



## Guidance Documents

# ERCP performed outside of the endoscopy department

ERCP requires a combination of endoscopic and radiological expertise to visualise the biliary tree. Typically, the procedure is performed as a collaboration between endoscopy and radiology departments.

Consequently, ERCP often occurs within radiology. Sometimes ERCP/EUS is performed by a radiologist who has undergone specialist training in those techniques.

Following discussion with BSG, NHSE and BSGAR it is agreed that ERCP occurring outside of the endoscopy department, even if performed by a radiologist with specialised ERCP training, should be subject to the same training and governance standards as if it had occurred within the endoscopy department.

All “off unit” procedures should be reported on the ERS.

[221129 - document- JAG guide to the quality and safety standards for UK services 1.0.pdf \(thejag.org.uk\)](#)