
BOOK REVIEW: GASTROENTEROLOGIE [GASTROENTEROLOGY] BY GABRIEL CONSTANTINESCU**Publisher: Niculescu, Bucuresti, 2014****559 pages****ISBN 978-973-748-857-2**

Here is a remarkable book by Associate Professor Gabriel Constantinescu from Bucharest, a well-known endoscopist with experience in emergency settings. His long time interest in interventional endoscopic procedures, but also in clinical gastroenterology, made possible the appearance of this publication.

The book is written with the help of his staff from the Bucharest Emergency Clinic, Gastroenterology Department. It has the following structure:

Part 1, entitled "Gastroenterology in 2014", is an introduction chapter that analyzes the relation between clinical practice and the new endoscopic procedures that are available at present. The second part of the book is divided into thirty-eight subchapters, presenting in logical order the main gastrointestinal disorders. All subchapters are structured according to the following steps: terminology, prevalence, etiology, pathology, clinical presentation, paraclinical investigation, differential diagnosis, evolution, complications, and treatment.

Two extensive and updated subchapters describe new techniques in the field of digestive echo-endoscopy and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP). Given the fact that anticoagulant and antiaggregant therapy must have a multidisciplinary approach, a separate subchapter elaborately explains the complex management

of prophylactic strategy in cardiac disorders. Furthermore, the impact of cardiac failure on hepatic function is presented in a practical, useful manner. Synthetic and concise, as required for a practical work, the book reflects the scientific level of the year 2014. There are also new approaches in the field of genetics, immunohistochemistry, molecular biology and neurogastroenterology. The approach of the functional digestive disorders comprises a detailed presentation of new therapeutic developments and diagnostic methods.

The last part includes an appendix for practical use, consisting in useful images taken during endoscopic procedures, echo-endoscopy and minimally invasive surgery. An extensive and updated reference list shows the reliable literature search undertaken by the authors.

This book should be a valuable reference text for a wide range of medical practitioners: students, internal medicine and gastroenterology residents, specialists, but also general practitioners who are looking for an applied comprehensive text on how new diagnostic methods influence the quality of medical practice, based on a complete and unbiased assessment of the scientific evidence. Special compliments to the publisher for the excellent graphic presentation.

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