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Endoscopic Diagnostics for Pancreatobiliary Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

Endoscopic diagnostics for gastrointestinal cancer have greatly advanced with the advancement of endoscopic apparatus and improved the prognosis of patients with gastrointestinal cancer. On the other hand, for pancreatobiliary disorders, including cancer, they are only now developing, and the prognosis of pancreatic cancer remains very poor. To diagnose pancreatobiliary disorders, radiologic methods such as CT or MRI have been the main ones used despite their limitations, while endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) or endoscopic retrograde pancreatocholangiography (ERCP) have begun to play a role through newly developed methods, for example, EUS-fine needle aspiration (EUS-FNA) or serial pancreatic-juice aspiration cytologic examination (SPACE). The aim of this Special Issue is to clarify the role played for diagnosing pancreatobiliary disorders through endoscopic methods.

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