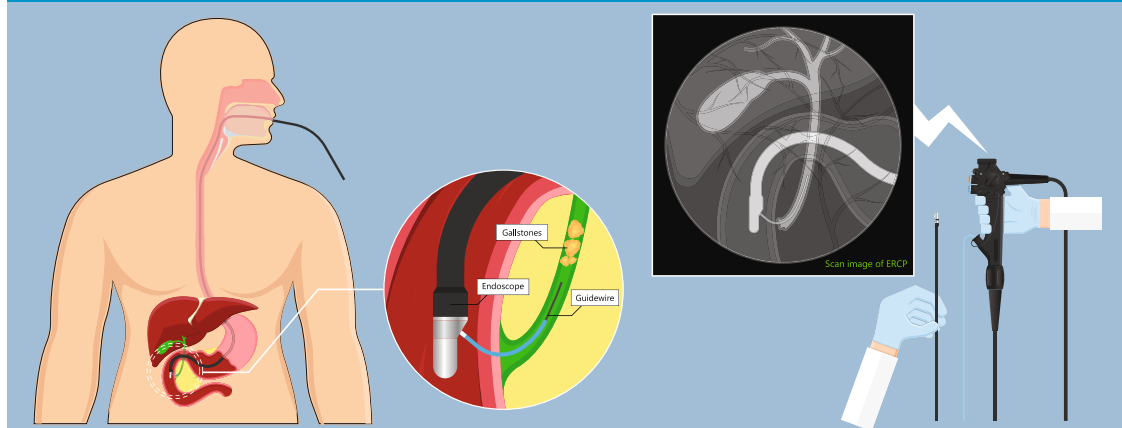


ERCP

A technique that combines the use of endoscopy and fluoroscopy to diagnose and treat certain problems of the biliary or pancreatic ductal systems.



1. Fasting for 6 – 8 hours.
2. Inform the doctor about your missed periods / pregnancy and underlying medical conditions and any other history.
3. Procedure usually requires admission for a day for observation.
4. You will be asked to sign a consent form.
5. You are settled comfortably in an area where you need to remove your ornaments, accessories, purse, belt etc.
6. A mouth guard will be placed to protect your teeth, a cannula is inserted for administration of IV medication and fluids and anaesthesia will be administered via injection or inhalation.
7. While you lie in a comfortable position on your left side or prone position the doctor will place an endoscope (bendable, lighted tube) through the mouth and into the stomach and duodenum (first part of the small intestine) to examine the pancreatic and bile ducts.
8. The test takes approximately 1 hour, post which you will be kept under observation for 1 to 2 hours in the Gastro recovery room to monitor your vital parameters.
9. The IV fluids and medication will be discontinued and cannula will be removed after the observation period.
10. You must not consume water and food for a few hours until the swallowing reflex is normal.
11. Your throat may feel numb and slightly sore, which is normal. This will subside after some time.
12. Reports will be issued after two hours.