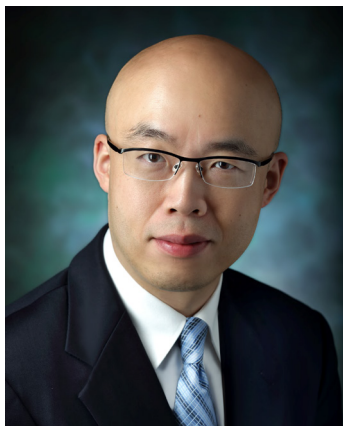


Preface

Pancreatic resections have historically been associated with high operative morbidity and have classically been performed through large abdominal incisions. Minimally invasive techniques are associated with less postoperative pain, lower wound infection rates, decreased physiological stress, and fewer postoperative hernias and bowel obstructions. Recent studies have suggested that the benefits of laparoscopy may be true for pancreatic surgery as well, resulting in increased interest in utilizing minimally invasive approaches to pancreatectomy.

In this special issue, we presented a comprehensive list of high quality technical papers on minimal invasive pancreatectomy with video component. This issue covers every aspect of pancreatectomy with either total laparoscopic or total robotic platform. It summarizes the current data on the indications for a minimally invasive approach and review perioperative outcomes following pancreatic resection. The corresponding authors for this issue are truly an international team. They are highly experienced specialists in their fields and bring the great insight based on their extensive personal experience in pancreatic surgery. This issue covers all the technical details of minimal invasive pancreatectomy and brings the most updated personal experience on pancreatectomy from international experts to readers.

The diligent efforts from all authors will provide our readers the state-of-the-art knowledge and clinical expertise. The editors greatly appreciate their contribution and support. I am confident that this special issue on “Pancreatic Surgery” will provide comprehensive minimally invasive surgical techniques to surgeons all around the world and will be beneficial to the growth of young surgeons.



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