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**ERCP - CHOLANGIO-PANCREATOGRAPHY-**

**This is an endoscopic examination where a tube is placed through the mouth. You will have a general anaesthetic and will be lying down on your abdomen (on an X-ray table). You will be given antibiotics (let us know if you have any allergies). This is usually a day procedure but if complications occur you may need to stay in hospital for longer.**



 **RISKS:**

* + **Bleeding-ensure you have stopped Aspirin, Plavix, Warfarin or other anti-platelet/anticoagulant for seven**

**Days prior to procedure**

* + **The need for another procedure-eg. Large stones may require further procedures to break the stone up.**
	+ **Perforation (hole in bowel) rare which may require an operation**
	+ **Pancreatitis- 10%; severe upper abdominal pain following procedure and you may need to stay in hospital for a few days/1 week until this settles. Severe pancreatitis is rare but if it occurs you may need a feeding tube and stay in hospital for a few weeks.**
	+ **To decrease pain and the risk of pancreatitis Dr Ahmed will place an Indocid suppository if appropriate.**

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