



Clinical Applications of Endoscopic Technology in Pancreaticobiliary Disease

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

There have been numerous advances in the area of pancreaticobiliary endoscopy since the turn of this century, leading to improved patient outcomes. This includes advances in access to the pancreaticobiliary tree, as well as diagnostic and therapeutic interventions. The direct access to the bile duct and pancreatic duct, when ERCP fails, using endoscopic ultrasound guidance has become common practice such that IR-guided percutaneous biliary drainage is rarely needed in centers where interventional endoscopists are available. Similarly, gall bladder drainage using EUS guidance is replacing percutaneous cholecystostomy in patients with acute cholecystitis who are not deemed surgical candidates. Our diagnostic skills have also improved due to advances in single operator cholangioscopy and pancreatoscopy with diagnostic and interventional tools. This Special Issue focuses on the application of endoscopic technology in pancreaticobiliary diseases.

Most sincerely,

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