

DOES WIRE-GUIDED CYSTOTOME DILATION FOR DIFFICULT BENIGN BILIO-PANCREATIC STRICTURES GUARANTEE LONG-TERM PATENCY?

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A retrospective study of 13 patients with difficult benign biliary and pancreatic strictures treated with cystotome reports 54% long-term stricture resolution at 28-month median follow-up.

KEY POINTS

- Technical success (ability to overpass the stricture) was obtained in 12 of 13 patients, with only minor adverse events reported in three patients
- At 28-month median follow-up, 7 patients had stable stricture resolution, 4 had recurrence, and 2 had persistent stricture
- The study included 8 biliary and 5 pancreatic strictures in patients with mean age 53 years
- The authors conclude that cystotome can be considered an alternative method for dilation of difficult pancreatic and biliary strictures after failure of conventional modalities

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