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Barrett’s esophagus (BE) is among the most common conditions encountered by the endoscopist, diagnosed in people who have long-term gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and other risk factors (more than 50 years old, male, Caucasian, current or past smoking). Despite only a small percentage of people with GERD developing BE, its link with an increased risk of developing esophageal cancer requires a higher attention to this condition.

Nowadays, BE is very well studied in tertiary centers where the patients are often referred. Nevertheless, most of the endoscopists are not at ease with this disease, and, sometimes, they are not up to date about how to manage it. For these reasons, too often patients with GERD are endoscopically studied superficially and BE cases are not recognized. Then, if it is justified to send a patient with BE to a reference center for the most appropriate therapy, it is mandatory that all endoscopists would know how to recognize it in the best way.

The purpose of this book is to review the definition, epidemiology, diagnostic procedures, and therapeutic techniques of BE, providing a pragmatic framework for the care of such patients.

Structured in four parts (morphologic backgrounds, epidemiology and natural history, diagnosis, and treatments), this handbook benefits from the contributions of some of the world’s leading experts on the management of BE, and, I hope, it will be able to transfer their knowledge to the reader.

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