

Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography - ERCP

Date of Procedure:

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Admission Time:

Discharge Date:

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Preparation

Do **eat or drink anything** for at least 6 hours before the procedure.

Medications

Normally it is acceptable to take your usual medications with a sip of water.

Inform the specialist of the following:

- Taking anticoagulants i.e blood thinners.
- A diabetic on medication
- Medical allergies or side affects you may have specially to iodine, dyes, or antibiotics.

Endoscopic Retrograde

Cholangiopancreatography, or ERCP, is a specialized technique used to study the ducts (drainage routes into the bowel) of the gallbladder, pancreas, and liver. The ones that drain the liver and gallbladder are called bile or biliary ducts, while the pancreatic duct drains the pancreas. The bile and pancreatic ducts join just before they drain into the upper bowel, this opening is called the papilla.

During an ERCP, an endoscope is used which is a thin, flexible tube that allows the doctor to see inside your bowel. The endoscope will pass through your mouth, oesophagus and stomach into the duodenum (first part of the small intestine). After seeing the common opening ducts from the liver and pancreas, the doctor will pass a narrow plastic tube called a catheter through the endoscope into the ducts.

A contrast dye will be injected into the pancreatic or biliary ducts and x-rays will be taken.

Various procedures can be performed using special instruments passed through the scope. These include enlarging the opening of the bile or pancreatic duct with a small cut, removal of gallstones from the bile duct or insertion of a small plastic tube to help drain the bile into the bowel.

The time taken for the procedure may be increased if additional treatments are required. The specialist will explain if any of these are considered likely before the ERCP.

If there is an unexpected abnormality, these procedures may be performed without prior explanation.

Safety and Risks

ERCP is a procedure performed by doctors who are specially trained and experienced in this technique.

Although complications requiring hospitalization can occur, they are uncommon. These can include pancreatitis (an inflammation or infection of the pancreas), infections, bowel perforation and bleeding. Some patients can have an adverse reaction to the sedative or dye used. Sometimes the procedure cannot be completed for technical reasons.

Risks vary depending on why the test is being performed, what is found during the procedure, what therapeutic intervention is undertaken, and whether a patient has major medical problems.

Patients undergoing therapeutic ERCP, such as for stone removal, face a higher risk of complications than patients undergoing diagnostic ERCP. The specialist will discuss the likelihood of complications before you undergo the test.

Please call our rooms on 08 8267 4092 should you wish to cancel or reschedule your procedure.

GOT “PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE”?

It is highly advisable to contact your private health insurance (if you have one) to check if your procedure is covered. If your private health insurance does not cover for the procedure, please contact us on 8267 4092 immediately as there will be out of pocket costs.

The item codes for your procedure are: ERCP 30450 +/- 30484 +/- 30485 +/- 30490 +/- 30494

AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE, PLEASE FILL UP HOSPITAL ADMISSION FORM

Before you start, make sure you have your Medicare card/ private health insurance card /DVA card/ Pensioner card, GP contact details, email address, health history and medication list.

It takes between 30 to 45 minutes to complete all forms for your first online admission.

Following admissions will be shorter if you use the same email address to login.



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For any technical support, contact the hospital directly:

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Calvary North Adelaide Hospital

Calvary Central Districts Hospital



1800 798 226



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North Eastern Community Hospital

8366 8111



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Ashford Hospital

8375 5222



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St Andrew's Hospital

8408 2504



Visit eAdmissions: visionhospitalgroup.com.au/patient-admission

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Glenelg Community Hospital

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