

Question 37 – Week of October 27

Endoscopic management of chronic pancreatitis is more successful in those with advanced and “burned-out” disease after a number of years than in those with a limited duration of symptoms.

- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE

Answer: B

Results of both endoscopic stenting for chronic pancreatitis strictures and of ESWL plus endoscopy for pancreatic stones are better in those with shorter durations of symptomatic disease.

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