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New Insights into Pancreatic Surgery

Message from the Guest Editors

The number of pancreatic surgeries is increasing every year. There are several reasons, but the most remarkable are the increase in diagnosed pancreatic cancers and the more frequent diagnosis of other pancreatic diseases for which surgery is now considered as an option due to their possibility of malignancy transformation. This has meant that surgical indications have expanded steadily. The main problems facing pancreatic surgery are the high incidence of postoperative major complications and the low but remarkable mortality. The centralization in high-volume centers; technical advances, such as minimally invasive surgery approaches, including robotic surgery; and the standardization of surgical procedures have decreased the complication rates. However, more complex cases (patients with arterial involvement or neoadjuvant chemotherapy) are evaluated daily. Surgeons had also implemented several healthcare tools to measure and improve surgical results (textbook outcomes, failure to rescue, benchmarking, fistula risk scores, etc.).

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