The Management of Malignant Bile Duct Obstruction

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Pancreatobiliary Malignancy

Primary malignancy

- Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma
- Cholangiocarcinoma
- Ampullary carcinoma
- Gallbladder Carcinoma

Pancreatobiliary Malignancy

Metastatic Disease

- Breast
- Lung
- Lymphoma
- Melanoma

Malignant Bile Duct Obstruction

- 75-80% carcinoma head of pancreas.
- 15-20% considered for currative surgery.
- The majority managed by :-

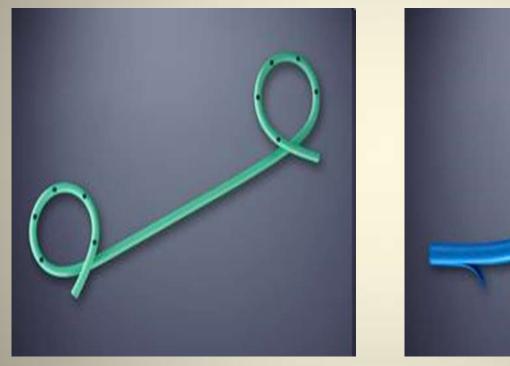
Stenting

Chemotherapy

Malignant Bile Duct Obstruction

- Plastic Stents
- Self Expanding Metal Stents

Plastic Stents



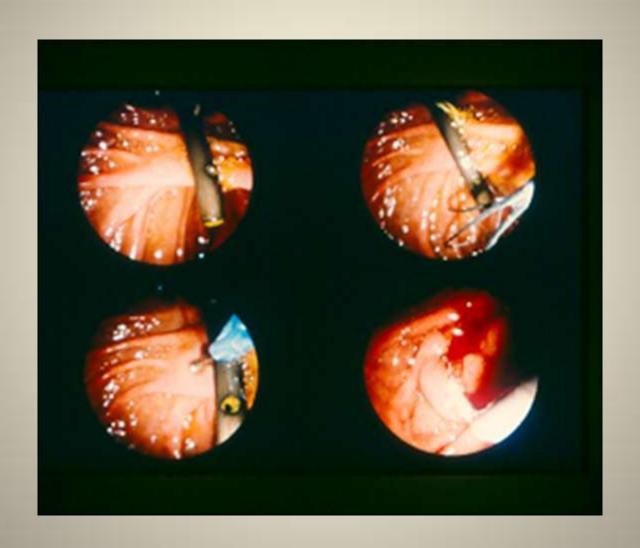


Plastic Stent for Malignant Bile Duct Obstruction





Plastic Stent Occlusion

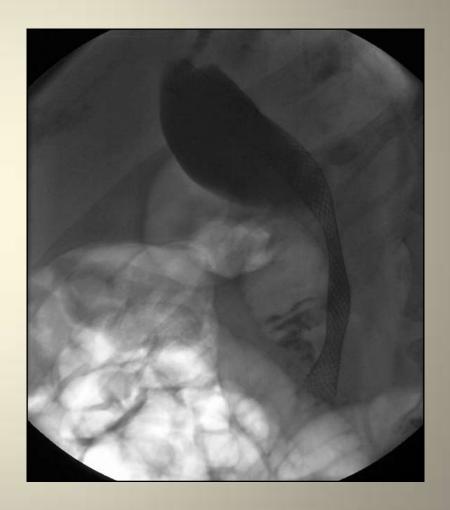


Self Expanding Metal Sents

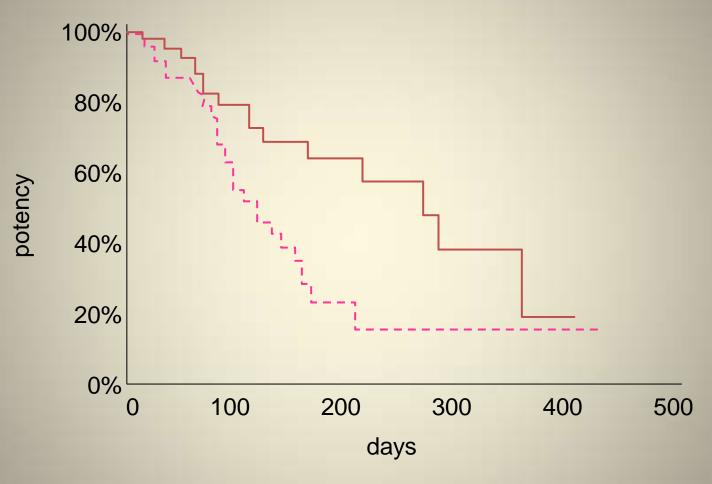


Self Expanding Metal Stent





PATENCY OF PLASTIC VS METAL STENTS



Cumulative patency of the first stent

—— metal stent —— polyethylene stent p=0.006

Endoscopic Management of Pancreatic Cancer

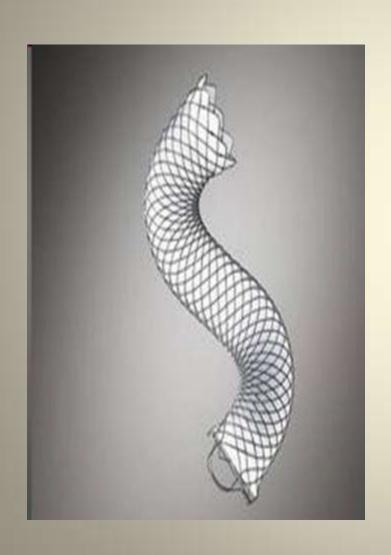
To drain or not to drain pre-planned resection:-

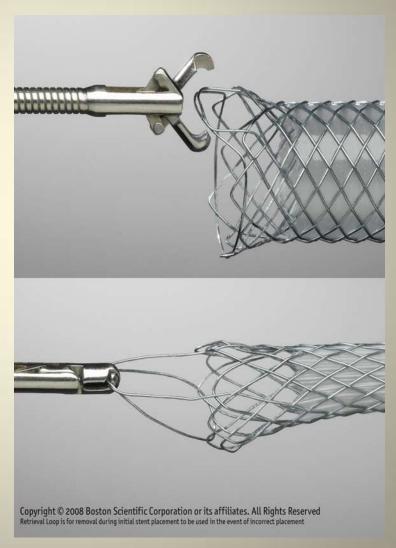
Meta analysis: 5 trials 302 patients

Pre-op drainage

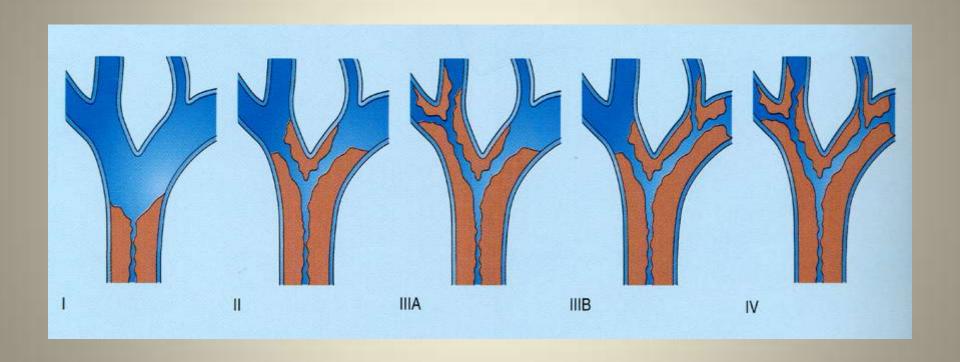
- No survival benefit
- Increased complications
- Prolonged hospital stay

Fully Covered Metal Stent





Hilar Strictures



Confirmation of Malignancy

- Crossectional Imaging
- Tumour Markers
- Immune Markers
- Histology
- Cytology
- Cholangioscopy

Benign Hilar Strictures

Surgery for Suspected Malignancy

22/275 (8%) Confirmed as Benign Disease

- Lymphoplasmacytic sclerosing disease
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis
- Granulomatous disease
- Non specific fibrosis
- Stone disease

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SpyScope® 10Fr (3.3 mm) Access & Delivery Catheter





SpyBite[®]
Biopsy Forceps





SpyGlass Fiber Optic Probe

Bilateral Hilar Plastic Stents





Endoscopic Management of Malignant Hilar Bile Duct Strictures

Unilateral vs bilateral stenting

Unilateral vs Bilateral Stents

Unilateral	Bilateral
Failure to relieve jaundiceCholangitis of undrained ducts	Technical demandsComplicationsExpense

Selective MRCP and CT targeted drainage

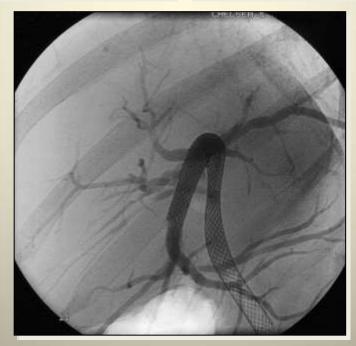
- Aim to drain minimum 30% of the biliary tree
- Optimally to place one stent to achieve drainage
- Two or more stents placed:
 - if 30% liver drainage not achievable
 - to drain all opacified segments

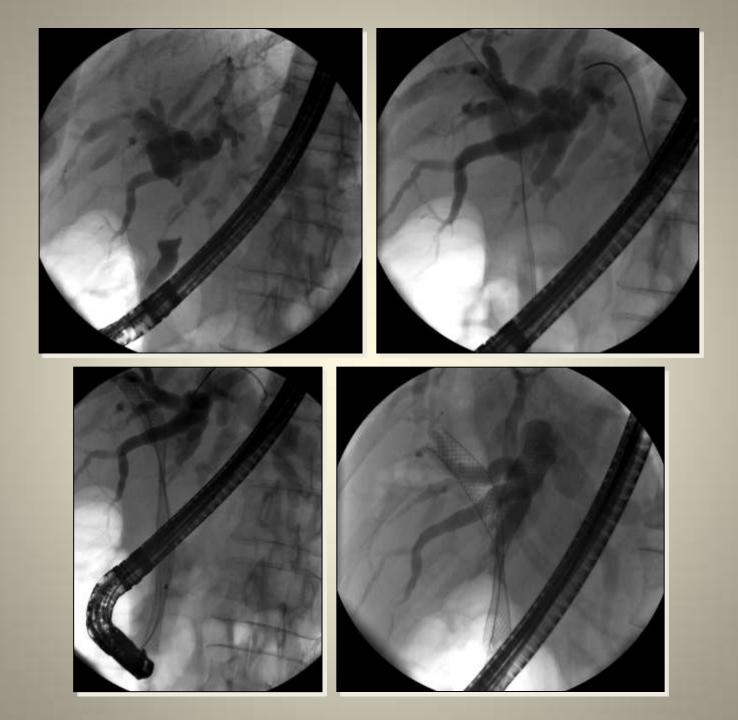
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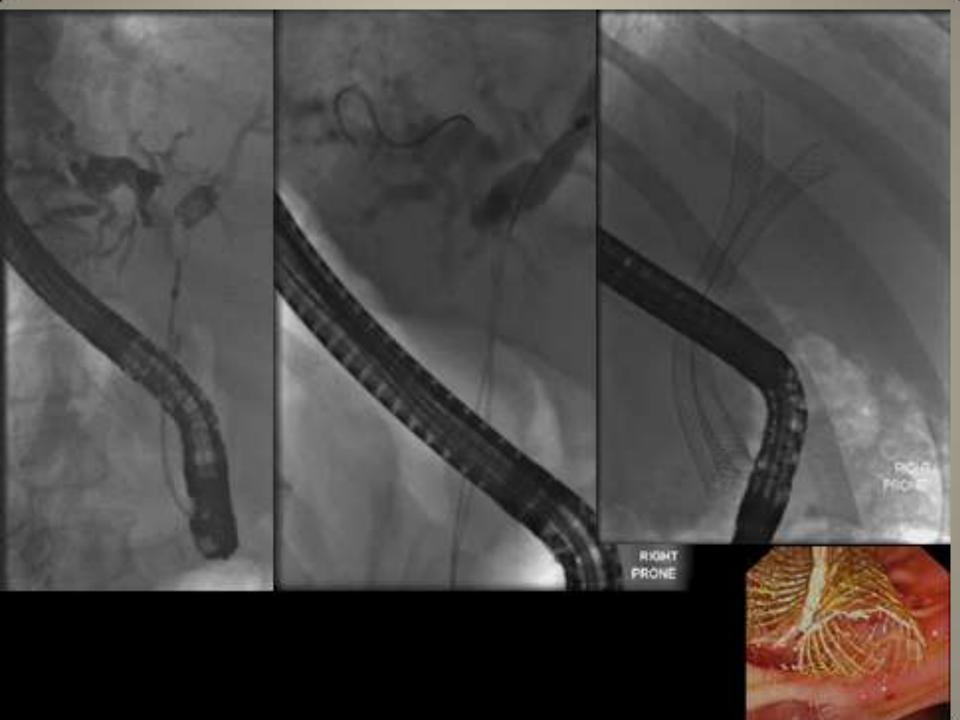
- Unilateral placement 85%, bilateral in 15%
- Low cholangitis rates
- Clinically successful bile drainage in 75%











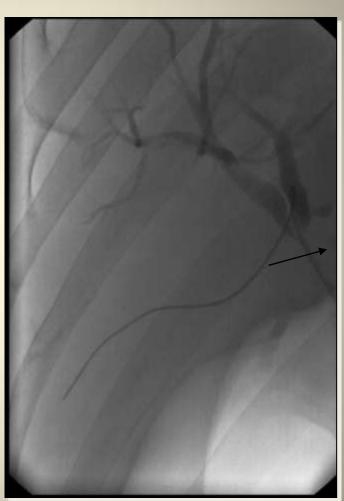
Palliative Management of Hilar Cholangiocarcinoma 1



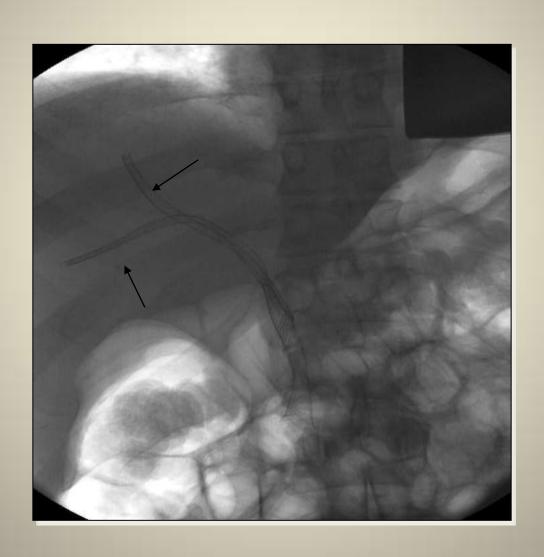


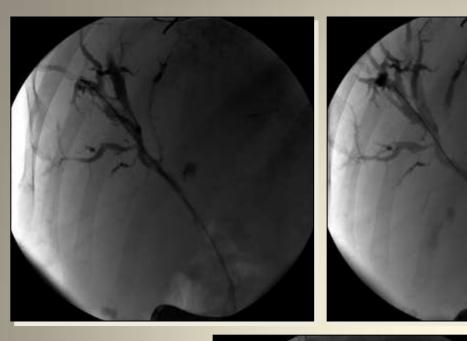
Palliation of Hilar Cholangiocarcinoma 2

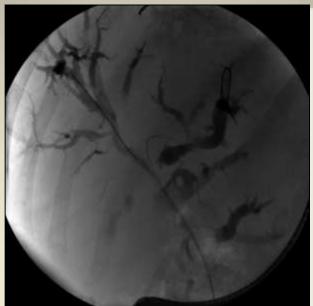


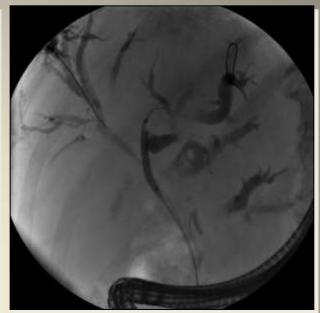


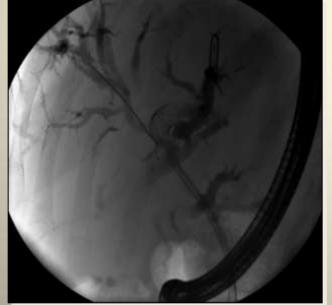
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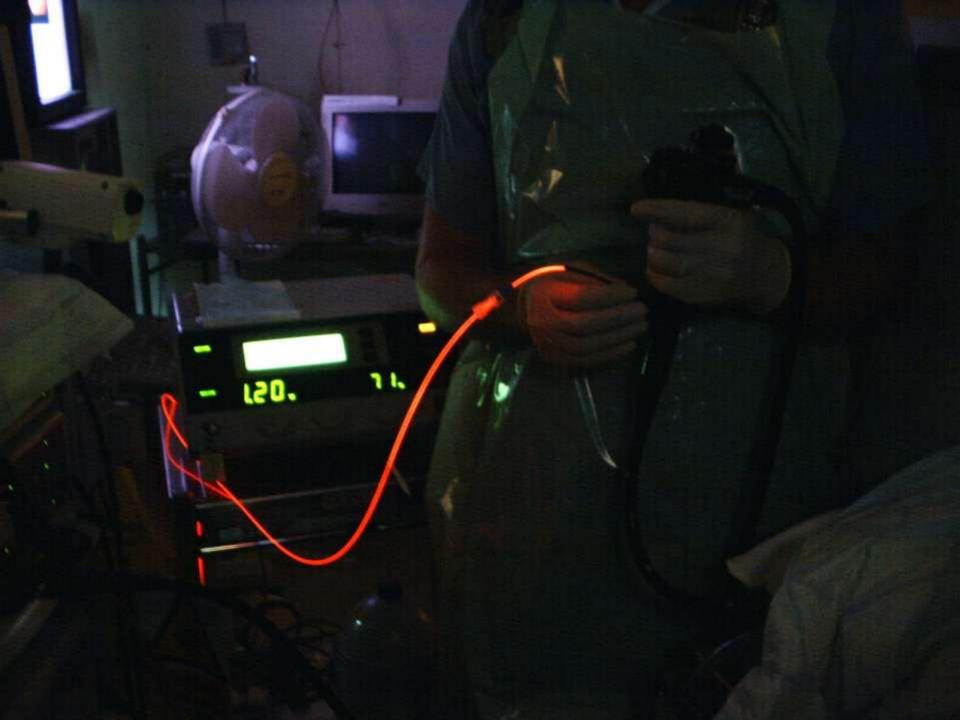






Developments in Endoscopic Palliation

- Photodynamic Therapy
- Radiofrequency Ablation via Biliary Catheter
- Removable/Self Absorbing Stents
- Drug Eluting Stents

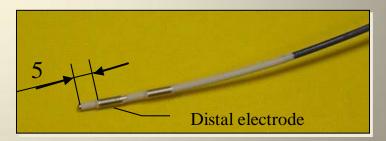


EndoHPB

- Single use
- 1.8m length
- 8Fr (2.6mm)
- 0.035inch guidewire
- 3.2mm working channel
- Bipolar
- Two stainless steel ring electrodes 8mm apart
- Heating zone 25mm +/ 3mm



EndoHPB presentation on dispenser coil



Close up of EndoHPB showing the two spiral cut electrodes, 8mm spacing, with the distal electrode 5mm from tip

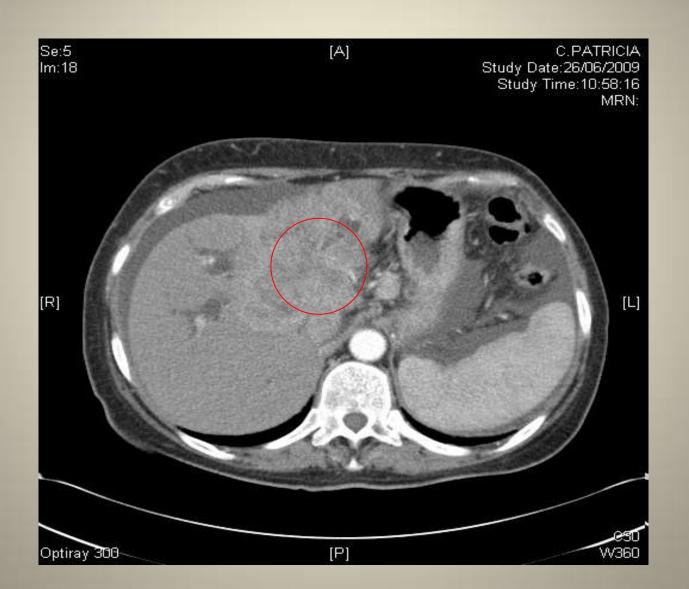
Endo HPB Radiofrequency Catheter Phase II Study





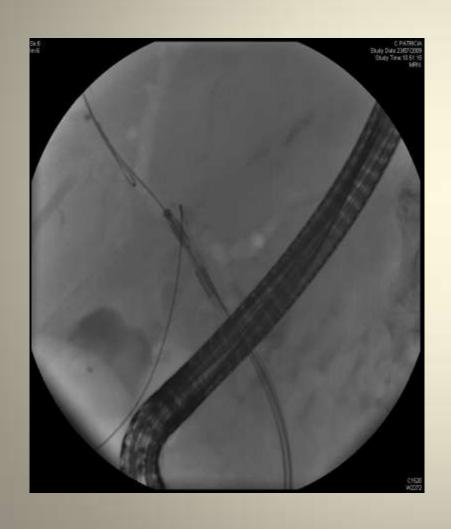
RFA for Bile Duct Obstruction secondary to Pancreatic Cancer



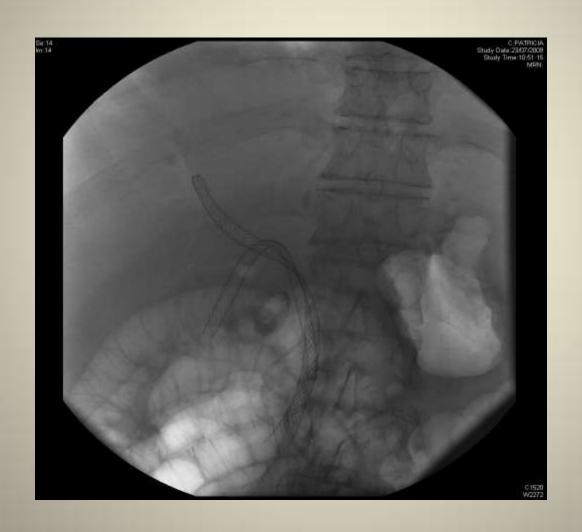


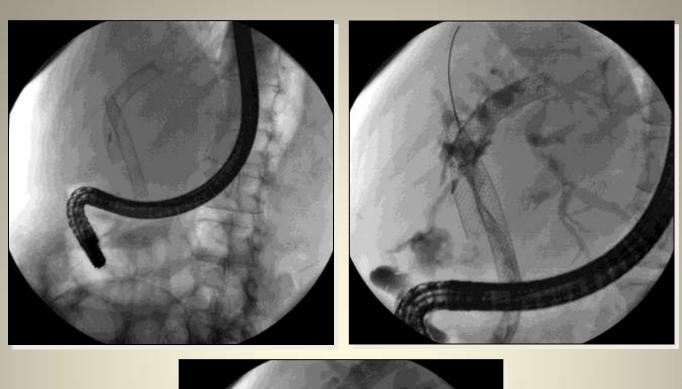














RFA for Occluded Metal Stent



RFA for Blocked SEMS







Stenting for Malignant Bile Duct Obstruction

Summary:-

- Management dependant upon detailed pre intervention assessment.
- Metal stenting in almost all settings.
- Covered stents may be optimum in extrahepatic obstruction.
- Intervention for hilar strictures requires multi disciplinary approach.
- New techniques for improving stent patency /relieving stent occlusion