

# Preface

Gastrointestinal bleeding is a common medical problem that is managed by clinicians in a variety of medical specialties. Management of upper GI bleeding, in particular, underwent a major transition with the advent of proton pump inhibitor therapy. This transitioned this previously common surgical problem into a predominantly medically managed disease. Newer techniques in gastroenterology and radiology have found utility throughout the gastrointestinal tract and have minimized the necessity for major operations for bleeding. This has also led to major crossover between specialties in the management of GI pathology.

This second edition of *Gastrointestinal Bleeding: A Practical Approach to Diagnosis and Management* provides a foundation for learning for medical students, interns, residents, and practitioners across specialties who encounter these critically ill and difficult to manage patients.

Clinicians who have a common interest in the gastrointestinal tract have collaborated in the construction of this text. This effort has brought together surgeons, gastroenterologists, and radiologists, to carefully chronicle the presentation, diagnosis, and management of modern day causes of gastrointestinal bleeding. These coauthors concentrate on some of the latest innovations in the endoluminal and minimally invasive techniques that characterize the current approaches to these diseases. Emphasis has been placed on minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutic techniques including capsule endoscopy, double-balloon endoscopy, laparoscopic peptic ulcer surgery, and angiographic diagnosis and management techniques. The text has been written in such a way that the reader can quickly review a specific cause of GI bleeding prior to managing of such a patient. We expect this text will be used with the same immediacy as the diseases present.

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