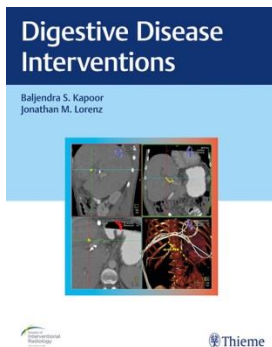


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Book reviewed by Dr Nick Reading, consultant radiologist, Barts Health NHS Trust, London

I recently finished a gruelling week at work feeling utterly depressed. There seemed no hope of early replacement of our two very elderly CT scanners that were breaking down increasingly frequently, we were ridiculously short-staffed and my application for flexible working was being contested.

Perhaps it was time for me to retire completely I thought. Then I sat down and opened this book and as soon as I read the chapter index I realised why I still love radiology and wouldn't be hanging up my lead coat for a while. The list of what was in store seemed most enticing and I wasn't disappointed.

The origins of the book lie in the annual Digestive Diseases Interventions meeting, organised by the American Society of Digestive Disease Interventions and endorsed by the Society of Interventional Radiology. Every conceivable radiological intervention is covered (eg obstructive jaundice, acute cholecystitis, hepatocellular carcinoma, cholangiocarcinoma, pancreatic cancer, percutaneous enteral access, upper gastrointestinal haemorrhage, mesenteric ischaemia, paediatric interventions etc). The relevant procedures are described succinctly and, for an ageing DGH radiologist, I found it most helpful to be able to check if I was doing the right procedure for the right indications in the right way.

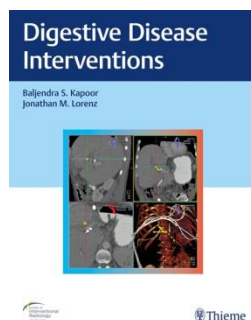
Apart from the procedure descriptions there are also very useful chapters on the related clinical conditions (eg portal hypertension, imaging of liver tumours, staging and clinical management of hepatocellular carcinoma). A good understanding of the other aspects of the conditions that one is treating is essential to guide proper decision-making and these chapters are beautifully written and admirably concise.

The initial chapter describing intraprocedural imaging and navigational tools provides much food for thought. I'd previously not kept up with advances in

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cone beam CT as the thought of ever getting such a facility seemed futile. However, thanks to this chapter, I realise that such a capability could vastly reduce the burden of CT-guided biopsies that at present our two ancient scanners have to bear.

The layout of the book is clear and pleasing. Illustrations are all of high quality and are carefully placed with respect to the text so that there is very little back and forth page-turning required, which adds to the book's feel-good factor.

Reading this excellent book really cheered me up as it has brought me more up-to-date and given me exciting new ideas for the future. It should be required reading for all gastrointestinal interventionists but would also be most useful for all other gastrointestinal radiologists both as a guide to what is possible and also as a useful source of knowledge about many conditions, provided in a concise and very readable form. Highly recommended.

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