



Anorectal and Colorectal Surgery: Current Challenges and Future Prospects

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Message from the Guest Editor

Minimally invasive surgery for advanced colorectal cancer is a sophisticated procedure that achieves functional preservation and oncologic curability. However, there is insufficient evidence for the effectiveness of laparoscopic and robotic surgery in achieving these goals.

We would like to present the outcomes of laparoscopic, robot-assisted colorectal surgery and taTME from the perspective of both radical cure and functional preservation, as well as discuss emerging challenges and the new techniques and strategies used to overcome them.

In addition, multidisciplinary treatment has improved the outcomes of rectal cancer. Highly invasive lesions (direct invasion of the anterolateral region, lateral lymph node metastasis, major vascular invasion, and local recurrence) can determine the prognosis. This Special Issue aims to report on these surgeries, including the techniques used and results achieved, with the hope of promoting further advances in this field.





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