

Pancreatogastrostomy - History and Current Evidence

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Abstract

Two anastomotic techniques are available for reconstruction after pancreatoduodenectomy: pancreatojejunostomy, which is the traditional and most widely used technique, and pancreatogastrostomy. The latter was introduced into clinical practice more than 50 years ago, and has recently received increasing attention due to favorable outcome when compared to pancreatojejunostomy in randomized controlled trials. We briefly review the history, current evidence and emerging applications of pancreatogastrostomy.

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