



Figure 6-6. A malignant CBD stricture seen via ERCP in a patient with pancreatic cancer. The distal common duct is tightly stenosed (arrow), and the proximal intra- and extrahepatic ducts are all dilated.

- **Cholangiocarcinoma:** Primary bile duct cancer is referred to as *cholangiocarcinoma*. Cholangiocarcinoma usually results in an intrinsic biliary stricture. The most common location for bile duct stricture in patients with cholangiocarcinoma is at the common hepatic duct where it bifurcates into the left and right hepatic ducts (although cholangiocarcinoma can develop anywhere in the biliary tree). Patients can develop combined left- and right-sided biliary obstruction from a cholangiocarcinoma. Patients with