## Early ERCP Within 48 Hours for Patients With Acute Cholangitis Due To Distal Malignant Biliary Obstruction Improves Clinical Outcomes

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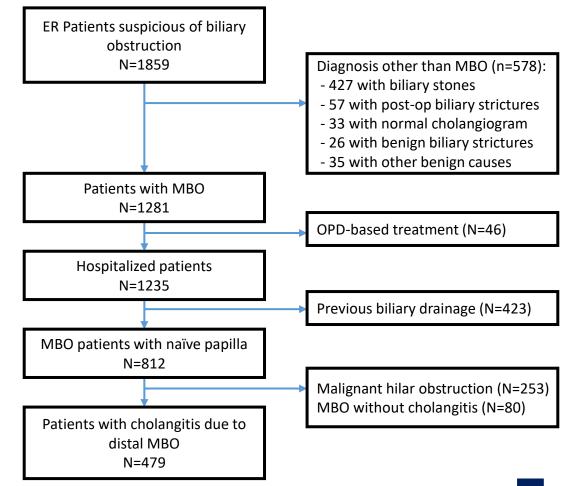
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# Background / Aims

- Acute cholangitis is a potentially life-threatening condition usually caused by infection of the biliary system, combined with biliary stasis
- Early ERCP in patients with moderate to severe cholangitis is recommended in Tokyo Guideline
- Patients with biliary stones and those with MBO show different clinical courses and prognosis.
- The purpose of this study was to evaluate the outcomes of early ERCP in patients with acute cholangitis due to distal MBO.

# Methods

- From Jan 2005 to Jun 2018, 1859 patients were analyzed
- A total 479 patients with cholangitis due to distal MBO were included



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- Early ERCP: ERCP performed within 48 hours after ER arrival
- Primary outcome
  - 30-day mortality
- Secondary outcomes
  - Hospital stay
  - Post-procedural complications: PEP, bleeding, perforation
- Death data
  - collected from the DB of the Korean Ministry of the Interior and Safety

#### Results

- Successful ERCP drainage: 83.1% (398/479)
- 30-day mortality were significantly lower in early ERCP group
  - 3.3% vs. 11.8% (P=0.002)
- No significant difference in post-procedural complications
  - PEP: 4.6% vs. 5.9% (P=0.815)
  - Bleeding: 2.3% vs. 1.2% (P=0.818)
  - Perforation: 0.3% vs. 2.4% (P=0.142)

# Results

- Multivariable analysis
  - Early ERCP: only modifiable factor
  - Secondary MBO, severity of cholangitis, initial total bilirubin
    - 5.39\*\* T.Bil ≥5mg/dL 4.09\*\* Cholangitis, Grade 3 3.59\*\* Secondary MBO 0.23\*\* **Early ERCP** 0.09 0.59 1.59 9.0 17.0 1
    - ✓ Factors related to 30-day mortality

# Conclusions

- In patients with acute cholangitis due to distal MBO, ERCP timing, hyperbilirubinemia, the severity of cholangitis and metastatic cancer are associated with 30-day mortality
- Early ERCP is the only factor that is modifiable
- There is no significant differences in procedure-related complications between early ERCP and elective ERCP groups