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Laparoscopy and Treatment: An All-Encompassing Solution for Surgeons

Message from the Guest Editors

In an era where patient-reported outcomes have become more important, one of the tools that every surgeon should have in their bag is diagnostic laparoscopy. This versatile instrument can serve as a diagnostic confirmation and definitive treatment.

Through a couple of trocars placed into the abdomen, a surgeon can diagnose a variety of surgical ailments, such as bowel infarction, the site of obstruction in bowel obstruction, occult hernias, and, last but not least, trauma. In addition, the oncological field is another place where it shines: intraperitoneal tumors, peritoneal carcinomatosis, and superficial liver metastases that were not identified upon imaging. Staging laparoscopy is recommended for pancreatic and gastric cancers, thus providing a potential indication for radical surgery. Laparoscopy is not only diagnostic, but after identifying the nature of the surgical disease one can perform various laparoscopic surgeries with net advantages when compared to the open approach.

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