distention had completely disappeared, obviously due to the reduction of LOS pressure. On follow up, CT scans confirmed an impressive correction of the normal anatomy after 2 months and complete restoration after 12 months. Clinical as well aesthetic success is preserved, too.

Conclusions In conclusion, the aesthetic advantage of POEM is not limited only on the profound lack of skin scars but may also be expanded to other not expected accompanied situations, as above described.

eP158V A CASE OF EOSINOPHILIC ESOPHAGITIS: HEARTBURN DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFUX DISEASE

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A 27-year-old Caucasian man visited a gastrointestinal clinic because of intermittent heartburn and substernal chest discomfort for 6 months. He did not have any allergic histories and family histories of an atopic disease, but he had obesity grade 2 and essential hypertension. Physical examination was unremarkable, and there were no abnormalities in laboratory test results. The primary care doctor diagnosed gastroesophageal reflex disease (GERD) and referred to esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD). EGD showed: edema, decreased vascularity, longitudinal furrows, and white exudate on the lower and mid esophagus. Biopsies were obtained: 3 specimens at the proximal and distal esophagus, and also at stomach and duodenum. Whereas histology from stomach and duodenum was normal, eosinophilic infiltration (> 80 eos/hpf) was observed on the esophageal mucosa. Moreover eosophageal impedance-pH monitoring did not reveal pathological gastroesophageal reflux (acid exposure time = 0.4%). High-resolution manometry detected normal esophageal motility. Based on the clinical, endoscopic and histological findings, the patient was diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE). Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) and an empiric six-food elimination diet were prescribed. The patient noted the resolution of symptoms during that therapy.

After a 12-week initial therapy course the follow-up endoscopy revealed edema, decreased vascularity, longitudinal furrows, and white exudate in the distal esophagus despite of treatment. Magnifying endoscopy with narrow spectrum (i-scan OE) demonstrated dot-shaped intrapapillary capillary loops (IPCL) and absent cyan vessels, which were described in literature for EoE [Tanaka K, et al., 2013] and also multiple white plaques on the mucosal surface. Mucosal biopsies showed maintenance epithelial eosinophil infiltration (> 30 eos/hpf), eosinophil microabscesses and basal zone hyperplasia. Topical corticosteroids were added to therapy. Our case report demonstrates that the proper examination of patients with heartburn provides the correct diagnosis of EoE and helps to distinguish EoE from GERD, which is the most common esophageal disorder with heartburn and sometimes esophageal eosinophilia.

eP159 DIAGNOSTIC ADEQUACY OF BARRETT’S ESOPHAGUS IN A TERTIARY REFERENCE CENTER. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

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Aims Some patients are wrongly typified with Barrett’s esophagus (BE) in spite they don’t meet criteria: presence of intestinal metaplasia (IM) and columnar segment longer than 1 cm. We didn’t find studies focused on this fact so we decided to assess it and estimate the number of unnecessary follow-ups and factors contributing to a wrong categorization.

Methods Retrospective-descriptive study, tertiary reference endoscopy unit in Spain. Search in ENDBASE server for any endoscopy including “Barrett” in its indication, description or diagnosis in endoscopies between December 2013 and May 2018. We excluded follow-up endoscopies due to reasons different from BE.

Results 1178 endoscopies in 712 patients were included. 63,2% of cohort (745/1178) didn’t meet BE criteria, 30,2% did and in 6,5% it wasn’t possible to know due to lack of reporting. 58,9% of specimens showed no IM, 32,8% showed IM and in 8,2% it wasn’t possible to know. 29,9% of patients had a columnar segment shorter than 1 cm. Within the 745 endoscopies not meeting BE criteria, 37,7% (281/745) corresponded to 1st or later follow-up endoscopies and 18,9% (141/745) to 2nd or later follow-up endoscopies. Thus, at least 50,2% (141/281) of follow-up endoscopies were likely unnecessary during the study period.

In 90,5% of endoscopies (1066/1178) the word “Barrett” was utilized (BE, suspicious for Barrett, rule out BE, ultrashort Barrett, etc.) in diagnostic section. A gastroenterologist requested 67,1% of procedures. C or M length weren’t reported in 8,9% and 12,2% of endoscopies.

Conclusions In our area, BE is over-diagnosed mostly due to absence of IM. Half of endoscopies for BE surveillance during the study period could be unnecessary. Improvements in BE follow-up indication, pathology and endoscopic reporting are warranted. Further descriptive and multcenter studies focused on BE diagnostic adequacy-reporting are needed.

eP160 GASTRIC PERORAL ENDOCOSCOPIC MYOTOMY (G-POEM) – FIRST EXPERIENCE

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Aims Gastroparesis is defined as delayed stomach emptying in the absence of obstruction. Symptoms include vomiting, nausea, post-prandial fullness, epigastric pain, weight loss and early satiety. Etiology varies between post-surgical injury of the vagus nerve, diabetes mellitus or medication, yet one third of the cases are idiopathic.

Methods This is a retrospective single center case series of 8 patients treated with G-POEM. All patients received a gastric emptying scintigraphy (GES) and a 13C-octanoic acid breath test before the procedure. POEM was performed using a triangle knife with water jet function (Olympus) and HF-generator (VIO 300D, ERBE) and a distal cap on the endoscope (Olympus, Distal Attachement, Ø12,4 mm). The first step was to inject 5 ml of saline with indigocarmine at the greater curvature in the antrum in a distance of 4 cm to the pylorus. A small incision of 10–15 mm of the mucosa was performed (EndoCut Q) and subsequently submucosal injection was performed. Tunneling in the submucosa was performed until the muscle of the pylorus was visible. The
pylorus was cut over a length of 1 cm (EndoCut-Q). Finally, the incision was closed by using through-the-scope (TTS) clips (Olympus, standard clip).

**Results** In all 8 cases, G-POEM was technically successful. The mean age of patients was 55 years. The etiology of gastroparesis was post-surgical in 6 cases and idiopathic in 2 cases. The mean procedure duration was 112 minutes (range 39 to 159). Technical success was 100%. The closure with TTS clips was successful in all cases. No acute complications occurred. Six out of 8 patients had clinical improvement within 3 months. Mean GES time decreased from 33 minutes preoperative to 14 minutes after G-POEM.

**Conclusions** G-POEM seems to be a safe and promising treatment option for gastroparesis, if indication was chosen carefully. However, long-term follow-up and randomized trials are necessary to evaluate this new technique.

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**eP161** UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT INVOLVEMENT IN PEDIATRIC CROHN’S DISEASE: A SINGLE-CENTER EXPERIENCE

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**Aims** Crohn’s disease (CD) may involve any part of the intestine, but the prevalence of upper gastrointestinal (UGI) lesions has greatly varied. This aim of this study was to evaluate the prevalence and associated factors of UGI involvement in pediatric CD.

**Methods** We retrospectively analyzed 586 patients who were younger than 18 years of age at CD diagnosis between 1987 and 2013. They were classified according to the Paris classification. The frequency of UGI involvement and associations between risk factors and presence of UGI involvement were evaluated.

**Results** Of 586 patients, 152 (25.9%) presented with UGI involvement at the time of diagnosis. The male-to-female ratio was 2:5:1. The median age at CD diagnosis was younger (14.3 vs. 15.0, p < 0.001) in patients with UGI involvement. Isolated UGI involvement was seen in only 10 (1.7%) patients. Patients with UGI involvement were more likely to have growth failure (19.7 vs. 8.3, p < 0.001) and complicated behavior (19.7 vs. 7.8, p < 0.001) at diagnosis. In multivariate analysis, growth failure (HR: 2.44, CI: 1.42 – 4.16, p = 0.001) and complicated behavior (HR: 2.60, CI: 1.51 – 4.47, p = 0.001) at diagnosis were significant associated factors of UGI involvement.

**Conclusions** UGI involvement was relatively common, although isolated UGI involvement was rare. Growth failure and complicated behavior at diagnosis were identified as the main predictive factors for such involvement at CD diagnosis.

**eP163** ENDOSCOPY AS THE ULTIMATE METHOD IN CASES OF DELAYED DIAGNOSIS OF CONGENITAL DUODENAL MEMBRANE IN CHILDREN

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**Aims** Congenital duodenal membrane (CDM) is anomaly characterized by luminal gastrointestinal obstruction and consists of a diaphragm with openings. Clinical presentation in such malformations occur from the first days of life, in some cases – much later, depends on the degree of the duodenum stenosis. The aim of our study is to describe the management and characterize endoscopic findings of patients with delayed presentation of CDM.

**Methods** We analyzed in retrospective-prospective study data (demographic details, associated anomalies, clinical presentation, diagnostics features, outcomes) of 14 patients with delayed diagnosis of CDM who were treated at the National Children Specialized Hospital “Ohmatdet” (Kyiv, Ukraine) during 2001 – 2018 years.

**Results** The age of patients was range 6 month to 15 years. There was female sex predilection (M:F = 1:2,5). Most patients had associated anomalies or syndrome: Down’s syndrome (n = 6), malformations of the cardiovascular system (n = 4), congenital pathology of the spine (n = 1), Meckel’s diverticulum (n = 1). The most frequent symptoms were recurrent episodes of vomiting n = 14 (100%), failure to thrive n = 7 (50%), aspiration n = 3 (21%) and gastrointestinal bleeding n = 4 (29%). The incomplete nature of the obstruction results in difficult and delayed diagnosis, because of the gradual onset of atony and ineffective peristalsis in the dilated duodenum. In all patients, we received the necessary confirmation using ultrasound, radiography and endoscopy. Diagnostics features during endoscopy includes: much expanded pylorus, ‘smooth’ nonfolding mucosa of dilated part of duodenum, dilated proximal segment of duodenum, which often recognized as ‘second stomach’ (the so-called “patulous pylorus”, “windsock sign” or “thumb of a glove”), inflammatory changes of the mucosa up to ulcers and erosions due to constant stagnation of food, atypical folds which surrounded the opening.

**Conclusions** The diagnosis of CDM must always be kept in mind with the clinical presentations of high intestinal obstruction in children of different age. Endoscopy is the most informative diagnostic method.

**eP164** BATTERY INGESTION COMPLICATIONS IN CHILDREN: CASE SERIES

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**Aims** Accidental ingestion of foreign bodies is common in children and is a medical emergency when it comes to battery intakes. According to data from a study conducted in the USA in the period 1986 – 2009, 56,535 cases of ingestion of batteries were recorded. It is important to note that 90% are asymptomatic or present with oral burning, dysphagia, food refusal, vomiting, hematemesis, cough, hematochezia, peritonitis and mediastinitis. The diagnosis is based on anamnesis and imaging tests. The main complications are tracheoesophageal fistula, esophageal perforation, esophageal stricture and death.

**Methods** Six patients were treated with complications resulting from battery impaction in the esophagus and were followed up at the Hospital Felicio Rocho, the Hospital João Paulo II and São Paulo XXIII in Belo Horizonte, Brazil from January 2009 to March 2018. All of them presented severe complications secondary to the impaction of the battery in the esophagus and were followed up until hospital discharge. The patient’s complications were: patient 1: perforation of the esophagus, mediastinitis and pneumomediastinum; patient 2: esophagomediastinal fistula; patient 3, 4 and 5: esophageal ulcer and esophageal stenosis; and patient 6: esophagotracheal fistula and mediastinitis.

**Results** Three patients evolved with esophageal stenosis and dilations were performed, with good evolution in all. One patient evolved with esophageal stenosis and esophagomediastinal fistula with conservative treatment. One patient required cervical esophagostomy, gastrostomy and awaiting esophageal reconstruction. One patient underwent tracheostomy, gastrostomy, jejunostomy and closure of esophagotracheal fistula.
Conclusions The impaction of batteries in the esophagus is a medical emergency and its prevention is very important, mainly by the parents, since all the accidents happen in their homes.

eP166V BLUE RUBBER BLEB NEVUS SYNDROME IN A 7-YEAR-OLD CHILD TREATED WITH LOOP LIGATION FACILITATED BY DOUBLE-BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY

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Introduction Blue rubber bleb nevus syndrome (BRBNS) is an extremely rare systemic vascular disorder characterised by multiple cutaneous and gastrointestinal venous malformations. Patients present with fatigue, iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) and occult or overt gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding. Patients are usually treated with conservative management including iron supplementation and blood transfusions. However, endoscopic (argon plasma coagulation, sclerotherapy, polypectomy, band ligation etc), radiological and surgical approaches are preferred for severe cases.

Aims and Methods A 7-year-old female patient with iron deficiency anaemia and multiple cutaneous lesions was diagnosed with BRBNS at a local hospital. The patient was referred to our institution for further management due to blood transfusions dependence and PR bleeding. A small bowel capsule endoscopy (SBCE) revealed two vascular lesions in the small bowel.

Results An antegrade double-balloon enteroscopy (DBE) was performed under general anaesthesia. Two 20 mm vascular lesions were identified in the gastric body. A loop ligating device (Olympus, Tokyo, Japan) was used for three-colonic lesions while two ileac rubber blub lesions were treated with both ligation loop and metallic clips. Since the 2 remaining lesions were flat and floppy, loop ligation was not technically feasible. No immediate and post-procedural complications (including delayed bleeding) occurred.

Conclusion DBE facilitated loop ligation appears to be a safe and minimally invasive option in patients affected by BRBNS reducing the blood transfusion dependence.

Aims The aim was to screen patients with juvenile systemic lupus erythematosus for Celiac disease.

Methods 100 patients with juvenile systemic lupus erythematosus were subjected to detailed history taking, clinical examination with thorough joint examination. Clinical assessment of lupus activity using SLEDAI score and detection of anti-ETG Ab IgA & IgG, esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) for those with positive serology for Celiac disease.

Results Of the 100 recruited patients with juvenile systemic lupus erythematosus, 10 patients had positive serological evidence of Celiac disease. Of the 10 patients, 3 patients had mild elevation of IgG Anti Ttg (less than 20 U/ml), and seven patients had serum levels of Anti-ETG more than 20 U/ml. Correlation of Serum Anti-Ttg levels with SLEDAI score was positive (p < 0.05) denoting strong association between Celiac disease and activity of SLE. EGD was done to all 10 patients with positive serology for Celiac disease revealing six patients with manifest Celiac (positive serology & positive endoscopy/biopsy) and four cases of latent Celiac (positive serology & negative endoscopy/biopsy).

Conclusions From the results of the present study we conclude that the possibility of concomitant presence of both Celiac disease & SLE is high (10%). The masking of Celiac disease manifestations (intestinal & extra-intestinal) by SLE manifestations make diagnosis of Celiac disease missed in almost all cases and leaves screening for Celiac disease using serology as the gold standard for its detection among juvenile SLE patients.

eP168 THE EFFECT OF REBAMIPIDE ON NSAID-INDUCED GASTROENTEROPATHY COMPARED WITH LANSOPRAZOLE: A MULTI-CENTER, RANDOMIZED, OPEN LABELED, PILOT STUDY

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Aims Long-term use of Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) can cause gastroenteropathy. Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) have been proved to be helpful for NSAID-induced gastroenteropathy and have been widely used. However, the impact of PPIs on small bowel injury induced by NSAIDs is controversial. Rebamipide is also known to be effective against NSAID-induced gastrointestinal ulcers, including small intestinal damage, although few studies have been reported in comparison with PPI.

Methods This was a multi-center, randomized, open labeled, pilot study. Patients with musculoskeletal disease, such as rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, who required more than 3 months of NSAIDs were enrolled, and all these patients were treated with meloxicam. The study group received rebamipide three times daily, and the control group received lansoprazole once daily. Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, capsule endoscopy, laboratory test, and gastrointestinal symptoms were measured before and 12 weeks after.

Results A total of 33 patients were included with 15 in the study group and 18 in the control group. NSAID-induced gastric ulcer, which was the primary outcome of this study, did not occur in both groups. The change in the number of small bowel erosions and ulcers was -0.6 ± 3.06 in the study group and 1.33 ± 4.71 in the control group. The number of subjects with mucosal breaks, defined as multiple erosions and/or ulcers, was 3 (20%) in the study group and 6 (40%) in the control group (p = 0.427). No serious adverse events occurred in both groups. But, adverse events such as dyspepsia and skin rash occurred in 6 (32%) in the study group and 13 (65%) in the control group (p = 0.036).

Conclusions There was a trend that rebamipide decreased NSAID-induced mucosal damage compared to PPI, although there was no statistical difference. Moreover, rebamipide had fewer adverse effects than lansoprazole.

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eP167 STUDY OF CELIAC DISEASE SEROLOGY IN PATIENTS WITH JUVENILE SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

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Aims The aim of the current study was to assess the prevalence of Celiac disease in patients with juvenile Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (JSL) using serological test.
eP169v A FEARED COMPLICATION OF AN INTRAGASTRIC BALLOON HYPERINSUFFLATION

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Introduction Bariatric endoscopy is rapidly emerging as an effective and less invasive alternative to bariatric surgery. IGB placement is one of the most common procedures performed for the treatment of obesity. The authors report a rare, but potentially serious, complication of IGB placement.

Case report A 46-year-old woman with an initial BMI of 31.6 kg/m2, with no other comorbidities. The patient was submitted to intragastric balloon (IGB) placement to treat mild obesity. Three months after the procedure, she had lost a total of 16 kg. At three months after the IGB placement, the patient consulted the bariatric endoscopy service due to epigastric pain over 48 hours, nausea, vomiting and abdominal distension. The patient reported progressive worsening of the pain, abdominal distension and vomiting. On physical examination, the patient had bulging of the upper abdominal and presented diffuse pain on palpation, but with no other signs of peritoneal irritation or hemodynamic instability. An abdominal X-ray was performed showing an increase in the diameter of the IGB. The patient was admitted to the emergency department and was treated with intravenous scopolamine, dipyrone and bromopride, which provided symptomatic relief. Due to the improvement of symptoms including the pain on palpation, the patient was fasted for 12 hours to try to reduce the gastric contents and diminish the risk of pulmonary aspiration, and an esophagastroduodenoscopy with endorectal intubation. After inspection of the gastric cavity and aspiration of a large quantity of gastric residues, IGB hyperinsufflation was confirmed and it was decided to empty the balloon. However, the IGB ruptured after puncturing it with the needle. The liquid contents of the IGB were aspirated and the balloon was later removed using endoscopic tweezers without further complications. The patient had clinical improvement and she was discharged on the same day as the procedure.

eP170 URGENT GASTROSCOPY THROUGH PEG FISTULA APPROACH

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Aims Gastroscopy in the best way treat upper GI bleeding. In some medical conditions natural feeding way is closed. Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) fistula in such patients is usually narrow for standard gastroscope. Dieulafoy’stomy (PEG) fistula can also be access port for treatment of upper GI bleeding. Diagnose can be made with paediatric gastroscopy. Treatment with adult gastroscopy can be done after surgically widening fistula in sedation. Dieulafoy’s lesion can be treat with combination therapy.

Keywords PEG, Dieulafoy, bleeding.

eP171 PATENCY CAPSULE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE – EXPERIENCE OF A TERTIARY REFERENCE CENTER

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Aims Videocapsule endoscopy (VCE) is a non-invasive method for examining the small bowel. VCE retention is the most significant complication of these devices and a patency capsule (PC) may be used to safely perform VCE, in patients with an increased risk of VCE retention.

To describe their experience with PC exams and to evaluate the indications, results and safety profile of its use in the clinical practice.

Methods Retrospective single-center including all PiilCam CP exams performed between 2010 and 2017. PC detection with radiofrequency identification scanner and symptoms evaluation were assessed 30 hours after ingestion. The intestinal tract was considered to be patent if the capsule was not detected by the scanner 30 h after ingestion, or if the capsule was later excreted intact. Patients with a positive scanner detection of PC did not performed VCE.

Results 716 PC were performed (57% women; mean age of 42 ± 15 years). Main indications included Crohn’s disease (CD) (44%), suspected CD (41%), suspected small-bowel neoplasia (9%), previous abdominal surgery (4%), NSAID enteropathy/radiation enteritis (0.5%). 11% of patients had a previous diagnosis of small-bowel strictures in abdominal imaging or endoscopic exams and 33% had a history of previous abdominal surgery. The retention rate 30 h after CP ingestion was 28%, however 32 (5%) patients excreted an intact CP later. Two (0.2%) patients with CD required hospital admission due to small-bowel obstruction, which was successfully managed with intravenous corticosteroids. The history of small-bowel strictures was associated with non-patency of the small-bowel (p < 0.001). All 551 (77%) patients with small-bowel patency subsequently performed VCE without incidents.

Conclusions PC has proven to be a safe and effective exam. As expected, the history of prior intestinal strictures was associated with non-patency of the small-bowel. The rate of PC retention (23%) is similar to that described in other series.

eP172 RESULTS OF ENDOCOSCOPIC BALLOON DILATION IN PATIENTS WITH GASTRIC OUTLET OBSTRUCTION RELATED TO PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE

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Aims Pyloric and bulbar stenosis is a rare complication of peptic ulcer disease (PUD). Surgery has been the conventional treatment, but it is associated with significant morbidity. Endoscopic balloon dilation (EBD) with medical treatment showed short- and long-term efficacy and safety. The aim of our study was to evaluate the results of the EBD in patients with Pyloric and bulbar stenosis related to PUD and to determine the predictive factors of poor response to EBD.
Methods We conducted a retrospective descriptive study, including all patients who underwent an EBD for pyloric and bulbar stenosis related to PUD, between January 1997 and January 2017. The stenosis was defined by the inability to pass a 12-mm-diameter endoscope beyond the obstruction. The patients received a double-dose proton-pump inhibitor intravenously for 7–10 days and underwent a control endoscopic examination. If the obstruction persisted, an EBD was performed.

Results Seventy three patients were included with a mean age of 51 years old (20–81). The sex ratio was 5.6. Seventy percent of patients were smokers and 7% were taking non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Thirty four patients had a history of PUD. All patients were suffering from abdominal pain and vomiting. The median number of EBD sessions per patient was 1.67 (1–4). The median diameter of the balloon was 16 mm (12–20 mm). A duodenal perforation occurred in one case. The EBD was successful in 72.6% of cases. A surgical treatment was necessary on 20 patients.

Predictive factors for an unsuccessful EBD were: the failure of HP eradication, a surgical treatment was necessary on 20 patients.

Conclusions The EBD associated with HP eradication is an effective and safe treatment of pyloric and bulbar stenosis related to PUD.

eP173 HOW TO AVOID THE RECURRENT DISPLACEMENT OF AN ENTERAL FEEDING TUBE

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Aims The placement of an enteral feeding tube (EFT) by endoscopy can be a challenging procedure because of their displacement when removing the endoscope. In order to avoid it, is usually employed a forceps to try retaining the tube while removing the endoscope or, by opting for a distal fixation of the probe in the duodenum-jejunum, with clips. We present a case of recurrent displacement of an EFT while removing the endoscope.

Methods An endoscopic fixation technique was designed by means of a surgical tape (ST), previously placed in the middle part of the EFT. A hole in the surgical tape was previously made and it helped to fix it to the antrum gastric mucosa with clips.

Steps: Placement in the ST in the middle of the EFT/ST fixation to the gastric mucosa with clips/Removal of the endoscope without migration of the EFT/Radiological verification of EFT location and correct contrast pass.

Results In this way, the EFT’s tension was significantly reduced and the EFT was maintained for a prolonged period.

Conclusions By means of this novel technique (surgical tape (ST) with gastric attachment), the sustained fixation of the EFT was achieved, thus preventing their recurrent migration.

eP174 MULTIPLE NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOR OF THE SMALL BOWEL DIAGNOSED BY CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY

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Aims Primary malignant tumors of the small bowel constitute only about 1–2% of all gastrointestinal neoplasms. Although neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) are relatively rare, they still represent the second most common malignancy of the small bowel (after adenocarcinoma). Clinical manifestations include abdominal pain, bowel obstruction, diarrhea, weight loss and bleeding. The differential diagnosis of obscure gastrointestinal bleeding can sometimes be challenging for endoscopic as well as for radiological methods.

The aim of the lecture is to present the diagnostic and therapeutic management of a patient with NET of the small bowel.

Methods A literature research (in MEDLINE, PubMed and Google Scholar databases) was done focusing on diagnostics, endoscopic and surgical treatment of neuroendocrine tumor of the small bowel.

Results We present a case of an 80-year-old man suffering from severe hypochromic anemia. Routine endoscopic methods did not show any pathology explaining the severe anemia. Finally, a single ulcerative infiltration of the ileum was diagnosed by capsule endoscopy (CE). CT enterography did not reveal any other lesions. In accordance with a positive chromogranin A, endoscopic and radiological methods, a suspicion of NET was expressed. During the surgery 7 lesions were found and a resection of 120 cm of ileum was performed. The histology confirmed a diagnosis of NET grade 1, with a total number of 15 NET lesions in the specimen.

Conclusions NETs located in the duodenum up to 1 cm in size can be treated endoscopically and are mostly isolated lesions. On the other hand, surgical treatment is recommended for NETs in the jejunum ileum. They have a greater propensity to metastasize and NETs in this localization can even form more lesions.

We present a patient with 15 NET lesions in the ileum diagnosed by CE and successfully treated by surgical resection of the ileum.

eP175V DOUBLE PIGTAIL STENT INSERTION FOR EFFERENT LOOP SYNDROME

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Aims To describe the successful treatment of a patient with efferent loop syndrome with the insertion of two double pigtail stents.

Methods A 58-year-old man, who had undergone total pancreatectomy for a pancreatic head adenocarcinoma before 28 days, was admitted to the hospital with abdominal discomfort and bilious vomiting. Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy revealed a dilated gastric remnant and the endoscope could not be advanced into the effert loop due to excessive kinking. The afferent loop was easily accessed and appeared normal. Gastrografin swallow showed nearly complete obstruction of the efferent loop at the level of its opening. The patient was initially treated with nasogastric tube decompression and total parenteral nutrition, without significant improvement. Five days later a repeat endoscopy was performed and two double pigtail stents (4 and 7 cm, respectively; 7Fr both) were inserted through the efferent loop stenosis over a guide wire and under combined endoscopic and radiologic guidance.

Results Following the procedure the patient experienced immediate symptomatic relief and could gradually tolerate oral intake. Ten days later plain abdominal films confirmed migration of both stents, while the patient remained asymptomatic.

Conclusions Insertion of two double pigtail stents relieved symptoms from efferent loop obstruction and may be considered as a treatment option in such cases.
Persistent symptoms- Referred to our institute.

Discharged on supportive medical treatment.

Close clinical observation and conservative medical management.

Patient was admitted at government medical college for 15 days.

H/o accidental ingestion of metal pin.

Vomiting- one episode, non-bilious.

Nausea.

Abdominal pain over right hypochondrium.

Case
A 27 year old male.

CT Findings NCCT revealed a Foreign body in the pre pyloric region of the stomach with its distal end extending into the gall bladder fossa with very minimal adjacent free fluid and few air foci s/o perforation.

Method
Endoscopy revealed a bulge in the antrum with mucosal cover and the FB was imbedded deep in the bulge. We located it under fluoroscopy, marked the tip and then marked with a dual knife surround the area of the tip. Did a deep mucosal incision with ESD technique over the marked tip. After deep dissection we probed the area with a rat tooth forceps and again taking the help of fluoroscopy we caught the tip of the needle and removed it safely.

There was little ooze from the raw area and hemostasis was secured with gold probe coagulation. Fluoroscopy confirmed no free CO2 leak from the area.

Conclusion
ESD technique was useful in removal of a buried and perforating sharp foreign body from the antrum while using fluoroscopy guidance. The technique shows the importance of using resources at hand to remove difficult foreign bodies in the GI tract.

eP177V A RARE CASE OF BURIED AND PERFORATING SHARP FOREIGN BODY (METAL PIN) FROM ANTRUM TO GB FOSSA – REMOVED USING ESD

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Case
A 27 year old male.

Abdominal pain over right hypochondrium.

Nausea.

Vomiting- one episode, non-bilious.

H/o accidental ingestion of metal pin.

Patient was admitted at government medical college for 15 days.

Close clinical observation and conservative medical management.

Multiple serial X-rays- s/o persistent position of FB in stomach.

Discharged on supportive medical treatment.

Persistent symptoms- Referred to our institute.

Aims
Gastric antral vascular ectasia (GAVE), or watermelon stomach, is an uncommon cause of upper gastrointestinal bleeding. One emerging and promising endoscopic treatment for GAVE is radiofrequency ablation (RFA) with focal catheters (e.g. HALO90 and HALOUltra). We present three cases of refractory GAVE treated with radiofrequency ablation with the smaller and more handling through-the-scope (TTS) catheter, with long-term response.

eP179 REFRACTORY GAVE TREATED WITH RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION BY THROUGH-THE-SCOPE CATHETER: THREE CASES OF COMPLETE RESPONSE

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Aims
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Methods Three patients (1\textsuperscript{st} patient male 68 years old, 2\textsuperscript{nd} patient male 81 years old, 3\textsuperscript{rd} patient female 71 years old) with endoscopic and histological diagnosis of GAVE and chronic anemia dependent on blood transfusions, previously treated with argon plasma coagulation or endoscopic band ligation without clinical response, underwent RFA with the Barrx through-the-scope catheter. Every session was performed placing the device at 12 or 6 o’clock, starting at the pylorus and working proximally providing a maximum of 2 hits in the same area with an energy density of 12 J/cm\(^2\). The average duration of each session was 35 minutes, with a number of applications ranging from 60 to 80.

Results The 1\textsuperscript{st} and the 2\textsuperscript{nd} patients were treated with two sessions while the 3\textsuperscript{rd} patient with 3 sessions of RFA. Every session reached a full technical success without any complication during or after the procedure. After a mean follow-up of 9 months, in each of the 3 cases Hemoglobin rose by at least 2 g/dl with values above the threshold of 10 g/dl and no further transfusion has been required confirming a good clinical outcome.

Conclusions Radiofrequency ablation with the Barrx is a new, promising technique for endoscopic treatment of GAVE. Current evidence supports its effectiveness, in the absence of major adverse events. In contrast to other reports, we used the through-the-scope RFA catheter since it is more handy and can be inserted through the working channel providing a better maneuverability and avoiding multiple endoscope introductions.

eP180 PERCUTANEOUS ENDOSCOPIC GASTROSTOMY AND JEJUNOSTOMY – ONE CENTRE REVIEW (SUMMARY DATA 2002 – 2018)

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Aims The aim of study was to review number of percutaneous gastrostomies (PEG) and jejunostomies (PEJ) in PEG Center of Internal Clinic 3rd Medical Faculty of Charles University and Thomayer’s Hospital Prague.

Methods PEG is method of choice for application of enteral nutrition for more than 4 – 6 weeks, PEJ is introduced, when jejunal nutrition is indicated or introduction of PEG is contraindicated (stomach cancer) or technically impossible.

Results Since 2002 to 2018 1587 PEGs in 1526 patients (707 men, 819 women, aver. age 69.5 years, 6 weeks – 98 years) were introduced, 830 PEGs were introduced in patients over 70 years (351 men, 479 women), 169 PEGs in children under 15 years (80 boys, 59 girls, aver. age 2.1 years) 35 PEJs were introduced in 35 patients in the average age of 52.4 years (23 men, 12 women), 15 of them with stomach cancer. 312 patients (20.6\%) have had Oncological diagnose (225 men, 89 women, aver age 57.3 years), in 227 of them (14.8\%) Head end neck cancer was found (165 men, 62 women, aver age 61.4 years), in 92 patients PEG were introduced before radiotherapy of surgery, in 153 patients pull technique (Gau-derer-Ponsky or Sacks-Vine) and in 74 push-through technique (Russell) were used.

37 pts have had after stomach resection, in 36 of them PEG and in next 18 PEJ were successfully introduced, in 2 of them transthoracically.

The rate of early complications (in 30 days) was low – 10.5\%, the mortality was 0.06\% (1 patient), 2.4\% had serious complications (2.1% aspiration pneumonia) and 9.2\% of complications were non-serious (light) (8.4\% stoma site infection.

Conclusions Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy and jejunostomy are safe and easy to perform methods for long term application of enteral nutrition.

eP181 SURVIVAL OF PATIENTS WHO UNDERWENT PERCUTANEOUS ENDOSCOPIC GASTROSTOMY TUBE PLACEMENT IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT: FOUR YEARS OF FOLLOW-UP

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Aims We compared Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patients’ survival to the survival of patients hospitalized in the General Medical Ward (GMW) after percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube placement in a tertiary hospital in Athens, Greece.

Methods Using the hospital records, we retrospectively identified consecutive patients who underwent PEG tube placement and we retrieved their demographic, clinical and survival data (overall, 28\textsuperscript{th} day, 3\textsuperscript{months} and 6\textsuperscript{months} mortality).

Results Between January 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2015 and September 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2018, 116 patients (70 (60.3\%) men, 64 (19.5 years old) underwent PEG tube placement. The 28 (24.1\%) ICU patients [21, (75\% men] were significantly younger compared to those hospitalized in the GMW (55.4 \pm 23.4 vs. 70.1 \pm 16.8 years, \(p = 0.001\)).

As compared to GMW, similar number (9 vs. 8) of patients with head injury, and significantly fewer (\(p = 0.01\)) patients with neurological diseases/psychomotor retardation (12 vs. 34), dementia (5 vs. 32) and head and neck cancer (2 vs. 14) were hospitalized in the ICU. Survival data after PEG tube placement were available for 112/116 (95.6\%) patients. Overall the median survival was similar between patients hospitalized in the ICU and GMW [135; 95\% CI (37.9 – 232.1) vs. 60; 95\% CI (3.7 – 116.2) days, \(p = 0.17\)], 28th day (95\% vs. 77.5\%, \(p = 0.07\)), 3 months (75% vs. 67.2\%, \(p = 0.36\)) and 6 months (65% vs. 57.1\%, \(p = 0.37\)) survival rates were also similar between the two groups. During the follow-up period, PEG tube was removed in 3 ICU and 4 GMW patients, following restoration of the swallowing function.

Conclusions Survival after PEG tube placement is similar among ICU and GMW patients despite their different epidemiological and clinical characteristics.

eP182 SHORT AND MID TERM RESULTS OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBMUCOSAL DISSECTION IN EARLY GASTRIC CANCER: PROSPECTIVE STUDY IN PERU 2012 – 2018

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Aims Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is a treatment modality for superficial gastric neoplasms that has proven to be useful in multiple studies; however, given its technical difficulty, it is not commonly used in the West. In the present study we evaluate the short and mid term results of ESD in the treatment of early gastric cancer (EGC) in two reference centers in Peru.

Methods We prospectively included all patients undergoing ESD for EGC from July 2012 to July 2018 in two medical centers. The rate of en bloc, complete and curative resections were calculated, as well as the complication rate. The rate of recurrences and the appearance of metachronous lesions were determined. In addition, a global and disease-free survival analysis were performed after resection.

Results In the period described, a total of 94 patients with 105 EGC were included. The medians of the measurement of the lesions and the time of the procedure were 20 mm and 50 min, respectively. The rates of en bloc, com-
plete and curative resection were 99%, 98% and 92%, respectively. There were 7 cases of perforation (6.7%) and 4 cases of late bleeding (3.8%). A patient with perforation had to undergo surgery. Within the group of curative resections there was a case of local recurrence (1.4%) and four cases of metachronous EGC (6%).

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Conclusions Gastric ESD is a feasible treatment modality to be performed in our country, being effective and safe when performed by trained endoscopists and in reference centers.

eP184 INTEREST OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY BEFORE BARIATRIC SURGERY

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Aims The search for Helicobacter pylori (HP) infection is recommended systematically before bariatric surgery. The aim of our study is to determine the endoscopic and histological aspects of gastric lesions in patients with morbid obesity.

Methods This is a retrospective study including all patients proposed for bariatric surgery between January 2013 and September 2018. All patients had a preoperative exploration by upper gastrointestinal endoscopy (UGE) with antrofundics biopsies.

Results During the study period, 62 patients were collected divided into 60 women and 2 men. The median age was 31.5 years. The average body mass index was 44.9 kg/m². Co-morbidities were associated with obesity in 45% of cases dominated by Hypertension and diabetes. Most patients (93%) were asymptomatic in the digestive tract. Preoperative UGE was pathological in 33 patients (54%); congestive gastritis (n = 17), nodular gastritis (n = 6), erosive gastritis (n = 5), hiatus hernia, (n = 4), esophagitis (n = 1), erosive ulcers (n = 1), and bulbar ulcer (n = 1). Gastritis with Helicobacter pylori (HP) was present in 20 patients (32.3%). Gastritis was active in all cases with severe activity in 13 cases. Two patients had antro-fundic atrophy. Intestinal metaplasia was noted in one patient. The surgery was Sleeve Gastroctomy in 86% of cases and gastric bypass in 14% of cases. Sixty patients (20%) were smokers. Anemia was present in 80 patients (22%). The presence of HP was associated with smoking (p = 0.04) and the presence of anemia (p = 0.05).

Conclusions In our series, the prevalence of chronic HP gastritis was 70%. The presence of HP was associated with smoking and anemia. Intestinal metaplasia, fundic atrophy and dysplasia were present in 9%, 3.6% and 0.5% of cases, respectively.

eP185 ENDOSCOPIC AND HISTOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF HELICOBACTER PYLORI GASTRITIS

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Aims The responsibility for Helicobacter pylori (HP) in the genesis of peptic ulcer is well established. Its role in gastric carcinogenesis has also been demonstrated. The purpose of our work was to determine the endoscopic and histological aspects of HP gastritis.

Methods This is a retrospective study including all the patients who had a first upper gastrointestinal endoscopy (UGE) with 5 gastric biopsies between January 2015 and September 2018. The histological examination allowed us in addition to the existence of HP, studying the activity of gastritis, gastric atrophy and intestinal metaplasia according to the Sydney System.

Results Among 355 patients who had UGE with gastric biopsies, 248 patients (96 men and 152 women, mean age 47 years) had chronic HP gastritis (70%). Sixty patients (20%) were smokers. Anemia was present in 80 patients (22%). Congestive or erythematous gastritis was the most common endoscopic lesion (n = 158, 63.7%). Other endoscopic findings were: nodular gastritis (n = 49), erosive gastritis (n = 13), ulcerated gastritis (n = 17), congestive gastrotububitis (n = 16), bulbitis erosive (n = 12), gastric ulcer (n = 9) and ulcerated bulbitis (n = 9). Chronic gastritis was active in 90% of cases with mild to moderate activity in most patients (88%). The prevalence of gastric atrophy was 19%. It was present in the fundus in 3.6% of cases. The prevalence of intestinal metaplasia was 9%. Only one patient had low grade dysplasia. The prevalence of HP was associated with smoking (p = 0.04) and the presence of anemia (p = 0.05).

Conclusions The burden of HP pylori infection in patients with dyspepsia was high. H. pylori was detected at various pre-cancerous lesions with varying significance. The prevalence of duodenal adenocarcinoma in dyspeptic patients is unexpectedly high. No association between gastric and duodenal pathologies was found.
**eP187 ANALYSIS OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF OBESITY WITH INTRAGASTRIC BALLOON. IS THE SECOND HOUR OF GASTRIC EMPTYING THE CRUCIAL FACTOR?**

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**Aims** Morbid obese patients are treated very efficiently by the various Bariatric surgery techniques, while overweight patients have good results with drug interventions and changes in lifestyle. For the patients who are at the intersection of these two strategies, the endoscopic treatment of obesity with the intragastric balloon is a very interesting and widely used alternative. Understanding the mechanism of action of intragastric balloon is an important research factor for better use of the method. Changing the rate of gastric emptying is one of the probable hypotheses of function of the accessory during the treatment.

**Methods** Twenty patients were retrospectively evaluated for weight loss performance immediately after IGB withdrawal and six months afterwards. The velocity of gastric emptying was measured before and after IGB implantation by scintigraphy. The relationship between gastric motility alteration and final weight loss was also examined.

**Results** The sample consisted of adults, with a mean age of 34.19 ± 6.16 years (minimum age: 23 years, maximum age: 48 years). The mean weight loss before IGB placement and immediately after IGB removal (16.68 ± 5.71 kg, p < 0.01), before and after six months of IGB withdrawal (14.42 ± 6.65 kg, p < 0.01), and between IGB withdrawal and six months of follow-up (2.47 ± 4.07 kg, p = 0.02) were significant. There was a significant increase in the mean retention of the test meal (%) post-implant of the IGB and six months of IGB withdrawal (10.1055/s-0039-1681926)

**Conclusions** IGB treatment is efficient in the treatment of obesity grade I and II, promoting an important decrease in gastric emptying speed during the use of the accessory, especially on the second hour collaborating to the fullness sensation between meals.

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**eP189 EARLY EXPERIENCE OF ENDOSCOPIC SUBSEROSAL DISSECTION (ESSD) FOR GASTRIC TUMORS**

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**Aims** Most of gastric subepithelial tumors confined to submucosa can be resected by endoscopy. The endoscopic submucosal resection for lesions originating from muscularis propria has been performed for the mass with submucosal or intramuscular growing only. Until now, the data for endoscopic subserosal dissection of gastric tumor was very rare.

**Methods** We analyzed to know the effectiveness of endoscopic subserosal resection (ESSD) in the gastric epithelial or subepithelial tumor with exophytic growing, retrospectively. ESSD was performed for 11 lesions, from August 2011 until May 2018. We wanted to evaluate about complete resection, procedure time and complication.

**Results** There were 3 male and 8 female, with mean age of 62.4 (51–72). Pathologic Diagnoses were 3 GISTs, 6 leiomyomas and 2 tubular adenomas with severe fibrosis. The site of lesions were gastric antrum in 2 and gastric body in 9. The mean size of resected specimens was 21 mm (12–36 mm). Mean procedure time was 36 min (11–72 min). En bloc resection rate was 11/11 (100%) and complete resection was achieved in 9/11 (82%). Perforation occurred in 2 cases and managed conservatively.

**Conclusions** We think that Endoscopic subserosal dissection may be used as effective tool in the treatment of some gastric subepithelial tumor with subserosal or intramural growing. Further study is needed for evaluation for safety of ESSD.

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**eP188 TEN YEARS OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING IN A LARGE VOLUME EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

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**Aims** To analyse the etiologies of upper gastrointestinal bleeding (UGIB) in a public hospital from the city centre of Brussels. To test two risk scores – Rockall Score (RS) and Glasgow-Blatchford Score (GBS) – in UGIB and to analyse how they perform for predicting outcomes.

**Methods** Based on in-hospital records, we retrospectively studied 243 adults who were hospitalized from the emergency room for UGIB between the 01/01/2004 and the 31/12/2014 at the CHU St Pierre in Brussels, Belgium.

We collected data regarding etiologies of UGIB, need of intervention (blood transfusion, endoscopic therapy, surgical treatment), the rebleeding rate and in-hospital mortality. We applied RS and GBS to respectively 238 and 242 patients.

**Results** The most common etiology of UGIB was peptic ulcer (67.9%). No etiology was found for 12.4% of patients. Regarding interventions, 57.2% of patients required blood transfusion, 42.8% needed endoscopic therapy and 7.4% underwent surgery. Rebleeding rate was 11.9%. Mortality was 6.6%.

The RS had a greater discriminating capacity for mortality risk (AUC 0.82) than for predicting rebleeding rate (AUC 0.65). The GBS had a similar discriminating capacity for mortality (AUC 0.76) and for blood transfusion (AUC 0.86) and was less discriminant for the need of intervention (AUC 0.65).

Applying the usual threshold for management of UGIB as outpatients (≤1), GBS identified correctly 106/107 patients who needed intervention, but one patient with a score of 0 needed transfusion and endoscopic therapy.

**Conclusions** Despite major advances in management of UGIB, mortality remains significant in our inpatient population where peptic ulcer remains the principal cause of UGIB. The GBS is an interesting discrimination tool regarding mortality and for predicting the need of blood transfusion. The need of excluding patients with recent abdominal surgery from GBS for outpatient management assessment should be evaluated in larger prospective studies.

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eP190  CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY WITHOUT LESIONS SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS IN OBSCURE BLEEDING – IS POOR PREPARATION ASSOCIATED WITH GREATER BLEEDING RECURRENTNESS?

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Aims A false negative capsule endoscopy (CE) performed for obscure gastro-intestinal bleeding (OGIB) can occur in about 20–30% of patients. Poor bowel preparation may impair CE’s accuracy. The aim of this study was to evaluate bleeding recurrence in patients with OGIB with EC without significant findings, taking into account the bowel preparation.

Methods Retrospective study that included CE performed 2010–2014 for OGIB and with negative significant results (CE without findings or P0/P1 lesions according to Saurin classification). Bleeding recurrence was defined as need for transfusional support, presence of melena/haematochezia or haemoglobin drop of 2 g/dl. Bowel preparation was classified according to qualitative scale of Brotz.

Results Four hundred fifty-nine CE were evaluated and 86 were included (64% female, mean age 67 years). Of these patients 12% had manifest OGIB and 88% had occult OGIB. The CE showed no lesions in 63%, P0 in 7% and P1 in 30%. The CE preparation was rated as excellent in 7%, good in 29%, fair in 36% and poor in 28%. 15% of the patients had bleeding recurrence, which was not related with bowel preparation (p = 0.8). 12% of patients performed another method for the study small bowel and significant findings were found in 3 patients (2 angiectasias and 1 gastrointestinal stromal tumor) – these patients presented in the initial CE good or fair bowel preparations.

Conclusions In this sample, patients with CE with negative significant findings the quality of the preparation did not interfere in the bleeding recurrence that was 15%.

eP191  HISTOLOGICAL PROFILE OF HELICOBACTER PYLORI-INDUCED CHRONIC GASTRITIS: ABOUT 227 CASES

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Aims The aim of our work is to define the different histological aspects of gastritis associated with HP infection.

Methods A retrospective study was performed, collating 227 patients admitted to our unit between August 2016 and November 2016 for upper endoscopy. Inclusion criterion was presence of chronic HP gastritis on the histological examination. Gastritis in the vicinity of malignant neoplasia or peptic ulcer were excluded.

Results Average age of patients was 47.2 years (extremes ranging from 14 to 85 years) with a sex ratio M/F of 0.8. The inflammation rate was light in 19.8% of the cases, moderate in 75.8% of the cases, and severe in 4.4% of the cases. The gastritis was not active in 18.5% of the cases, light in 37.0% of the cases, moderate in 36.6% of the cases, and severe in 7.9% of the cases. Density of colonization was HP+ in 40.1% of the cases, HP++ in 42.3% of the cases, and HP+++ in 17.6% of the cases.

Gastritis was atrophic in 29.5% of the cases. The atrophy was light in 68.7% of the cases, moderate in 28.3% of the cases, and severe in 3.0% of the cases. The prevalence of follicular gastritis was 15.0%. Intestinal metaplasia was found in 7.9% of the cases. In 6.6% of the patients, intestinal metaplasia was associated with gastric atrophy.

In univariate analysis, age, inflammation intensity, gastritis activity, and HP colonization density were associated with gastric atrophy (p = 0.001, p = 0.030, p = 0.044, and p = 0.016, respectively). In multivariate analysis, only age was associated with gastric atrophy (p = 0.002).

Conclusions In our study, gastric atrophy was present in almost 1/3 of the cases and was associated with older age. Follicular gastritis and intestinal metaplasia were infrequent.

eP192  HEREDITARY HEMORRHAGIC TELANGIECTASIA: DEMOGRAPHIC AND ENDOSCOPIC CHARACTERISTICS OF A LATIN AMERICAN COHORT

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Aims Primary: To describe the demographic characteristics and endoscopic findings of patients with HHT in a third-level center in Mexico. Secondary: To determine the number and type of endoscopic studies and treatment used.

Methods Retrospective study of patients with diagnosis of THH made between 1997–2017. Review of clinical records and endoscopic reports was made. The frequency of epistaxis, GI hemorrhage, anemia, type of endoscopic treatment, rebleeding and death were determined. To summarize the results, descriptive statistics were used (with STATA v.14.1 program).

Results We reviewed 30 cases and 225 endoscopic studies. 50% were women, median age at diagnosis: 41 years (6–69). The most frequent place of origin was Mexico City (n = 14, 47%). The most frequent comorbidities were GI pathologies (n = 8, 27%). 23% of patients did not require endoscopic evaluation. 28% of patients had hemangiomas without evidence of clinical hemorrhage. 70% had epistaxis. 14 patients were assessed for GI tract hemorrhage (46.7%). The median of studies per patient was 4.5 (IQ 3–15); the most frequently was upper endoscopy (76%, n = 171); only 2% (n = 5) were VCE. Most of telangiectasias were found in the upper digestive tract (greater curvature, 60%), however the data of active bleeding were more frequent in the middle intestine (2/5 studies, 40%). In relation to endoscopic treatment, the majority (n = 13, 43.3%) was treated with APC. Only 3 patients (10%) were under medical treatment with antiangiogenic drugs. 33% (n = 10) was hospitalized for anemia and/or GI bleeding and 43.3% (n = 13) went to the ER for this reason. 26.7% (n = 8) presented rebleeding despite endoscopic treatment. Two patients died due to recurrent hemorrhage and severe anemia.

Conclusions THH is present in our country. Most cases originate in Mexico City. Upper endoscopy was the most frequently performed study for anemia and overt gastrointestinal bleeding. The multidisciplinary management of these patients is indispensable for the treatment of recurrent hemorrhage.

eP193  SHOULD WE SYSTEMATICALLY PERFORM AN ESOPHAGOGASTRODUODENOSCOPY (EGD) IN ANY PATIENT WITH IBD?

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Aims Certain complementary examinations are essential to make the diagnosis of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), as well as to establish an initial mapping that seems to be a crucial element in the therapeutic choice. However, the systematic search for lesions in the upper digestive tract is still controversial. The aim of this work is to study the contribution EGD in IBD.
Methods It is a retrospective study, between January 2005 and April 2018 including all the patients followed for an IBD and having benefited from an EGD within the department of gastroentero-hepatology of the CHU Hassan II of Fez.

Results Among 740 patients followed for IBD, 207 were included. The mean age was 36.8 years. 131 patients had Crohn disease and 75 patients had ulcerative colitis (UC). EGD was almost normal in 131 patients (63.6%), and revealed: oesophagitis in 15 patients (7.28%), nodular or atrophic gastritis in 11 patients (5.3%), the presence of a the loss of duodenal folds in 17 patients (8.25%), and gastroduodenal aphthous ulcers suggestive of a high localization of Crohn’s disease in 18 cases (8.7%). Histology confirmed the diagnosis of Crohn’s disease in 4 patients, and showed associated celiac disease in 11 patients (5.3%), 10 of whom were Crohn’s, whereas in 175 patients (85%), it was nonspecific. HP was found in 55.8% (n = 115) of patients.

Conclusions In our series, the EGD was almost normal in 63.6% of cases and showed associated high involvement in 18 patients (8.6%) and an association with celiac disease in 11 patients (1.4%). % of all IBDs.

The results elucidated recommend the FOGD as a systematic examination in IBD, it seems to be useful especially in case of upper digestive symptomatology.

eP194 INTRAHEPATIC DILATED BILE DUCTS IN OSLER WEBER RENDU SYNDROME

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Aims Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome, is a rare autosomal dominant disorder (incidence in the general population is 1–2/100,000 while the race and gender distribution are homogeneous). It is characterized by abnormal blood vessel formation in the skin, the mucous membranes and often within other organs such as the lungs, liver and brain. Epistaxis is the earliest and most frequent manifestation, followed by telangiectasias in the oral mucosa, tongue, lips, fingers and skin.

Methods A 40 years old woman was referred to our department for abdominal pain on the right upper quadrant. Laboratory tests showed anemia. She was evaluated with abdominal ultrasound, computed tomography, upper abdominal MRI-MRCP, with findings suggesting multiple intrahepatic arteriovenous malformations, seen in Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome with hepatic involvement. ENT evaluation showed telangiectasias in the nasal mucosa. A telangiectasia on the lower lip was spotted from the physical examination. Her past medical history included recurrent epistaxis, which started seven years ago, mitral valve prolapse, Hashimoto’s thyroiditis. Patient reported that both her mother and sister were diagnosed with the same syndrome.

Results Diagnosis was made based on the four Curacao criteria:
1. recurrent epistaxis
2. visceral arteriovenous malformations
3. mucocutaneous telangiectasias
4. a positive family history.

Conclusions The mutations that have been identified with molecular testing are ENG, ALK1 and SMAD4 and are responsible for 87% occurrence within families. Molecular testing of individuals with a known mutation in the family, reduces the cost of repeated screening in relatives being in risk of developing the syndrome.

eP195V PRIMARY EPITHELIOID ANGIOSARCOMA OF THE JEJNUM: A RARE CAUSE OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEED

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Background Gastrointestinal angiosarcoma is a rarely and highly malignant soft tissue tumor constituting <1% of all gastrointestinal malignancies and only 1% of all sarcomas. The objective of this case report, is to increase awareness of this rare tumour.

Case description A 73 year old man with type 2 diabetes, COPD, hypertension and obstructive sleep apnoea was admitted to hospital with malaria. He had a 5 year history of iron deficiency anaemia. Initially, the anaemia was mild (Hb 11 – 12 g/dl) but over the past 5 months, became more severe and symptomatic (Hb 4.5 – 8 g/dl), requiring 24 units of blood over 3 months. Gastroscopy and colonoscopy were normal whilst CT scan showed lytic lesions in the spine (T6/T8). Targeted spinal biopsies were inconclusive. Capsule endoscopy showed a punched out bleeding ulcer in the jejunum. Double Balloon Enteroscopy (DBE) via the anal route failed to find any abnormality. DBE via the oral route did locate the jejunal ulcer, and 30 cm distal to the ulcer, there was a 2 cm polyp which was not seen on capsule endoscopy or CT. The ulcer was biopsied and the polyp was resected en bloc using Endoscopic Mucosal Resection. The histology of the jejunal polyp and ulcer showed epithelioid angiosarcoma; the tumour cells were strongly positive for CD31. Review of biopsies from the spinal lytic lesions revealed metastasis from this primary jejunal angiosarcoma. The patient was referred to a specialist Sarcoma Unit but died 3 months after diagnosis.

Conclusion The diagnosis of small bowel angiosarcoma is challenging due to the non-specific clinical, radiological and histopathological features. Enteroscopy may help detect the source of bleeding and biopsies/polypectomy with immunohistochemical studies may provide definitive diagnosis. A high degree of suspicion is required to ensure early diagnosis and treatment.


eP196 DIAGNOSTIC OF HELICOBACTER PYLORI VIA ENDOCOPY: THE CLINICAL ISSUE OF SUPPRESSIVE CONDITIONS

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Aims Testing for Helicobacter pylori (H. p.) is frequently conducted during esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD). Proton-pump inhibitors (PPI), upper gastrointestinal bleedings and recent antibiotic treatment deteriorate H. p. test quality.

Aim of our study was to evaluate the pattern of H. p. suppressive conditions in patients undergoing elective EGD in a large German university hospital.

Methods The survey was performed as a single center study in outpatients as well as inpatients. Over 6 months, every elective EGD was included and suppressive conditions were assessed. If H. p. testing was indicated according to guidelines, always both histology and rapid urease test (RUT) were conducted in analogy to the Sydney classification.

Results 1631 patients were included (median 61 years, 36.0% outpatients, 64.0% inpatients). Overall, 76.5% were under H. p. suppressive conditions. Major suppressive condition was the intake of PPI (70.7%), 50.2% of all patients were tested. 82.7% were negative for both tests. Of those, 70.0% were tested under suppressive conditions with a high risk of false negative results. 17.3% had a positive H. p. testing. Here, only 9.9% showed an incongruent
result (14.3% positive for RUT only and 85.7% positive for histology only). These discrepancies only occurred under suppressive conditions. However, this often does not meet the clinical requirements. Especially, the demanded withdrawal of proton-pump inhibitors can often not be realized.

Our data represent the real clinical circumstances of testing in patients undergoing EGD with more than 60% of outpatients and even more than 80% of inpatients showing suppressive conditions leading to potentially more false negative results. In this respect, the present guidelines might not be expedient enough. Further research is needed to improve and clarify everyday clinical practice.

**eP197** THE VALUE OF THE UPPER GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT ENDOSCOPY IN CASE OF BLEACH INGESTION: ABOUT 80 CASES

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**Aims** Evaluate the input of the upper gastro-intestinal tract endoscopy in case of a bleach ingestion.

**Methods** It is a retrospective study over 5 years length period, from November 2013 to July 2018, collecting the results of gastrointestinal endoscopy performed on patients who ingested bleach.

**Results** Eighty patients, with a mean age of 27.71 years and extremes between 14 and 70 years old, majority of whom are females (81.25%) and a sex ratio of 4.33.

A oesophagitis stage I was found in 20 cases, stage IIa in 12, stage IIb in 5 others and a normal esophageal mucosa in 43 cases.

A gastritis stage I was concluded to in 51 patients, stage IIa in 17, a gastritis stage IIb in 3, stage IIIa in 1 case and a normal gastric mucosa in 8 patients.

A bulbo-duodenite stage I was objectified in 15 cases and 65 others have a strictly normal bulbo-duodenal mucosa.

Patients with esophagitis and gastritis stage IIa and IIb benefited from an endoscopic control a month after the first one noticing by a regression of lesions obtaining an esophagitis stage I in 4 cases and a gastritis stage I in 7 others, the rest of patients had a strictly normal mucosa.

**Conclusions** The upper gastro-intestinal tract endoscopy seem to be of no use in case of a bleach ingestion due to the very low severity of lesions induced.

**eP198** DEVELOPMENT AND FEASIBILITY OF A METHOD TO IMPROVE THE DIAGNOSTIC VALUE OF MAGNETICALLY ASSISTED CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY IN THE DETECTION OF ESOPHAGEAL DISORDERS

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**Aims** Esophageal disorders, especially reflux esophagitis and Barrett’s esophagus are common diseases. The non-invasive visualization of the esophagus is not solved yet. Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) is the gold standard diagnostic test, however it is uncomfortable for patients without sedation. The aim of the current study was to develop a method with magnetically assisted capsule endoscopy (MACE) for esophageal investigation and to perform a feasibility study of its use in patients.

**Methods** We developed a method for stationing the MACE capsule in the distal esophagus. First an ex vivo artificial esophagus was prepared and tested to find the optimal position and parameter settings to restrain the MACE capsule approximately 5 cm above the cardia. After the ex vivo development phase, we performed a feasibility study in 20 volunteers (median age: 47.65 years; 60% female; all had both MACE and EGD examinations within 3 months). All patients were laid on their left side, the upper body was raised 45 degrees with the examining table. The magnetic C-arm of MACE system was positioned next to their backs and the magnetic vector was positioned 90° and -90° to hold the capsule perpendicular to the esophageal lumen. We recorded every examination, both MACE and EGD, and analyzed the videos independently.

**Results** With our new protocol we could restrain the capsule in the esophagus in 90% of the cases (18/20). Esophageal transit and visualization times were 91.9 s with MACE and 46.2 s with EGD on average. The diagnostic abnormalities with EGD and MACE were comparable, while the diagnostic yield with UGE was higher than MACE regarding minor reflux erosions (12/6).

**Conclusions** Our protocol is a promising method to investigate the esophagus non-invasively with MACE to exclude major pathology in low risk groups. Further capsule development (cameras on both end, higher frame rate, higher resolution) may improve the diagnostic accuracy of this method.

**eP199V** BLUE RUBBER BLEB NEVUS SYNDROME: ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT WITH SCLEROSIS DURING DOUBLE BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY IN A 9 YEAR OLD BOY

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Blue rubber bleb nevus syndrome (BRBNS), also called Bean syndrome, is a rare disease associated with multiple venous malformations essentially in the skin and in the gastrointestinal tract (GIT) [1, 2]. Mostly it presents with anemia and the patients respond to supportive measures, but severe symptoms may be approached with surgical resection, endoscopic sclerosis, and laser photocoagulation [3, 4].

We report here a case of BRBNS presenting with gastrointestinal bleeding in a 9-year-old boy who had first been diagnosed at the age of 1 due to a venous angioma in the knee. The onset of melena led to a complete exploration of the GIT with both upper, lower GI and capsule endoscopy (CE), which revealed several typical blue lesions in the stomach (fig. 1a-b), small bowel (fig. 2 a-d) and colon (fig. 1c). Gastric and colonic lesions were first treated with argon plasma coagulation (fig. 3a-c) in the pediatric hospital, then the patient was referred to our unit for double-balloon enteroscopy (DBE) (EN-580T, Fujifilm, Tokyo, Japan) through which we could identify five pedunculated lesions and four flat friable ones. The progression with the endoscope was difficult due to the small size of the intestinal loops, but we could successfully treat the lesions with sclerosis by injecting aeroxysclerol (video 1). Besides such angiomas, there were no further lesions in need of treatment, according to the CE. The patient did not experience any new bleeding since this treatment. In conclusion, BRBNS is rare but the diagnosis has to be evocated when typical lesions are seen in different areas. DBE appears feasible in children with the adult enteroscope but progression is probably more difficult in a small diameter bowel. As previously demonstrated, aeroxysclerol seems effective to treat those lesions with low risk of perforation.
**Aims**
Endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) of upper digestive tract (UDT) lesions presents a good success rate and an excellent safety profile. The aim is to investigate the efficacy and safety of EMR of significant lesions of UDT in our center.

**Methods**
Observational, uncenter, retrospective study of a cohort of patients with large UDT lesions (>15 mm) treated by EMR in the last 7 years. Demographic, endoscopic and histological variables were collected. The endpoints were the resection rate R0 (free margins) and complications.

**Results**
During the study period, 89 of a total of 172 EMR were performed in lesions greater than 15 mm. Sixty-one percent of patients had associated comorbidities, being diabetes mellitus (11%) and cardiovascular disease (6%) the commonest. Antplatelet and anticoagulant treatment was present in 26% and 16% (n = 23 and 14) of our patients. Lesions were larger than 20 mm in 57 (64%) of patients. Lesions were located in the stomach in 70 patients (79%), in the esophagus in 14 (15%) and in duodenum in 5 (6%) patients. The most common EMR used technique included diathermy snare with prior submucosal injection (56, 63%). R0 rate was achieved in 65 (73%) patients. Complications occurred in 12 (13%) patients: bleeding in 9 (10%) patients, 1 postpolypectomy syndrome and 2 perforations. Endoscopic follow-up was performed in 17 patients with high risk lesions (19%). There were 6 recurrences, 4 of them were rescoped endoscopically, and two required surgical treatment.

**Conclusions**
EMR is a safe and efficacious technique to treat large lesions in the UDT. These results are similar to those described in the literature.

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**Aims**
Gastric submucosal lessions might have a benign or malign character. In order to determine the diagnosis of gastric submucosal tumors an important role is played by the endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) assessment. Solely EUS can be performed in order to determine the diagnosis of gastric submucosal tumors an important role is played by the endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) assessment. Solely EUS can be performed in order to determine the diagnosis of gastric submucosal tumors. The aim of our study was to conduct a systematic review of literature assessing different molecular markers performed on gastric EUS-FNA samples in order to outline the most widely investigated panel of biomarkers.

**Methods**
A systematic literature search was carried out in three major databases which are as follows: PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science covering the period 2000–2018. The analysis was performed using the population intervention comparison outcome (PICOC) format: (P) patients undergoing EUS-FNA for diagnosis of gastric submucosal lesions; (I) different immunohistochemical/genetic biomarkers; (C) studies on the samples obtained by EUS-FNA, the outcome (O) being the diagnostic accuracy of the biomarkers.

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**Aims**
Introduction ESCE recently published a technical review on capsule endoscopy, where the recommendation is to use cleansing protocols before small bowel capsule endoscopy. Nevertheless, the optimal timing for taking purgatives is yet to be established.

**Methods**
We have retrospectively reviewed small bowel capsule procedures performed in 2 different years. Group A used 2L of PEG the evening before capsule while group B used 1L of Moviprep before capsule ingestion.

**Results**
Group A included 61 patients, 58 in group B. Demographic characteristics were similar in both groups, although there were more inpatients in group A (74.44% vs. 57.58%). Mean total transit time was 222.38 min for group A vs. 244.96 for group B (p = n.s.). Adequate cleansing level was described in 93.33% of group A and 94.64% in group B (p = n.s.). Regarding the percentage of complete procedures (capsule reaching the cecum), we found 90.26% in group A and 81.03% in group B (p = n.s.).

**Conclusions**
The use of 2L of PEG the day before compared to 1L of Moviprep the same day of capsule ingestion did not make any difference in cleansing level or total transit time. The number of complete procedures was slightly higher in the PEG group however the differences were not statistically significant. Our results suggest that the use of 1L of Moviprep before capsule ingestion is not inferior to 2L of PEG the day before. As low volume laxatives seem to be better tolerated, this protocol can be considered a good option for small bowel capsule endoscopy.
Results A total of 315 enteroscopies were performed in the study period. Of the total of enteroscopies, 103 studies were performed in patients with abdominal surgeries, 69 (66%) were female, 83 of the studies corresponded to endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, so they were excluded, 20 studies corresponded to enteroscopies in patients with abdominal surgeries. 80% of antegrade and 20% retrograde studies were performed, the median depth of insertion was 102 cm, the median time of procedure was 64 minutes. Within the previous surgeries 15% of the patients corresponded to Roux-en-Y, 25% small bowel resections, 10% Whipple surgery, 30% hepato-jejunal anastomosis, 5% Billroth I, 15% Billroth II. The indications for the procedures were 45% gastrointestinal bleeding, 5% anemia, 40% anastomosis stenosis, 10% tumors. The findings were 20% stenosis, 20% ulcers, 20% active bleeding, 5% tumors, 5% erosions, 5% Dieulafoy, 15% obstruction due to adhesions, 10% normal studies. The therapeutic interventions were application of argon plasma 11%, clip placement 45%, dilatation 33%, jejunostomy in 11%. The diagnostic yield was 85%, the therapeutic yield 50% and the technical success was 90%.

Conclusions Enteroscopy is safe and effective in patients with abdominal surgeries, compared to patients with normal anatomy.

eP204 EVALUATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HELICOBACTER PYLORI AND THE SMALL WHITE SPOT LESIONS OF THE DUODENUM

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Aims Most of the time we are unable to pinpoint the clear cause or clinical equivalent of the small white spot lesions of the duodenum which we often encounter during routine endoscopic evaluation and identify as duodenal lymphangiectasia (DL). We aimed to evaluate the frequency of these small white spot lesions in the duodenum and their relationship with Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori).

Methods In our study, endoscopic findings of 445 patients, 231 of which were females and who underwent gastroscopy for complaints of dyspepsia in a period of 3 months, were evaluated via white light endoscopy by the same endoscopist. Biopsy samples from the duodenum and antrum in these patients whose endoscopic evaluation revealed were examined histologically and in terms of H. pylori.

Results Gastrosopic findings of 445 patients were evaluated. In the reports examined, white spot lesions in the duodenum were detected in 39 (8.8%) patients. Mean age of the patients with DL was found as 44.4 years, and that of those without DL was 47.2 years (p = 0.327). Of the patients with DL, 19 were male and there was no statistically significant difference between the groups with and without DL in terms of gender (p = 0.958). Biopsy samplings were taken from 28 of the 39 patients that we reported as having DL, and these biopsy samplings revealed DL in 5 patients (17.8%) and edema in 11 patients (39.2%). While H. pylori was detected as positive in 19 patients (48.7%) in the evaluation of H. pylori in biopsy samplings, there was no statistical difference in terms of H. pylori positivity between the patients identified as positively DL pathologic as well as those in the negative group (p = 0.695).

Conclusions The incidence of DL was found as 8.8% in routine gastroscopy, and the positivity of H. pylori in this group was detected as 48.7%. The presence of H. pylori was not detected to pose a significant difference between the group of patients in whom DL was identified pathologically as well and the group where it was found to be negative.

eP205V A RHABDOID CAVITATED JEJUNAL ADENOCARCINOMA DIAGNOSED BY DOUBLE-BALLOON ASSISTED ENTEROSCOPY

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Introduction The rhabdoid phenotypic characteristic in digestive tumors is exceptional. In the jejunum, the primitive undifferentiated adenocarcinoma rarely grows up to invade other organs and appears as a cavitated mass.

Case report A 64 years-old patient with multifactorial anemia and transfusional requirements underwent a normal gastroscopy and colonoscopy. This last procedure confirmed a 2 cm flat lesion in the right colon and the histopathological analysis reported adenocarcinoma.

Furthermore, a CT confirmed a mass dependent of small bowel and a PET-CT reported mesenteric implants with an extension on both adrenal glands and swollen lymph nodes. The biopsy of a peripheral adenopathy was an undifferentiated adenocarcinoma.

Thus, an oral double-balloon enteroscopy was performed. The procedure showed a large cavitated mass in jejunum consisting of a very irregular mucous membrane with proliferative, necrotic areas and diffuse as well as a ongoing mild-bleeding. Biopsies were taken. The enteroscope could assess the mass intracavitary, in retroversion, and the ‘‘outcoming’’ inside of the small bowel was visualized.

Finally, an undifferentiated rhabdoid carcinoma (vimentin, CkAe1-be3 +) was confirmed by the histopathological analysis, excluding GIST or neural origin. The CT ruled out pneumoperitoneum, showing peritoneal and pleural neoplastic progression. Subsequent pathologic study of all samples of the various organs gave similar results. The patient was treated by chemotherapy.

Conclusions Small bowel undifferentiated rhabdoid carcinoma is rare, with a great aggressiveness and bad prognosis. At this location, there are only 11 cases described, almost the half of them in the jejunum. This case has affected other organs (including colon) with multiorgan metastases. Endoscopically, a big and cavitated jejunal is also a rarity, only described in eccentrics GIST.

There are no previous publications describing this entity by flexible enteroscopy.

eP206 A TROUBLESOME ENTEROSCOPIC ATTEMPT TO REMOVE MIGRATED BILIARY STENTS IN THE SMALL BOWEL IN A PATIENT WITH ALTERED ANATOMY

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Aims The management of migrated stents is variable and is generally dictated by the site, type of stent, and anticipated likelihood of complications. Enteroscopy can be useful for stents migrated deeply in the small bowel, although very challenging especially in patients with altered anatomy.

Methods We describe a case of a patient undergoing single balloon enteroscopy (SBE) through a LAMS, placed by EUS-guided gastro-jejunoscopy in a Roux-en-Y reconstruction, in order to remove two migrated biliary stents.

Results In 2015 the patient underwent a left hepatectomy + bilio-jejunal Roux-en-Y anastomosis for infiltrating cholangiocarcinoma. After few months the disease recurred, followed by relapsing episodes of cholangitis, treated with percutaneous drainage (2 metal stents) and intra-luminal brachytherapy. Due to the complications of percutaneous approach (fever, subcutaneous abscess) an ERC through a EUS-guided gastro-jejunoscopy (Hot Axios stent, 15 × 10 mm) was performed, placing two metal stents
inside the previously placed ones. The patient was then asymptomatic, but after one month an abdominal X-ray showed migration in the small bowel of two biliary stents. An antegrade SBE (Olympus XSIF-180-FH) was then performed through the gastro-jejunal anastomosis, inside the LAMS: after 10 push-pull cycles the two stents were found, with their proximal flange deeply buried into the mucosa of the distal jejunum with granulation tissue. Several attempts of removal with rat-tooth grasping forceps and polypectomy snare, after injection of saline were unsuccessful. Considering the high risk of perforation related to removal, the small bowel patency, the absence of symptoms and the poor patient’s prognosis, the stents were left in situ and a close follow-up was scheduled. No procedural complications occurred.

**Conclusions** Enteroscopy is a safe and feasible procedure, even in cases of surgically altered anatomy. EUS-guided gastrointestinal anastomoses with LAMS may facilitate deep enteroscopic intubation for removing migrated stents. A careful balance of the risks and benefits of the procedure is mandatory.

**eP207** ROLE OF THE NOVEL INTRODUCED PAN-INTESTINAL CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY SYSTEM IN CELIAC DISEASE

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**Aims** Capsule endoscopy has proven its efficacy in diagnosing villous atrophy and lymphoma in patients with celiac disease. Most recently, a novel capsule endoscopy system was introduced, allowing for visualization of the small and large bowel. Its role in patients with celiac disease has not been evaluated yet. Primary objective of the study was to evaluate the role of the novel pan-intestinal capsule system in patients with established celiac disease.

**Methods** Consecutive patients with established celiac disease (Marsh 0–3c) were included in this prospective single-center study. All patients received standard bowel preparation prior to the examination. Diagnostic yield, therapeutic impact and safety were analysed. In addition, concordance of capsule findings with histology and nutritional status in patients with symptomatic or refractory celiac disease were assessed.

**Results** Pan-intestinal capsule endoscopy was feasible in all cases and acceptable quality was also achieved in all cases following the standard bowel preparation. Villous atrophy was correctly identified in all patients with Marsh 3. Concordance of capsule findings with histology for villous atrophy showed a good correlation (kappa 0.45). No lymphomas were detected. Evaluation of the large bowel revealed diminutive polyps (size 4 mm in median) in 30% of patients.

**Conclusions** The novel introduced pan-intestinal capsule endoscopy system shows a fair correlation with histology and nutritional status in patients with symptomatic or refractory celiac disease. Of note, the capsule revealed colon polyps in up to 30% of patients. Therefore, the novel pan-intestinal capsule endoscopy system should be considered for patients with celiac disease and an indication for small-bowel endoscopy.

**eP208Y** DUODENAL NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOUR RESECTION WITH A NEW DUODENAL FULL THICKNESS RESECTION DEVICE

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**Introduction and aims** Most well-differentiated, non-functional duodenal NETs limited to the mucosa/submucosa can be treated effectively with endoscopic resection. Full thickness resection device (FTRD; Ovesco Endoscopy) enables transmural resection of suitable lesions with a fast minimally invasive technique. Colonic FTRD was used for duodenal lesions as an “of-label” indication with good clinical outcomes and a complications’ rate compared to duodenal endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR). A duodenal FTRD (d-FTRD) with smaller diameter (19.5 mm vs. 21 mm), balloon assisted insertion and less clip interdental space was developed allowing easier upper esophageal sphincter (UES) passage and minimising bleeding risk.

**Methods** We describe a 74-year-old male with a 10 mm post-pyloric bulbular submucosal lesion with biopsies showing a well-differentiated NET. Endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) showed a submucosal lesion. EUS and 68-Ga-DOTA-NOC PET/CT displayed no lymph node involvement or distant metastases. An attempt to resect with band ligation EMR failed because of an absence of aspiration into the cap.

Transmural resection with the d-FTRD was scheduled in the operating room under general anaesthesia. Lesion borders were marked with APC. UES dilation was performed with Savary-Guilliard bougie dilator (15–18 mm) allowing d-FTRD insertion.

A paediatric colonoscope was then advanced to the duodenum with the d-FTRD attached. Traction of the lesion to the cap with the grasper and aspiration was done, followed by over-the-scope clip release (OTSC). The pseudopolyne produced by the OTSC was resected with a 15 mm diatertic snare.

**Results** There were no immediate or delayed complications. Histology showed a NET G1 (<3 mitosis/10 high power field, Ki67 <3%) with infiltration of the muscularis propria. There was no lymphatic or perineural invasion. The lateral margin of the lesion in the pyloric side was coincident to the resection margin.

**Conclusions** d-FTRD is a new device that should be considered for the resection of subepithelial or non-lifting epithelial duodenal lesions.

**eP209Y** A GIANT ILEAL PSEUDOPOLYP IN CROHN’S DISEASE RESECTED BY DOUBLE-BALLOON ENTEROSCOPY

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**Aims** Giant pseudopolyps (>1.5 cm) are unusual in Crohn’s Disease (CD), and often cause intestinal obstruction among other complications that may require surgical management. Endoscopic therapy could be an alternative in such circumstances. We describe a case report of a giant pseudopolyp treated by enteroscopy.

**Case report** A 63-year-old patient diagnosed with CD presented unexplained iron-deficiency anemia and subocclusive symptoms. Therefore, capsule endoscopy was performed, identifying an ulcerated ileal mass with leafy hypertrophic villi near a typical substenosis of CD. By Double-Balloon Enteroscopy (DBE) with 3.2 mm working channel and CO2 insufflation, a 4 cm ulcerated mass was identified prolapsing through the substenosis. Diluted adrenalin (1:10000) was injected at its base, and lastly, the lesion was resected with a snare and removed using fishnet basket. Histology was consistent with the diagnosis of a CD associated pseudopolyp. The patient now remains asymptomatic.

**Conclusions** Giant pseudopolyps are uncommon in the small bowel. When symptomatic, they are usually diagnosed and treated by surgery. Resection by
DBE with large working channel can be a feasible and safe approach in some patients.

**eP210 THE MANAGEMENT OF GASTRIC MALT LYMPHOMA**

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**Aims** Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) eradication is an effective treatment in H. pylori-positive mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma. However, the complete remission (CR) rates after H. pylori eradication in H. pylori-negative MALT lymphoma is very low and the treatment strategy remains controversial. We investigated the effectiveness of each treatment option for H. pylori-negative MALT lymphoma and H. pylori-positive MALT lymphoma with treatment failure after H. pylori eradication.

**Methods** We conducted retrospective single center study using medical records of patients who were diagnosed with gastric MALT lymphoma in Yeungnam University Medical Center between January 2005 and December 2016. Response to each treatment options and relapse after CR were evaluated by pathologic base using endoscopic biopsy.

**Results** Of the 68 patients, 50 patients were enrolled. Mean ages were 55.4 ± 11.7 years and mean follow-up periods were 42.5 ± 31.0 months (range: 3–133.6). H. pylori infection was detected in 42 patients (84.0%). Of these H. pylori-positive MALT lymphoma, 36 patients (81.7%) were treated with H. pylori eradication as primary treatment and the CR rates after H. pylori eradication was 72.2% (n = 26). Patients without CR after H. pylori eradication (n = 10, 27.8%) were received radiotherapy as secondary treatment. All of them were shown CR and no one had relapse after radiotherapy. 2 patients (4.8%) of H. pylori-positive MALT lymphoma were treated with radiotherapy as primary manner and all reached CR. 1 of them (50%) had relapse after treatment, but another CR had been achieved after 2ndary radiotherapy. All patients with H. pylori-negative MALT lymphoma (n = 8, 16.0%) were treated with radiotherapy as primary treatment. The CR rates after radiotherapy was 100% and no one had had relapse after radiotherapy.

**Conclusions** Although H. pylori eradication is effective treatment in H. pylori-positive MALT lymphoma, radiotherapy may be worthwhile treatment option in H. pylori-negative MALT lymphoma and H. pylori-positive MALT lymphoma as 2ndary treatment after H. pylori eradication.

**eP211 CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF REGIONAL LYMPH NODE ENLARGEMENT IN PATIENTS WITH EGC WITHIN THE EXPANDED CRITERIA FOR ESD**

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**Aims** Lymph node (LN) metastasis is negligible in early gastric cancer (EGC) within expanded criteria for endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD). However, regional lymph nodes in abdominal CT scans are sometimes enlarged in patients with EGC within the expanded criteria for endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD). In this study, we investigated the clinical significance of regional lymph node enlargement on abdominal CT scan in patients with EGC within the expanded criteria for ESD.

**Methods** From December 2010 to April 2015, among 301 patients with EGC within the ESD expanded criteria, 47 patients with regional lymph node enlargement shown by abdominal CT scan were prospectively enrolled. We performed surgical resection or periodic follow-up with abdominal CT scans and upper endoscopy every 6 months to evaluate whether the enlarged lymph nodes are due to metastasis or a reactive change.

**Results** The mean age of the 47 patients (36 males, 11 female) was 65.1 years. The enlarged lymph nodes were usually single (26/47, 44.6%) and sized as follows: 7 nodes were ≤ 5 mm, 23 were 6 – 10 mm, and 17 were ≥ 10 mm. Four of the 47 patients initially underwent surgical resection, and 8 patients underwent surgical resection after ESD. However, there was no lymph node metastasis in surgical specimens. Thirty-five patients received ESD and periodically followed up at a median duration of 57 months (range: 36 – 88 month). The enlarged lymph node disappeared in 12 of 35 patients, decreased in 9 patients and remained the same size in 13 patients, and increased in 1 patient.

**Conclusions** Regional lymph node enlargement on abdominal CT scan in patients within expanded criteria for ESD of EGC may be not due to metastasis but a reactive change.