

ERCP

PREPARATION

Your doctor will provide preparation information for this procedure.

PROCEDURE

This procedure demonstrates the anatomy of the biliary system for gallstones, and narrowing of the ducts due to other conditions. A gastroenterologist or surgeon inserts an endoscope (fibre-optic tube) through the mouth, esophagus and stomach and into the duodenum (1st part of the small bowel). A smaller tube from the endoscope is inserted into the common bile duct or the pancreatic duct and x-ray dye injected into the ducts to demonstrate abnormalities.

Mild sedation is used.

Time to perform: 45 minutes

Recovery time: 4 hours