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Foreword



Biliary malignancies, tumors arising from the epithelium of the intra- and extra-hepatic bile ducts, represent a diverse group of neoplasms; approaches to the different types include some common themes but also significant differences. Although outcomes continue to improve for each of these diseases, their treatments present formidable challenges. In this issue of *Current Problems in Surgery*, Dr. Michael I. D'Angelica from the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and his colleagues from around the country provide an insightful perspective on this topic entitled, "Surgical Management of Biliary Malignancy." They begin with a discussion of intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma and then move on to address perihilar and mid- and distal cholangiocarcinoma and gallbladder cancer. For each condition, they describe presentation, diagnosis and imaging, preoperative evaluation and determination of resectability, surgical approaches and morbidity, adjuvant and neoadjuvant therapies, and outcomes. Their review of the literature is balanced and represents the opinions of experts in the field. This is a significant addition to the literature on this topic and should become a needed resource for clinicians and researchers alike.

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