

Biliary Atresia in Infancy: From Kasai Portoenterostomy to Liver Transplantation

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Biliary atresia is a common hepatobiliary problem in infancy and the commonest cause for liver transplantation in children. All of them present with prolonged jaundice, pale stools and dark urine. Once diagnosed they must undergo Kasai portoenterostomy to establish the bile flow. However, Kasai portoenterostomy is not curative and only buy time for the transplantation. Caring children after the surgery is challenging and time-consuming. It is essential to look at several aspects including nutrition, management of complications such as portal hypertension and preparation them for liver transplantation.