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Preface

Cancers of the gastrointestinal tract are among the leading causes of cancer-related deaths in the USA and worldwide. Surgical intervention remains the only means for cure in these cancers. Tremendous advances in surgical technology have changed the way that we perform the operations to remove these cancers. Minimally invasive and robotic technologies are now routinely used, yet open operations remain the gold standard. This surgery textbook will provide an educational resource of modern and advanced operative techniques for patients with cancers of the gastrointestinal tract. The textbook will provide a step-by-step surgical approach, highlighting key learning points and potential operative pitfalls. When appropriate, two or more approaches to an operative procedure will be presented to provide perspective on different surgical techniques. In select circumstances the written descriptions will be paired with video presentations of the cancer operation. This textbook will serve as a reference manual for surgeons at all levels of training and also for surgeons in practice who seek to reinforce or learn new surgical techniques. The chapters have been written by experts in their fields and include up-to-date scientific and clinical information.

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