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MITIGATING THE NEED FOR PATIENT TRANSPORT BY TREATING UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDINGS IN ICU-SETTINGS WITH A SINGLE-USE THERAPEUTIC GASTROSCOPE

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A multinational survey of 341 gastrointestinal specialists found that 46% of ICU patients with upper gastrointestinal bleeding who are currently transported for endoscopy could potentially be managed in the ICU if single-use therapeutic gastroscopes and equipment were available there.

KEY POINTS

- Currently 24% of UGIB patients are transported from ICU to operating rooms and 31% to endoscopy units, requiring an average of 21-22 minutes transport time and 5-6 healthcare professionals per transfer.
- Survey respondents estimated that with ICU-available single-use therapeutic gastroscopes, 75% of UGIB patients could be managed in the ICU compared to the current 45%.
- The authors conclude this could reduce transport-associated risks, adverse events, and healthcare professional workload and stress for critically ill UGIB patients.
- The survey was conducted between January 2021 and October 2022 across 8 countries including Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK, USA and Japan.
- The study was initiated by Ambu and the authors are currently employed by Ambu.

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