

The Brescia International Multidisciplinary Consensus Guidelines on the Optimal Pathology Assessment and Multidisciplinary Pathways of Non-Pancreatic Neoplasms in and Around the Ampulla of Vater (PERIPAN)

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The PERIPAN international consensus group of 43 experts from 12 countries developed 51 recommendations to standardize definitions, classifications, and diagnostic workflow for neoplasms of the ampulla of Vater.

KEY POINTS

- The guidelines establish more specific anatomic criteria for defining ampullary neoplasms and distinguishing them from duodenal and common bile duct tumors.
- The consensus recommends avoiding the term periampullary for final classification and provides refined definitions of intestinal, pancreatobiliary, and mixed subtypes along with rare histologic subtypes.
- Recommendations address the use and limitations of immunohistochemical and molecular profiling, biopsy acquisition, required clinical information for pathology assessment, and key items for pathology reports of endoscopic specimens.
- The guidelines are expected to have implications for endoscopic interpretation and management, staging, pathologic diagnosis, therapeutic evaluation, and oncologic treatment of various anatomic and histologic subsets.
- This standardization aims to enhance the quality of clinical care and future research by enabling more accurate classification of true ampullary cancers.

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