

Special Issue

State of the Art in Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery

Message from the Guest Editor

Relatively slow progress has been made in the field of hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery compared to other fields. The proximity to major vessels, complexity of anatomoses and overall difficulty of operations all impede the application of new technology, such as laparoscopy and robotic surgery. However, recently, amazing advancements have been made in our field. In 1991, Professor Reich reported the first laparoscopic hepatectomy. In 1994, Professors Gagner and Pomp reported the first laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy. Professor Giulianotti performed the first robot-assisted pancreaticoduodenectomy in 2001. Thanks to many such pioneering advancements and the efforts of surgical societies around the world, minimally invasive hepatectomy and pancreatectomy have become commonplace. With the advent of robotic surgery and artificial intelligence, we are entering a new era, which has challenges and drawbacks. In this issue, we will present state-of-the-art research in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery.

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The amazing world of the surgical sciences consistently grows thanks to innovations, technologic and robotic changes, and lastly to the progress in artificial intelligence. Nevertheless the human factor still remains fundamental in all the fields of Surgery. Individual skills in surgical techniques and multidisciplinary approaches are strengthening the patient care options and efficiency. Our journal wishes to become the spotlight for different surgical specialties such as general surgery and endoscopy, oncological surgery, plastic surgery, head and neck, gynecology, thoracic surgery, orthopedics, neurosurgery and other fields. Progress in recent years has led surgical technologies and procedures to extend to several specialties, thus the need for a journal to collect all related topics. Therefor, *Surgical Techniques Development* will encourage multidisciplinary contributions.

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