

Special Issue

Palliation of Gastrointestinal Tumors with Lumen Apposing Metal Stents

Message from the Guest Editors

Endoscopic stents are designed to prevent constriction or collapse of a tubular portion of gastrointestinal (GI) tract and currently used in management of variety of diseases of the esophagus, stomach, small bowel, colon, and bilio-pancreatic system. Common indications of endoscopic stents include reestablishment or maintenance of luminal patency in cases of malignant obstruction, as well as sealing transmural defects and diverting luminal contents in leaks, fistulae, or perforations. Other indication is to determine a bypass able to drive the luminal content downstream a malignant obstruction. Recently lumen-apposing metal stents (LAMS) determined a paradigm shift in the scenario of endoscopic palliation of GI malignant tumors thanks to their large diameter and the easy procedure. Aim of this Special issue is to collect the recent cutting-edge evidence on the use and application of LAMS in the field and to provide an overview on the clinical and technical results achieved with these newer devices. The topic of this special issue is focused specifically on the palliation of malignant GI conditions. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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