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*Surgery of the*  
**STOMACH & DUODENUM**

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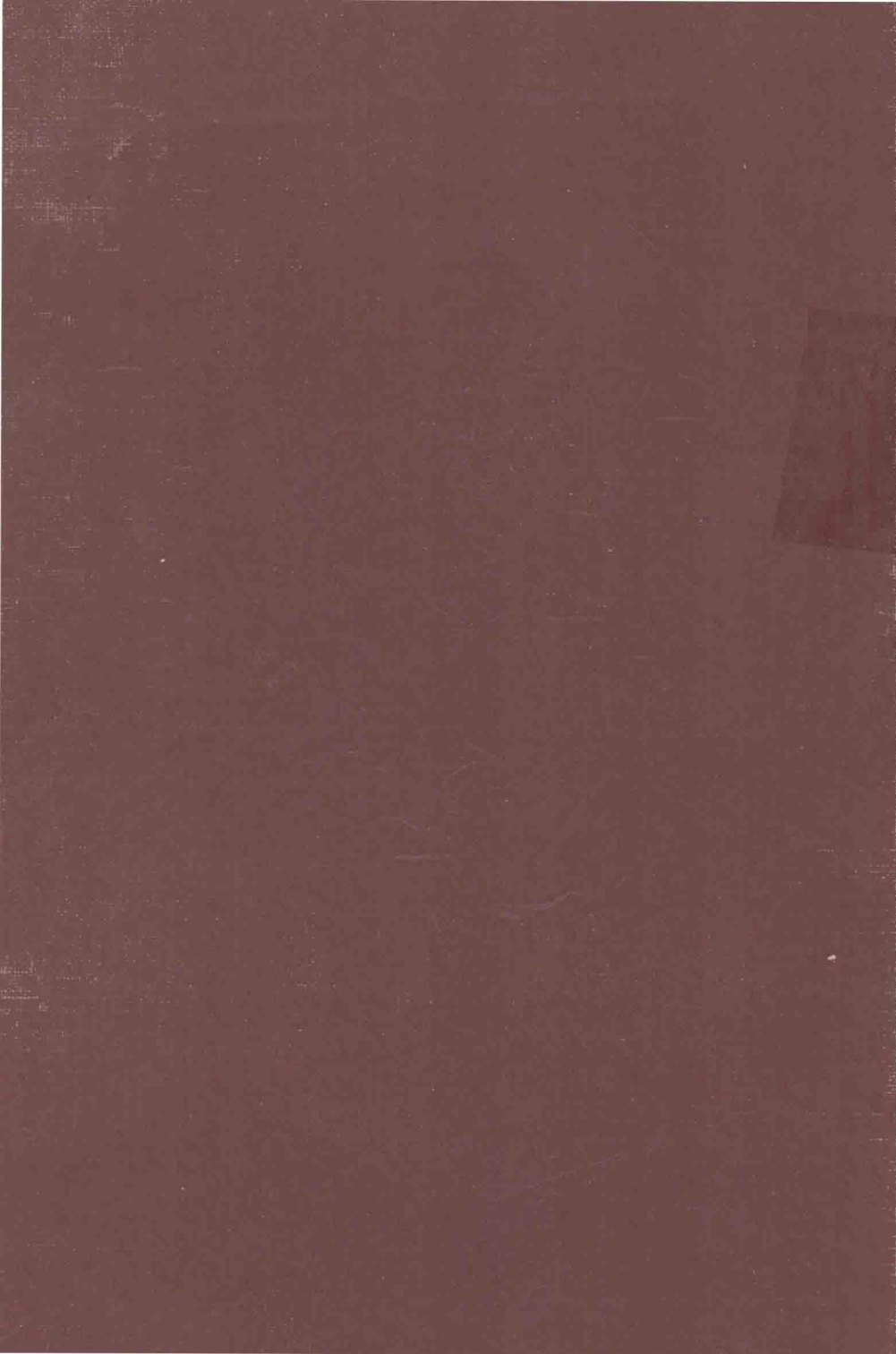
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## Preface to Third Edition

THIS NEW EDITION includes significant advances in the surgery of the stomach and duodenum that have emerged in the past four years. An expansion of the text has made it possible to include as well a brief discussion of other unusual diseases of the stomach that are amenable to surgical attack. The import of increasing surgical experience on the indications for various operative procedures has been assessed. Finally, specific attention now is given to hemorrhage due to portal hypertension, since methods for its control must be the concern of surgeons who are responsible for the treatment of gross bleeding from the upper gastrointestinal tract. Despite the elaboration of textual material the book remains, in essence, an exposition of surgical technics.

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## Preface to Second Edition

THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE that greeted this handbook has made a second edition necessary. Because of numerous requests for additional information, the subject matter has been extended and several new plates included.

Surgical styles and technics change continually. In this edition it will be noted that certain operations have become more popu-



lar and others have receded in significance, while some new procedures have been described. Popularity does not imply permanence, but the inclusion of this material is necessary for the student to appreciate the changing trends of surgical opinion. Meanwhile, the original format has not been changed. Emphasis on technics has been maintained, rather than on discussion. Finally, a historical summary has been added so that the young surgeon may gain a proper perspective of the development of gastric surgery.

## Preface to First Edition

IN THIS HANDBOOK of operative surgery, the most common and important operations that are performed on the stomach and duodenum have been selected for discussion. The book is planned as a practical guide, particularly for younger surgeons. It is not designed as a complete description of all surgical diseases of these viscera, and a number of the rarer operations have been excluded.

Severe limitations have been imposed on the text to allow more space for the illustrations; hence, discussion of the various procedures is necessarily brief and therefore quite often didactic. The recommended operations are those currently in use in the Massachusetts General Hospital where, on the ward service, the major part of the surgery must be performed by the resident staff. Usually, alternative technics that may be preferred in other clinics are included. A complete discussion of the relative merits of these competing methods is beyond the scope of this handbook, but emphasis is placed on the indications for various procedures and on the selection of safe, rather than brilliant, operations.

It will be noted that the use of transthoracic approaches is advised in many instances. The gastric surgeon should not be limited to use of an abdominal approach any more than a gynecologist or