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Importance of rapid on-site evaluation during endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle biopsy in solid pancreatic lesions

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METHODS

We retrospectively reviewed the data from 40 EUS-FNB procedures with ROSE for solid pancreatic lesions at Semmelweis University's Institute of Pancreatic Diseases since November **2023**. Patient demographics, lesion characteristics, histological findings, and procedural outcomes were documented and analyzed to evaluate the diagnostic utility.

Solid pancreatic lesions present diagnostic challenges, requiring advanced techniques for accurate tissue acquisition. Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine-needle biopsy (EUS-FNB) is now a key diagnostic approach due to its high safety and reliability. Rapid on-site evaluation (ROSE) during EUS-FNB further improves its diagnostic yield, allowing real-time assessment of sample adequacy and facilitating immediate decision-making. Despite its benefits, the **European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy** recommends further evidence for its utility. According to a recent survey on practice patterns in EUS guided sampling, ROSE was available to 48 % of responders from Europe, 55 % of responders from Asia, and almost all responders (98 %) from the US.





40 EUS-FNB procedure - Institute of Pancreatic Diseases, SE	
22G FNB needles with a mean needle passes three	22G FNB needles with a mean needle passes four
Mean diameter: 31.8 x 27.3 mm	Mean diameter: 25 x 20 mm
73%: hypoechogenic; 27%: heterogeneous echogenicity	74%: hypoechogenic; 6%: heterogeneous echogenicity, 20% cystosus
Histological analysis - adenocarcinoma: 50% normal histology: 20% other malignancies: 10%; other pathology: 20%	Histological analysis – adenocarcinoma: 37.5% normal histology - 20% other malignancies: 22.5% pseudocyst or chronic pancreatitis: 15% insufficient tissue sample: 5%







EUS-FNB has a crucial role in the diagnosis of solid pancreatic lesions and provides valuable guidance for clinicians in selecting therapy. When paired with ROSE, it might decrease the need for repeated procedures.



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