

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said, “Everything changes and nothing remains still.” This utterance basically echoes the development of the diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic diseases, which we witnessed revolutionary changes throughout history.

Endoscopic ultrasonography has become an essential diagnostic tool for pancreatic lesions and tumors. Pancreatic surgery has been more personalized owing to the coming of age of perioperative care. Laparoscopic surgery is now more accepted due to the insatiable demand from patients and surgeons. Although debates remain hot on the use of minimally invasive surgery, such as the capability of laparoscopic surgery in treating pancreatic cancer, and the effectiveness of laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy, more and more pancreatic surgeries have been performed by means of minimally invasive methods. Besides, robotic surgery has been introduced to overcome the drawbacks of laparoscopic surgery with regard to the degree of freedom. Moreover, there have been a number of ongoing attempts to prevail over postoperative complications and pancreatic fistula. The development of adjuvant and neoadjuvant therapies has also reached new heights in examining the malignancies of pancreatic tumors, which only few armamentaria were available in the past.

Hardly can usual textbooks include timely contents, as the entire process of turning concepts into end products requires significant time. However, this textbook incorporates newly published articles of best quality from journals of AME Publishing Company to ensure a broad coverage of cutting-edge knowledge and state-of-the-art techniques over the field of pancreatic diseases.

In this rapidly evolving world, we believe this textbook will serve as an excellent source of in season knowledge and up-to-date technical information for physicians and surgeons in the field of pancreatic diseases to open up new horizons and ultimately benefit patients whom we treat with sincere passion.

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