

Institutional review board statement

Fukui Kosei Hospital Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviews the ethical aspects of medical research protocols and the informed consent process related to medical research programs. We had made a decision to gain all patients' permission about disclosure of their protected medical data even if the anonymity and confidentiality of the patient is believed to be ensured.

The retrospective study titled as "Efficacy and safety of emergency ERCP for acute cholangitis in the elderly" has been reviewed and ethically approved by the Fukui Kosei Hospital IRB. We confirmed that all patients whose medical records were involved in this retrospective study had provided their written informed consent about disclosure of their protected medical information.

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