



## Clinical Application of Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection in Malignant Gastrointestinal Tumors and Precursors

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Dear Colleagues,

Advanced healthcare systems support systematic screening programs for the diagnosis of premalignant and early malignant lesions. To ensure maximum benefit for patients, these findings should be treated using minimally invasive techniques. This not only improves prognosis but also contributes to anatomical and functional organ preservation.

Within the gastrointestinal tract, the most advanced endoscopic technique for achieving these goals is endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD). Depending on the results of pretherapeutic staging, more invasive options, such as surgical resection, radiation, or systemic medical therapies, might represent the preferred choice. This underscores the critical importance of the staging process.

In this Special Issue, we are gathering original data on advanced endoscopic imaging and staging, along with the application of ESD in the esophagus, stomach, duodenum, and colorectum. Reviews on ESD, highlighting its advantages and drawbacks within the therapeutic network, will complement this virtual collection of articles. We warmly invite researchers to contribute to our project.





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