

**GASTROENTEROLOGIE,  
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The authors of this recently published book attempt to cover virtually the entire scope of topics that define clinical gastroenterology. The goal of this textbook, as stated by the authors, is to meet the often found need for a practical overview centered on the treatment of digestive diseases, but not without mentioning the definitions, diagnostic criteria and physiopathology elements that justify the treatment methods.

This book is the joint effort of Dan Olteanu, professor of gastroenterology and internal medicine at "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, "Spitalul Universitar de Urgenta", with over 100 published papers and presentations at Romanian and international conferences, Mihail Radu Voiosu also a professor at UMF "Carol Davila", the founder of the digestive endoscopy laboratory at "Colentina" Clinical Hospital, sole author of "Gastroenterologie Clinica" (2006) [Clinical Gastroenterology] and "Endoscopia digestiva diagnostica si clinica" (2002) [Clinical and diagnostic digestive endoscopy], coordinator of "Compendiu de gastroenterologie" (2004) [Compendium of gastroenterology], together with 31 other physicians specialized in different fields.

"Gastroenterology - therapeutic manual" is divided into two volumes that cover pathology from an organ oriented approach. The two volumes are generally well organized, the chapters are clearly written, understandable and make extensive use of tables and algorithms to convey

much of the information.

The first volume contains four chapters that include the pathology of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas and non-variceal digestive bleeding. The second one is three times larger, has six chapters and consist of subjects like bowel pathology, hepatology and the pathology of the abdominal cavity.

A welcomed addition is the nutrition chapter and the "other therapeutic aspects in gastroenterology" chapter that includes interesting but less popular subjects as the interference between gastroenterology and rheumatology, or experimental therapies in hepatology.

Because of its clinical orientation, the underlying mechanisms and pathophysiology of diseases are only summarized but are most likely extensive enough for the targeted reader.

The target audience for this book includes internal medicine doctors, trainees in gastroenterology, medical students, as well as gastroenterologists. However, the size of the book makes it likely that the only cover-to-cover readers will be trainees preparing for examinations.

Young clinicians would do well to have this textbook on the shelf, to consult when they encounter unfamiliar clinical problems, but the specialists seeking comprehensive reviews or a discussion of less usual topics will want a more detailed book.

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