BOOK REVIEW

G Gozzetti, A Mazziotti, L Bolondi, L Barbara *Intraoperative Ultrasonography in Hepato-Biliary and Pancreatic Surgery – A Practical Guide*. Edited by Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, Boston, London, 1989 (183 pages) ISBN 0-7923-0261-3

This book is truly a practical guide for anyone wanting to use the new technology of intraoperative ultrasonography. It is written by members from a European group of pioneers in this field at the University of Bologna. The book starts with a chapter on Physical Principles and Instrumentation and Exploration Technique and Ultrasound Terminology. Thereafter follows Application in Hepatic Surgery, Biliary Tract Surgery, Pancreatic Surgery and Surgery for Portal Hypertension and Liver Transplantation.

The text is well written and concise and it is illustrated by high quality ultrasonographic images. These are mostly explained by drawings as well as indication of the position of the probe on the organ. This approach further justifies the title *A Practical Guide*.

The book is written by four specialists, including both surgeons and gastroenterologists and I think this is a good example of how this new technique should be explored, i.e. by the organ specialist irrespective of belonging to a profession. The wide clinical application of this technique is illustrated plentiful in the book. This is soon evident to the reader of the book. The book can be highly recommended to any surgeon or physician who wants to be introduced into the use of ultrasonography in upper GI disease and surgery.

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