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Each passing year has seen tremendous advances in the field of both diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy. While preparing the current edition of the atlas, I also felt tempted to add a few chapters on recent advances like fluorescent endoscopy, magnification endoscopy, etc. However, on the second thought, I decided to restrict myself to the basic endoscopy since my target readers, as I mentioned in the first edition of the atlas, are the ‘young doctors who wish to get initiated and practice endoscopy’. The aim of this book is to provide them a strong foundation by familiarizing them with the basic concepts of endoscopy and aiding in correct interpretation of the pathology. Not withstanding the number of similar atlases available online, it is always quick and easy to refer to a printed copy that is lying in the endoscopist’s consultation chamber. Needless to say, printed images provide a longer lasting impression as compared to those seen on the computer screen. Effort has been made to replace some poor quality and repetitive images of the previous edition with new ones giving a fresh look to the current edition of the atlas. I sincerely hope that the atlas, in its current form, will find wide acceptance amongst the endoscopy practitioners.

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Some years ago, when I started my endoscopy practice, I was fortunate enough to have the backup of some experienced colleagues and a well-equipped institutional library having a few elegant books on the subject. But not all young doctors who wish to get initiated and practice endoscopy are as fortunate. ‘Can you suggest me some good atlas on endoscopy’? Is the usual request from most of them. I must confess that, despite my several years of practice I have not been able to gather the courage to possess a personal copy of even a single atlas. Almost all the available atlases are, by Western authors, expensive and largely inaccessible. In the absence of proper guidance, either from a senior colleague or from an atlas, the young endoscopist largely depends on his ‘clinical sense’ to interpret the endoscopic findings. Needless to say this results in serious errors and blunders. It is appalling to find esophageal varices being misdiagnosed as tumors or an advanced gastric carcinoma as erosive gastritis and so on. Hence, a great need was felt to compile one such atlas that is within the reach of the endoscopist, in this country and abroad, without of course compromising the contents and quality.

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