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Endoscopic therapy for Barrett's esophagus (BE) has come of age. This is documented by the publication of a randomized controlled trial of one modality and an abstract of a randomized sham-controlled trial of another. The goal of this book is to highlight and detail the differing techniques of ablation for the elimination of neoplasia and intestinal metaplasia in BE. The authors are all experts in the utilization of endoscopic therapy for BE. The latest developments in technology and the most recent clinical data are reviewed.

Additional chapters on endoscopic imaging modalities to detect dysplasia, decision making in the clinical arena, and cost-effectiveness of ablation round out this approach to the management of BE.

High-grade dysplasia and early (intramucosal) adenocarcinoma should not lead to automatic esophagectomy in the current era. Familiarity with the availability of ablation techniques is essential for every clinician dealing with patients with Barrett's esophagus.

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