

Informed consent statement

Written consent for both the endoscopic procedures (ERCP and/or EUS) and administration of anesthesia (general anesthesia or deep sedation) was obtained from all patients or their designated legal agent(s). This is a retrospective study on data from clinical care. As such this study was deemed to be minimal risk by the Tufts institutional review board and a waiver of informed consent for this study was granted (see also attached IRB approval document).