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Endoscopic methods in gastroenterology nowadays progress from general to specific diagnostic problems. One of them is urgent endoscopy in the case of abdominal emergencies. The time has come to review the present knowledge in this particular field. An international symposium has been organized by the Czechoslovak Society of Gastroenterology and Nutrition from June 3rd to 5th 1971, in Prague, under the auspices of the European Section of the International Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the European Endoscopy Congress Organisation. At this symposium urgent endoscopic procedures which contribute to the differential diagnosis and treatment of these dramatic conditions were subject to a systematic description and evaluation. As was expected, urgent oesophagogastroscopy in the case of upper gastrointestinal haemorrhage attracted the greatest attention of the gastroenterologists. But it was also a pleasant surprise to note a rapidly increasing interest in the urgent indications of other endoscopic methods.

Following this symposium a seminar on 'New Fields of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy', sponsored by the European Section of the International Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, was held on June 6th 1971, in Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad). This volume contains the lectures on urgent endoscopy presented at the symposium in Prague as well as those on the 'New Fields in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy' read in Prague and Karlovy Vary. We wish to thank Karger AG for publishing this material.

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