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Foreword



Small bowel neuroendocrine tumors, still relatively rare, are increasing in incidence and now represent the most common primary malignancy of the small intestine. In this issue of *Current Problems in Surgery*, Drs. Catherine Tran, Scott Sherman, and James Howe from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City share their expertise in a masterful perspective on this topic entitled, "Small Bowel Neuroendocrine Tumors." After an introduction, they begin with a discussion of the molecular genetics of these disorders. Epidemiology, presentation and clinical features, and diagnosis, including biochemical testing and other modalities, are addressed in considerable detail. A subsequent section covers surgical options, including perioperative considerations in the patient with a functional tumor. They finish with a section on medical treatment; somatostatin analogues, Everolimus, peptide receptor radionuclide therapy, liver-directed therapies, telotristat, and chemotherapy are each addressed in significant detail. Their discussion focuses on recent advances, summarizing the data with appropriate clarity. This superb treatise is a significant addition to the literature on this subject and should become a resource not only for surgeons in training but for all practitioners caring for patients with these tumors.

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