

Atlas de ecoendoscopie liniară

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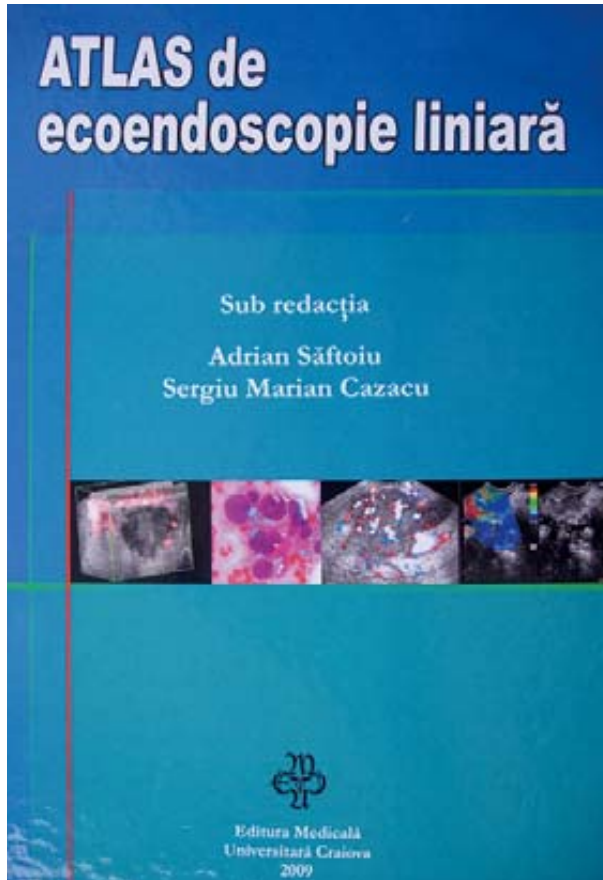
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Endoscopic ultrasonography has imposed itself in the last twenty years as a diagnostic tool for correct diagnosis and staging in digestive pathology, but its role is still expanding with new techniques using contrast substances or elastography and a new orientation towards therapy.

Recently from the Editura Medicală Universitară Craiova the *Atlas de ecoendoscopie liniară* appeared writ-

ten by Adrian Săftoiu and Sergiu Marian Cazacu. With more than seven years of experience in echoendoscopy, the authors represent well known names in this field. Their atlas was published just at the time when there are many specialists very interested in this examination as part of their extension of knowledge in this field. Gastroenterologists, surgeons and fellow residents will recognize immediately the practical value of the *Atlas de ecoendoscopie liniară*. As the first Romanian book on this topic, it contains comprehensive information organized in twelve chapters. Starting with principles of endoscopic ultrasound, the next five chapters discuss the main indications, echoendoscopic aspects and complications of endoscopic ultrasonography in mediastinal, esophageal, gastric, pancreatic and hepato-biliary pathology. Associated with impressive and high quality images of conventional echoendoscopy, Doppler echoendoscopy and cytology, these chapters represent a very important starting point for everyone wanting to work in this field. The atlas gives special attention to echoendoscopic guided fine needle aspiration (EUS-FNA), with many excellent images regarding the application of this technique. Because the final diagnostic result depends on the pathologist too, a separate chapter is offered containing the viewpoint of the pathologist regarding EUS-FNA. The author of this chapter presents an algorithm for differential diagnosis of solid pancreatic neoplasms and cystic pancreatic lesions and also the immunohistochemical profile of different pancreatic tumors.

The importance of this book is increased by the special chapter offered on therapeutic endoscopy, with the contribution of one of the pioneers of endoscopic ultrasonography, Professor Peter Vilmann. This part of the atlas contains a review of the newest therapeutic applications in digestive pathology, combined with images from the Romanian authors' experience, which can only further impress the reader.



The well-known authors' work in the field of elastography and Doppler contrast endoscopic ultrasound is revealed in two separate chapters, highlighting their role in increasing the diagnostic value of EUS. The role of sedation and the nurses' assistance during this procedure is not forgotten, further broadening the knowledge offered.

This book is far more than an atlas. The constructive way of writing, the richness of information, the clearness

of images in the book and the accompanying DVD, recommend the atlas as a high quality and useful tool for learning and teaching in endoscopic ultrasonography.

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