Endoscopy is a technically challenging procedure. Until recently it was regarded as a routine procedure that could be performed by general gastroenterologists until outcome and follow-up analyses revealed unacceptably high levels of complications. The opinion leaders in endoscopy have brought about a shift in attitude. The emphasis is now very much on a 'back to basics' approach with retraining recommended for all levels of doctors performing endoscopy - and several techniques restricted to only the very experienced.

The book includes information and guidelines for all aspects of practice management relating to endoscopy. It covers training, endoscopy and imaging equipment, set-up of endoscopy units, cleaning & disinfection and patient preparation and monitoring. It also contains techniques for screening, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up from THE leading international names (the series is aimed at the endoscopist with some experience who wishes to achieve competency in the more advanced techniques).