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## *Preface*

FOR FORTY-EIGHT consecutive years the University of Minnesota Department of Surgery has sponsored a continuing education course. This volume was generated from the course *Advances in Hepatic, Biliary, and Pancreatic Surgery*. The faculty was composed of twenty-one visiting professors plus host faculty from the University of Minnesota. The disciplines of surgery, gastroenterology, pathology, and radiology were represented among the lectures.

The volume is not intended as a comprehensive coverage of this area of surgery, but rather as a compendium of topics regarding current interests, potential controversy, and new developments. Many of the chapters are not strictly surgical. Examples include the consequences of splenectomy, etiology of gallstones, various radiologic techniques, diagnosis of jaundice, complications of ascites, the implantable infusion pump, and others. A modern day surgeon dealing in this area must be a master of his craft but, of equal importance, must be familiar with the numerous and rapid advances in diagnostic methods and non-operative therapeutic modalities.

The initial chapter is the 52nd E. Star Judd Lecture by Dr. Seymour Schwartz entitled "The Third Corpuscle," a delightful account of the platelet and its behavior. The book then follows an anatomic progression from spleen to pancreas to bile ducts to liver and finally to the special issue of bleeding esophageal varices.

A well received feature of the courses and of previous books has been the panel discussions, which are conducted at the end of each session. The discussions were recorded and transcribed exactly. Minor editing changes were made to accommodate for the written versus the spoken word.

Most of these chapters are of obvious interest to the practicing surgeon. Many should be of importance to gastroenterologists and indeed to all clinicians dealing with diseases of this region. Our own residents and other surgical trainees have found previous volumes to be particularly useful in preparation for qualifying examinations.

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