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FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH SPONTANEOUS MIGRATION OF STONES FOR COMMON BILE DUCT

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A retrospective study of 547 patients identifies small stone diameter, single stone, and distal location as factors associated with spontaneous migration of common bile duct stones.

KEY POINTS

- Among 547 patients who underwent ERCP for CBD stones, 265 (48.6%) had spontaneous stone migration (positive MRCP but negative ERCP) while 309 had stones present at ERCP.
- Small stone diameter was significantly associated with spontaneous passage (p=0.001).
- Single stones were significantly more likely to pass spontaneously compared to multiple stones (p=0.001).
- Distal stone location was associated with spontaneous migration (p=0.04).
- CBD diameter and presence of periampullary diverticulum showed no significant association with spontaneous passage.

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