**Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is performed to study the condition of the bile ducts and pancreatic ducts. It is a combination of endoscopy and X-ray examination after the introduction of a contrast agent into the bile and pancreatic ducts. In addition to obtaining images of the biliary tract and pancreas, ERCP allows you to examine the upper gastrointestinal tract and periampular area, as well as perform a biopsy or perform surgery.**

**Indications for ERCP are pain in the abdomen, right hypochondrium, epigastric region, chronic diseases of the bile and pancreatic ducts, suspicion of the presence of concretions in the bile and pancreatic ducts, pancreatic diseases, mechanical jaundice of unknown origin, suspicion of a tumor of the pancreatoduodenal zone, etc.**

**Depending on the results obtained, some manipulations may be performed right at the time of the examination: endoscopic dilation of pathologically narrowed bile ducts (stenting), stone removal, sphincterotomy, etc.**