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RETRIEVAL OF PROXIMALLY MIGRATED PLASTIC STENTS IN ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY: INSIGHTS FROM A SINGLE-CENTER STUDY

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A retrospective study of 546 ERCP procedures found a 2.8% proximal plastic stent migration rate, with 100% successful endoscopic retrieval and no complications.

KEY POINTS

- Proximal migration occurred in 12 of 429 plastic stents (2.8%), all asymptomatic, with stent length less than 10cm identified as a potential risk factor (p=0.08).
- Endoscopic retrieval succeeded in all cases, accomplished on first attempt in 75% of cases, using Soehendra stent retriever (41.7%), forceps (25%), snare (25%), or balloon catheter (8.3%).
- Cholangiopancreatoscopy-assisted retrieval served as rescue therapy in two cases when conventional methods were unsuccessful.
- No complications or procedure-related mortality occurred during any retrieval procedure.
- The authors conclude that ERCP is effective and safe for retrieval but requires experience with different techniques and accessories; endoscopists managing ERCP complications would benefit from this material.

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