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**"The Safety Sphincterotome: The Device, the Technique and Preliminary Results"**

**Background and study aims:** Endoscopic sphincterotomy is a widely used and safe procedure for the management of common bile duct stones, but little attention has been paid to the design of the sphincterotome and its influence upon risk of sphincterotomy. This study was undertaken to evaluate a sphincterotome, designed to incorporate known and original aspects which may contribute to safety.

**Conclusions:** Whilst more experience is necessary using the sphincterotome in the manner described, the absence of significant complications in all but one patient appears to support the philosophy behind the design of the sphincterotome.

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