

Preface

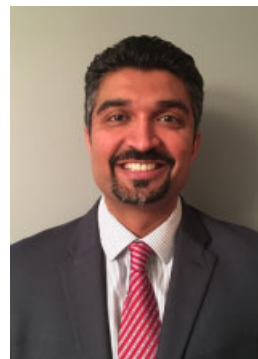
Liver MetastasesIndravadan J. Patel, MD¹ Charles Martin III, MD²¹Department of Radiology, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio²Division of Interventional Radiology, Department of Radiology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio

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A frequent and all too fatal occurrence in patients with cancer, liver metastasis, and their management has undergone substantial change in recent years. Improvements with chemotherapeutic agents, advances in surgical techniques, and exciting changes within minimally invasive liver-directed therapies have all contributed to marked improvements and prolongation in overall survival of patients with liver metastasis. Earlier detection and the ability to more closely follow these patients with a variety of diagnostic and prognostic imaging techniques have also facilitated improved long-term survival.

Authored by experts within the field of liver metastasis, this special issue of *Digestive Disease Interventions* aims to present some of the most current developments in this rapidly evolving

field. By effectively combining information from multiple disciplines within medicine, a modern approach to the management of patients with liver metastasis is presented throughout this issue. While the focus is on minimally invasive liver-directed therapies, an up-to-date account of oncologic, surgical, and diagnostic techniques are critically reviewed serving as a great resource for those intimately involved in the clinical and surgical management of patients with hepatic metastasis.



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