

Special Issue on
**Novel Approaches in Therapeutic Gastrointestinal
Endoscopy**

CALL FOR PAPERS

In the past four decades, gastrointestinal endoscopy has transformed from a pure diagnostic tool to a powerful and yet minimally invasive therapeutic modality. Procedures like endoscopic sphincterotomy, biliary stone extraction, endoscopic hemostasis, and polypectomy sound simple today. However, those were breakthrough techniques which have rapidly replaced major surgical operations resulting in great benefit for patients. In the last years, endoscopy has progressively evolved, pushing the frontiers towards more radical approaches. For example, transgastric drainage and retroperitoneal necrosectomy have revolutionized the treatment of necrotizing pancreatitis and were the first steps to transmural interventions. With the development of effective closure techniques and devices during the NOTES (Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery) era, endoscopic treatment of perforations has become feasible and is already part of clinical routine. This also led to the introduction of full-thickness resection techniques allowing effective endoscopic treatment of difficult-to-resect neoplasms. Apart from transmural interventions, the novel concept of submucosal endoscopy has led to innovative techniques like POEM (Peroral Endoscopy Myotomy) and STER (Submucosal Tunneling Endoscopic Resection). Last but not least, novel approaches for creation of endoscopic anastomoses using lumen-apposing stents have been developed and are already subject to clinical evaluation.

We invite investigators to contribute original research articles as well as review articles that seek to introduce, to evaluate, or to review novel approaches in interventional gastrointestinal endoscopy.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ Biliary and pancreatic interventions in benign and malignant conditions
- ▶ Novel approaches in small bowel enteroscopy
- ▶ EUS-guided therapy
- ▶ Endoscopic resection techniques
- ▶ Novel endoscopic devices
- ▶ Submucosal or transmural endoscopic approaches
- ▶ Bariatric endoscopy
- ▶ Novel hemostasis techniques
- ▶ Endoscopic management of complications

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