Pancreatic surgery

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It is a real pleasure to act as Guest Editors of this special issue of *Updates in Surgery* dedicated to pancreatic surgery.

We would like to thank the Editors of the journal for this important duty.

Pancreatic surgery has greatly improved in recent years both as volume of operations and results after surgery.

Thanks to better knowledge of pathogenetic mechanisms of diseases, refined diagnostic methods, and improved surgical techniques, operative mortality after surgery has dramatically decreased at least in high volume centers; post operative morbidity, even if not showing a concomitant decrease, is now better controlled, and complications are more effectively treated with a consequent reduction in reoperation rate.

This collective issue grouped together some of the renowned experts in the field of pancreatic surgery from different parts of the world.

Reviews and original articles address most of the controversial and hottest topics in pancreatic surgery, such as indications and results of minimally invasive pancreatic resections, either laparoscopic or robotics, current applications of ERAS principles, role of local treatments, and much others.

We do really hope that readers will appreciate our efforts and those of all the contributors with the aim of increasing the quality and efficacy of the scientific level of *Updates in Surgery*.

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