Editorial

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This issue consists of articles describing experiences of esophageal surgery in the Indian subcontinent. Thoracoscopic esophagectomy has gained popularity ever since it was first described [1]. The June issue of 2013 addressed esophageal cancers including robotic, video assisted thoracoscopic procedures and integrated multimodal therapy. An article indicating its usefulness of this in the elderly is written. Advantage includes minimal invasiveness apart from magnifying effect. Oncologic outcomes remain unanswered, as neither the techniques are standardized nor would it be feasible to complete a randomized trial in reasonable time. Two other articles on esophagus are interesting. One of them is from a regional

cancer centre indicating their experience while the other is a prospective study of lymphadenectomy in esophageal cancer.

Another interesting emerging area is in liver surgery termed mesohepatectomy. [2, 3]. It is a new development in hepatic resections in the last decade and this has been addressed in the review on emerging techniques of hepatic resection. It is a challenging procedure described for centrally placed tumors as an alternative for extended hepatectomies when liver function is compromised [4, 5]. Various modifications like extraparenchymal control of hepatic veins and intrahepatic Glissonian approach have been described [6, 7]. Other versions called the mini-mesohepatectomy and irregular mesohepatectomy have also been described. It would be interesting to look into the Indian experience in this area.

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