

If access to ERC and technical expertise is available, pre operative ERCP and stone extraction followed by laparoscopic cholecystectomy can be done. In situations where laparoscopy is well practiced, laparoscopic cholecystectomy and laparoscopic CBD exploration can be done. In all cases, an intraoperative cholangiogram must be done to document complete stone clearance from the CBD. The use of choledochoscopy has resulted in achieving more complete stone clearance.

CBD stones in the late postoperative period

If CBD stones are detected in the late post operative period following a cholecystectomy, the management depends on whether the patient has a T tube in situ or not. If the patient has a T tube in situ, stones can be removed after the tract is mature using the T tube tract under fluoroscopy guidance. If the T tube has been removed, patient can be referred for endoscopic stone removal.
