
PREFACE

Endoscopic ultrasound has revolutionized the approach to lesions inside and outside the gastrointestinal tract. It has opened the door for gastroenterologists to explore organs outside of the GI lumen, such as the lymph nodes, lung, pancreas, and liver. Few textbooks provide detailed information on the techniques, indications, and the future of EUS, and the technology is advancing rapidly. The purpose of this text is to provide an updated reference on endoscopic ultrasound, as well as focus on new and expanding technologies related to this field.

The key to understanding endoscopic ultrasound is the instrumentation and technology, which are addressed in the opening chapters. Following chapters describe the utility of EUS in different parts of the body and compartmentalizing it as is done in practice. At the end of the book, the pioneers in the field summarize new studies and the direction of EUS in practice.

By spanning the spectrum of EUS from basics to the new and latest technologies, we believe it will be a valuable resource to physicians and support staff who are beginning EUS, as well as trained ultrasonographers who wish to arm themselves with a comprehensive reference and explore the future of the field.