

## Special Issue on Third Space Endoscopy and Beyond

# CALL FOR PAPERS

For decades since the invention of flexible endoscopes, the fear dreaded by gastrointestinal endoscopists has been inadvertent injury to the gastrointestinal wall, leading to a full-thickness perforation. New endoscopic techniques have intentionally breached the luminal wall, shattering previously perceived barriers of traditional endoscopy. The third space (submucosa) is the potential space between the muscularis mucosa and the muscularis propria of the gastrointestinal wall. Ventures into the “third space” have been proven to be safe and effective for therapeutic endoscopists. The proliferation of techniques such as endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) and peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) has opened new horizons to enable therapeutic interventions to be performed in the muscularis propria layer or in the mediastinum or peritoneum. These breakthrough techniques are rapidly replacing major surgical operations, resulting in great benefit to patients. New device innovations including over-the-scope clips and endoscopic suturing have facilitated durable closure of the gastrointestinal wall at the conclusion of these procedures.

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

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ Peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM)
- ▶ Gastric peroral endoscopic myotomy (G-POEM)
- ▶ Zenker’s diverticulotomy
- ▶ Submucosal tunneling endoscopic resection (STER)
- ▶ Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD)
- ▶ Endoscopic full-thickness resection (EFTR)
- ▶ Endoscopic management of complications

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