European Consensus Recommendations for Direct Cholangioscopy and Pancreatoscopy Using a Modified Delphi Process

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A modified Delphi process involving 30 European cholangioscopy experts generated 42 consensus recommendations covering pre-procedural considerations, technical aspects, biliopancreatic stones, biliary strictures, and other indications for cholangioscopy and pancreatoscopy.

KEY POINTS

- The study developed general and indication-specific European consensus recommendations for cholangioscopy and pancreatoscopy to guide clinical practice
- Statements were formulated in five categories: pre-procedural considerations, general technical aspects, biliopancreatic stones, biliary strictures, and other indications, with evidence levels determined using GRADE methodology
- Forty-two of the generated statements (97.6%) were accepted, with 39 (92.9%) achieving consensus in the first Delphi round
- The consensus threshold was set at 80% agreement, with statements subjected to up to three Delphi rounds before rejection
- Clinicians performing or considering cholangioscopy and pancreatoscopy for pancreaticobiliary disorders would benefit from reviewing these consensus recommendations

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