



Advances in Proctology and Colorectal Surgery

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Dear Colleagues,

Recent years have seen major changes in the treatment and surgical approach to colorectal pathologies. These changes were driven by technological developments, changes in concepts regarding treatment options and the movement towards personalized treatment. Technological progress has led to a gradual adoption of robotic surgery for colorectal resections, the use of trans-anal microsurgery and advanced laparoscopic use. Conceptual changes can be seen in several fields, such as in IBD when upfront surgery in limited disease of Chron's patients became a valid option, or in the growing use of total neoadjuvant treatment for patients with rectal cancer to achieve a complete response in order to avoid surgery on one hand and upfront surgery without preoperative irradiation in other patients on the other. As a further example, progress in the research of stem cells has led to their use in anorectal diseases such as perianal fistulas and fissures.

The aim of this Special Issue is to provide a platform for the presentation of recent research regarding advances in proctology and colorectal surgery.





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