Endoscopy in Cholangiocarcinoma

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Cholangiocarcinoma constitutes the second most common primary liver cancer after hepatocellular carcinoma. It is particularly prevalent in regions where liver flukes are hyperendemic. Obstructive jaundice is the most common presentation. To evaluate patient suspected for cholangiocarcinoma, endoscopy is becoming more popular. Endoscopy can provide important informations especially cholangiogram and tissue diagnosis. Recently the role of endoscopy is not only for diagnosis but also for treatment. In this article, the roles of endoscopy for diagnosis, therapy and future modality of treatment for cholangiocarcinoma are provided.