Endoscopic ultrasound-directed transgastric endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography procedure for choledocholithiasis after sleeve gastrectomy and Roux-en-Y





Video 1 Endoscopic ultrasound-directed transgastric ERCP (EDGE) procedure for treatment of choledocholithiasis in a patient with a history of Rouxen-Y gastric bypass after sleeve gastrectomy.



Fig.2 Computed tomography showing successful placement of a percutaneous biliary drain and gastric pouch (arrows).



► Fig. 4 Fluoroscopic image of balloon dilation of the Axios LAMS creating a gastro-gastric fistula.



▶ Fig.1 Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography in a 65-year-old woman with a remote history of sleeve gastrectomy and subsequent Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgery, showing a filling defect consistent with a stone in the common bile duct.

The endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-directed transgastric endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) procedure (EDGE) is employed when patients have altered anatomy from Rouxen-Y bypass surgery for treatment of biliary pathology. The procedure involves placing a lumen-apposing metal stent (LAMS) from the gastric pouch into the excluded stomach to create a fistula in which an ERCP scope can traverse to



► Fig. 3 Fluoroscopic image of Axios lumen-apposing metal stent (LAMS) with guidewire passed through the gastro-gastric fistula.

Fig. 5 Fluoroscopic image of the Axios LAMS in final position creating a gastrogastric fistula.

reach the ampulla [1]. However, patients who have previously undergone sleeve gastrectomy and Roux-en-Y bypass have a significantly smaller anatomical field to manipulate, which poses a technical challenge for the endoscopist. The case we report here shows that EDGE can be performed successfully using a gastro-gastric approach (> Video 1).

The patient was a 65-year-old woman with a remote history of sleeve gastrectomy and subsequent Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgery who originally presented to another hospital complaining of severe epigastric abdominal pain with associated nausea, vomiting, and fever. Initial lab investigations suggested ascending cholangitis. Computed tomography (CT) demonstrated biliary ductal dilatation secondary to a distal common bile duct stone. Follow-up magnetic resonance imaging revealed choledocholithiasis (**> Fig. 1**). Traditional ERCP could not be performed because of the patient's history of Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgery. As a result, the patient underwent CTguided placement of an external biliary drainage catheter, which led to resolution

of the cholangitis (> Fig. 2). She was discharged with plans for an outpatient EDGE procedure for definitive treatment. Two months later, the patient underwent an EDGE procedure with a 20 mm × 10 mm Axios stent (Boston Scientific, Marlborough, Massachusetts, USA) (> Fig. 3, ▶ Fig. 4, ▶ Fig. 5). Stent placement was followed by ERCP (4th generation Exalt D single-use duodenoscope; Boston Scientific) with successful biliary sphincterotomy and placement of a 10 mm × 4 mm fully covered metal stent (Boston Scientific) due to distal stenosis of the common bile duct. Both stages of the procedure were performed in a single session because the referral was to a facility several hours away. The patient had no complications and was discharged shortly after with plans to return in the near future for LAMS removal.

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