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## Introduction

This book, entitled *International Practices in Pancreatic Surgery*, represents the somewhat unique method of allowing high-visibility pancreatic surgeons from around the globe to discuss and compare their approaches to pancreatic cancer, cystic neoplasms of the pancreas, chronic pancreatitis, and acute pancreatitis. This book may serve as a code of practice for residents as well as specialized pancreatic surgeons in the clinical practice of pancreatic surgery. Diagnosis and subsequent management, from evaluation/staging to operative treatment, are described clearly, and the many forms of operative techniques are described, concentrating on the important details. The prevention and the treatment of common complications are included. Superb photos and drawings complement the comprehensive descriptions of the various surgical treatments for pancreatic cancer, cystic neoplasms of the pancreas, and chronic and acute pancreatitis. We specifically avoided needless theoretical information and discussions of the literature. This book was designed to be a practical guide, including information used on a day-to-day basis, for the surgeon, i.e., planning for resection, the instruments or sutures to be used, details of the possible reconstruction, the drugs required or that should be available, and perioperative management. Many well-known experts from all over the world describe their individual techniques and thoughts about pancreatic surgery. This discussion is combined with the latest results in their departments and contrasts with the four basic chapters from the Otto-von-Guericke-University in Magdeburg and the Ruprecht-Karls-University in Heidelberg.

The concept of this book is unique and immediately relevant to the daily routine of a surgeon. We hope you find it interesting, and we believe that it will provide new insights into the diagnosis and management of the more common disorders that require pancreatic surgery.

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