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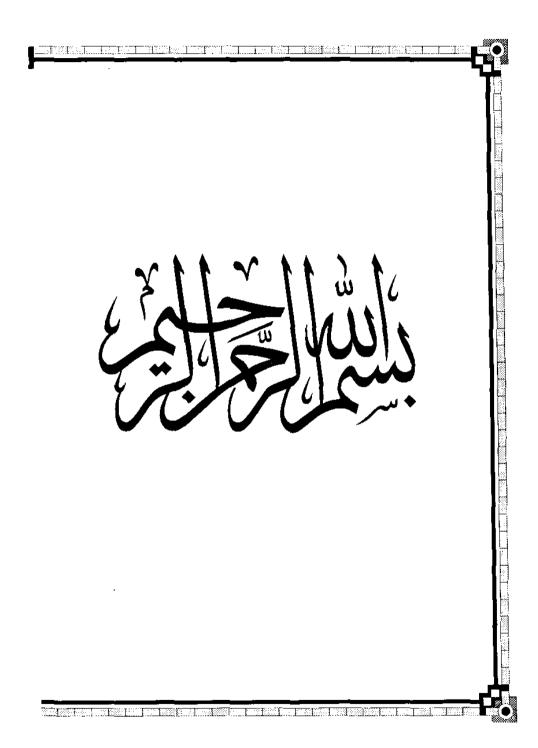
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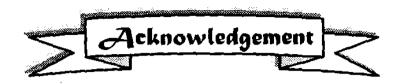
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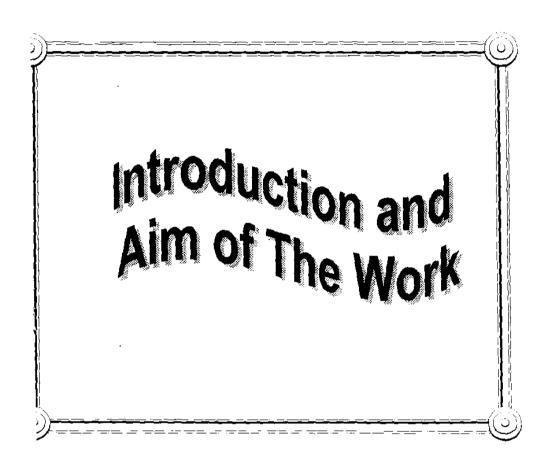
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Introduction And Aim of The Work

Benign bile duct strictures represent one of the most difficult challenges that a biliary surgeon may face.

Before the advent of laparoscopic techniques, the incidence of major bile duct injury after cholecystectomy was thought to be fairly steady at about 1 in 300 - 500 procedure (0.2% - 0.3%) (Garden, 1991).

Although rates of bile duct injury reported vary considerably, in survey series after laparoscopic cholecystectomy, a bile duct injury rate of ten times that associated with open cholecystectomy was reported (Deziel et al., 1993).

Also malignant obstruction of the common hepatic duct can result from a number of causes, the most common cause is cholangiocarcinoma, but gallbladder carcinoma, primary or secondary liver tumors or certain gastric or pancreatic cancers can also be responsible (Traynor et al., 1987).

All of these pose a similar management problem which is the relief of obstructive jaundice.

Surgical decompression in obstructive jaundice caused by benign or malignant stricture is best obtained by biliary - enteric anastomosis mostly between common hepatic duct and jejunum.

When this approach is rendered difficult in high bile duct stricture or impossible because of tumor or dense fibrosis perhaps involving a variable length of hepatic ducts, adequate drainage can be obtained by biliary eneric anastomosis to the left or right hepatic duct, or to the confluence of the hepatic ducts.

The aim of this work is to evaluate biliary - enteric anastomosis in relation to feasibility, operative complications and risk involved, advantages, disadvantages, limitations and effectiveness.

