

The pancreatic duct will join the common bile duct just before the ampulla Vater. The pancreatic duct is also known as the duct of Wirsung or the major pancreatic duct. It is common to have only one pancreatic duct, but some people can also have an additional accessory pancreatic duct, which is known as the duct of Santorini. Piled-up bile from obstructed events can lead to pancreatitis.

Major Duodenal Papilla

[Major Dodo-denim Paper](#)

The major duodenal papilla, or papilla of Vater, is a rounded projection in the second part of the duodenum where the common bile duct and pancreatic duct drain their secretions to the duodenum. The circular muscle sphincter of Oddi surrounds it, and it collects substances from the ampulla of Vater.

Ampulla Vater

[Amp-pull-up Vader](#)

Ampulla Vater is the meeting area between the common bile and pancreatic ducts. It is named the ampulla because it is a common bile duct dilation part. It is also known as the hepatopancreatic ampulla or the hepatopancreatic duct. Cancer of the ampulla vater can be seen in the presence of Thomas's sign, characterized by silver stools.

Sphincter of Oddi

[Sphinx O-D](#)

The sphincter of Oddi is a circular muscle wrapping the major duodenal papilla. It is used to control the flow of bile from the gallbladder and pancreatic juice from the pancreas to the duodenum. Obstruction in the common bile duct can cause inadequate drainage of the pancreatic juice, causing pancreatitis.

Minor Duodenal Papilla

[Miner Dodo-denim Paper](#)

The minor duodenal papilla is a projection from the accessory pancreatic duct to the duodenum. It can be present in some people, and in others, it may not be present at all.