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Difficult ERCP Cases

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Case 1:

- ▶ 48 years old patient presented to an outside hospital for cholangitis from an impacted CBD stone
- ▶ Endoscopist could not remove the stone during emergent ERCP so he decided to place plastic stent and scheduled repeat ERCP in two weeks.
- ▶ The patient presented one week later with another episode of cholangitis
- ▶ Repeat ERCP showed migrated CBD stent within the CBD

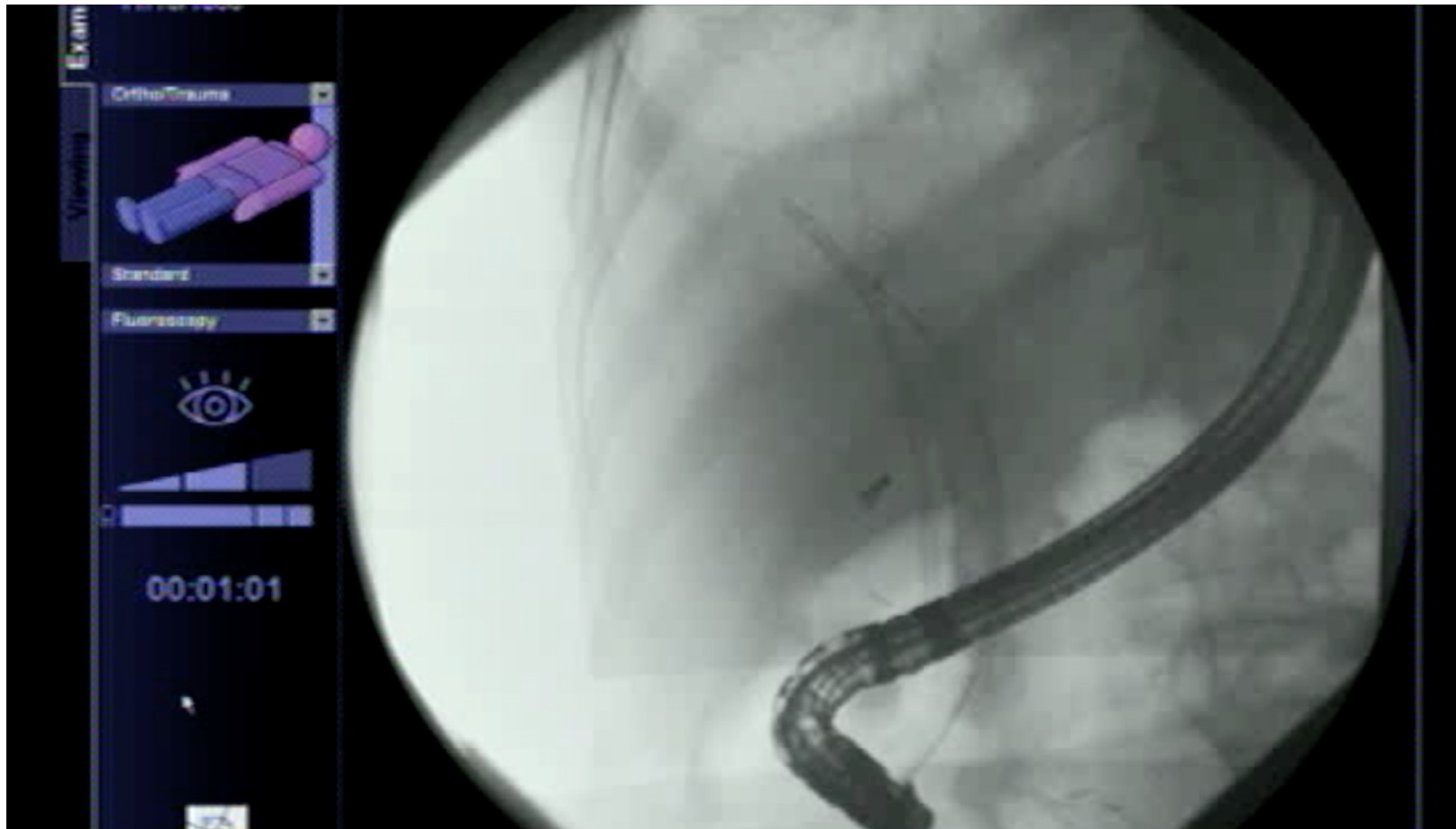
Case 1: Migrated Metal Stent

- ▶ The endoscopist could not remove the migrated CBD stent
- ▶ Giving that this was an emergent ERCP for cholangitis, The endoscopist placed a metal stent
- ▶ Repeat ERCP in 3 weeks for stone removal showed migrated metal stent within the CBD
- ▶ The endoscopist referred the patient to me for ERCP, stents removal and stone removal

Case 1: Question:

- ▶ How would you manage the migrated stents in this scenario?
 - a) Use an extraction Balloon
 - b) Use biopsy forceps under fluoroscopy guidance
 - c) Use a basket
 - d) Advance snare over a wire into the bile duct for a stent extraction

Case 1: Migrated Metal Stent



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- ▶ Teaching points:
 - ▶ Cholangioscopy with biopsy forceps can successfully detach migrated metal stent from the upper CBD to the distal CBD to facilitate complete removal

Case 2:

- ▶ 78 y/o patient s/p whipple surgery for IPMN involving pancreas and bile ducts
- ▶ The patient presented two years later with elevated alkaline phosphatase and dilated intrahepatic ducts
- ▶ Patient was referred for ERCP

Case 2:

- ▶ What is the most likely explanation of the patient's presentation:
 - a) Anastomotic stricture at hepatico-jejunostomy
 - b) Intrahepatic duct stone formation
 - c) Disease recurrence in the intrahepatic ducts
 - d) Afferent limb syndrome

Case 2:



Case 2: IPMN Recurrence in the CBD

- ▶ Teaching point
 - ▶ Cholangioscopic examination of the CBD allows accurate localization of the extent of the disease to tailor further treatment.

Case 3:

- ▶ 37 years old patient with no prior medical history presented to the ED with sever abdominal pain
- ▶ CT scan showed dilated pancreatic duct with a possible 1 cm mass obstructing the duct at the level of the body of the pancreas

Case 3:

- ▶ What is the most likely cause of the CT finding and the patient's abdominal pain:
 - a) IPMN of the main Pancreatic duct
 - b) Pancreatic adenocarcinoma
 - c) Pancreatic duct stone
 - d) Annular pancreas

Case 3: Pancreatic Duct Stone



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- ▶ Teaching point:
 - ▶ ERCP with cholangioscopy can assist in the evaluation of pancreatic duct lesions
 - ▶ Pancreatic duct stones can be successfully managed with ERCP with spyglass and laser lithotripsy

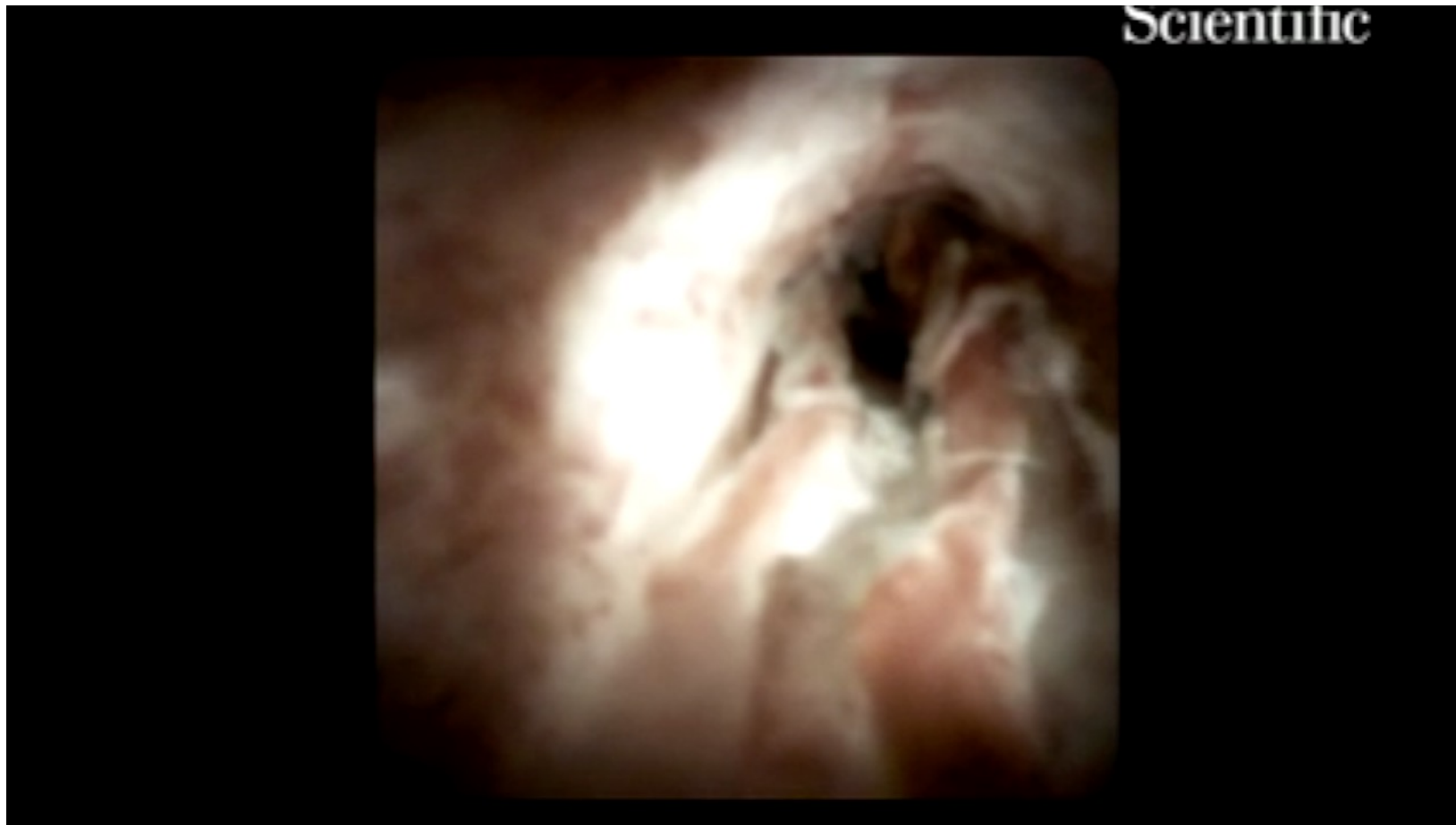
Case 4:

- ▶ 62 years old patient presented with jaundice and CBD stricture
- ▶ ERCP showed mid CBD stricture, brushing was obtained and it did not show atypical cells.
- ▶ Plastic stent was placed and the patient was referred to me for ERCP with spyglass

Case 4:

- ▶ In regards to management of indeterminate CBD stricture, which of the following have the highest sensitivity and specificity in differentiating benign from malignant stricture?
 - a) Cholangioscopy images
 - b) Duct brushing
 - c) Cholangioscopy with biopsy
 - d) EUS FNA of the lesion

Case 4: Malignant CBD Stricture



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- ▶ Teaching points
- ▶ Cholangioscopy with biopsy is important in evaluating indeterminate biliary stricture

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- ▶ Aspiration Fluid Cytology as an Adjunct for Cholangioscopy with Targeted Biopsy

Atypical cells as benign	Cholangioscopic biopsy with Aspiration fluid cytology (n= 35)	Brush cytology (n=9)	Cholangioscopic biopsy (n=35)
Sensitivity	80%	66.6%	66.6%
Specificity	100%	100%	100%
PPV	100%	100%	100%
NPV	86.95%	85.7%	80%

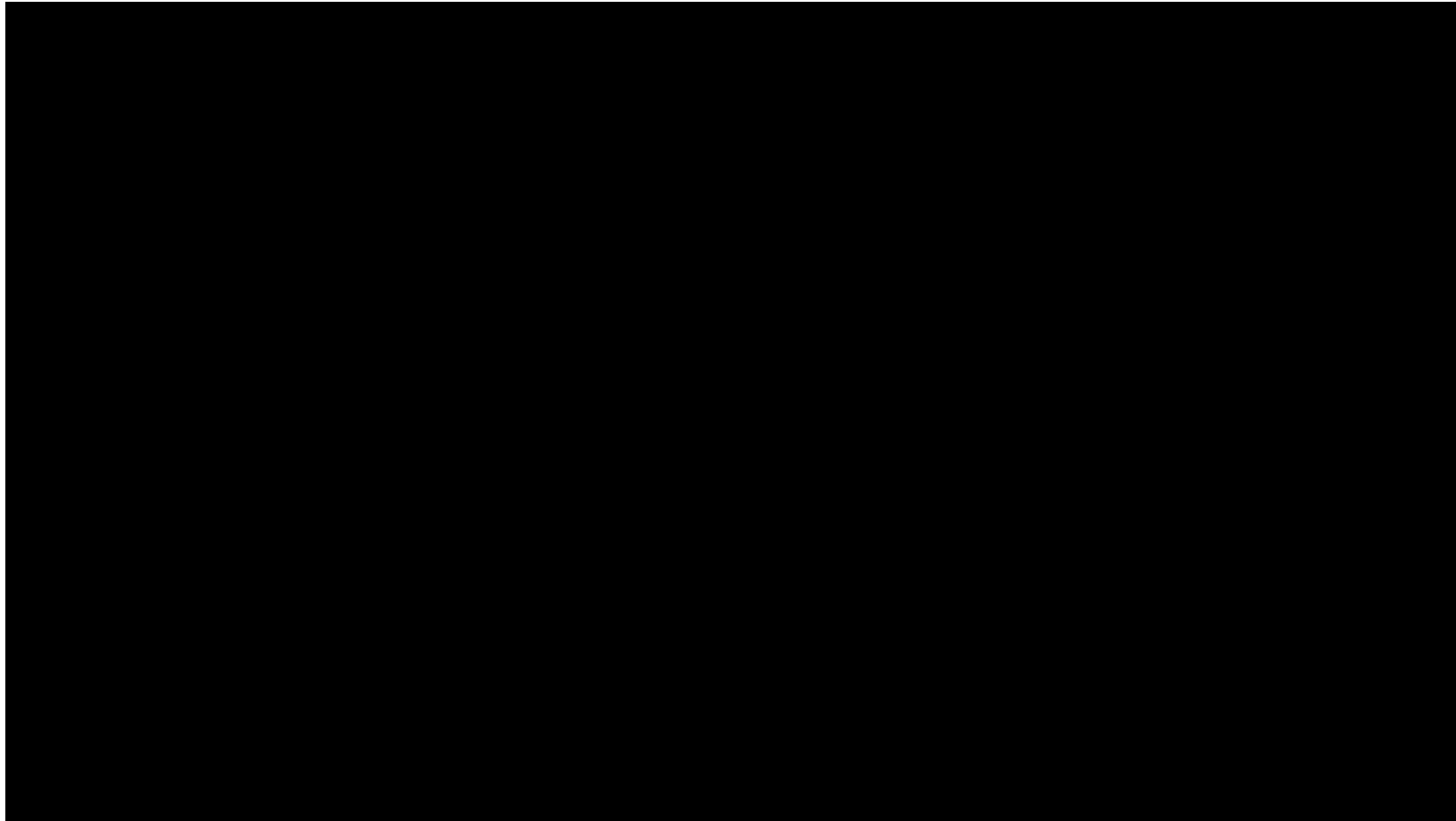
Case 5: Malignant CBD Stricture

- ▶ 85 years old patient with cholangiocarcinoma of the CBD with frequent visits for stent exchanges
- ▶ The patient is refusing any chemo-radiotherapy treatment and he is high risk for surgery

Case 5: Malignant CBD Stricture

- ▶ What else we can offer the patient with endoscopy which is proven to decrease the frequency of stent exchange?
- ▶ Percutaneous biliary (PTC) drain
- ▶ Antibiotics covered stents
- ▶ CBD ablation prior to stent placement
- ▶ Partially covered metal stent

Case 5: Malignant CBD Stricture



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- ▶ Teaching point
 - ▶ ERCP with cholangioscopy can assess the extent of CBD involvement with cholangiocarcinoma directing RFA therapy
 - ▶ ERCP with cholangioscopy can assess the effectiveness of CBD ablation and ensure the complete ablation of the entire involved segment.