

## Informed Consent Statement

All patients in this study were consent for immediate and elective endoscopic sphincterotomy in acute suppurative cholangitis caused by choledocholithiasis and any future analysis. A re-consent was not required for the analysis.

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