Foreword

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The current issue of the Indian Journal of Surgery not only contains a superb review of the management of pancreatic cancer, but also contains articles on the management of acute and chronic pancreatitis and the use of islet cell transplantation following total pancreatectomy. The authors of these articles are a mix of international experts, and experts from India. Starting with the epidemiology and diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, the surgical management of the disease is well described. The management of cystic neoplasms, particularly IPMNs, is also nicely discussed. Neuroendocrine, or islet cell tumors have been recognized with an increasing frequency in recent years, and their management is discussed. The two most common complications following a Whipple procedure, delayed gastric emptying and pancreatic fistulas and their management are outlined. Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the USA, and probably throughout Europe. It has been diagnosed with increased frequency in Asia and South America. This issue of this journal contains an excellent review and update of the topic, and is an excellent overview.

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