

Review

N.B. Gubergrits, K.Y. Linevskaya, N.V. Byelyayeva «Differential diagnosis in gastroenterology: from symptom and syndrome to diagnosis and treatment», Kyiv, 2018, 618 p., 38 tables with illustrations, 2000 printed copies.

In the scientific literature devoted to the problems of gastroenterology, there has not been a monograph reviewing the differential diagnosis of various diseases, syndromes and symptoms of pathological processes in the digestive system. And this is despite the existence of two scientific associations in gastroenterology for almost two decades: Russian Gastroenterological Association (RGA) and Scientific Society of Gastroenterologists of Russia (SSGR), which have not managed to create such a guide.

Therefore, there is no doubt that general attention will be drawn to the published guideline, and it will be in demand by both practitioners and researchers in the field of gastroenterology.

The guide covered almost all the sections of gastroenterology: abdominal pain; hepatopathy (hepatodepressive) syndrome; diarrhea syndrome; dysbiosis of the colon and small intestine; jaundice; chronic constipation; immuno-inflammatory syndrome in hepatology; the problem of malaassimilation (maldigestion and malabsorption); hepatic hyperazotemia; portal hypertension; postcholecystectomy syndrome; reflux syndrome; tumor processes in the liver; irritable bowel syndrome; problem of cholestasis and cytolysis of hepatocytes and others. Gastroenterological symptoms and syndromes such as anorexia; bulimia; halitosis; hepatomegaly; dysphagia, flatulence, taste disturbance, emetic syndrome, etc. are also presented.

We did not find only digestive tract diverticulosis and its complications with diverticulitis and peridiverticulitis, and in practical terms, chronic duodenal obstruction syndrome (duodenal stasis) and its complications.

The published manual is distinguished by a successful composition, a high scientific level, and a thorough analysis of differential diagnostic characters, based on the rich personal experience of its authors, first and foremost Professor N. B. Gubergrits, who is the author of more than 20 monographs on various aspects of gastroenterological problems.

The manual is written in excellent literary language, characterized by clarity, accuracy and accessibility of presentation of a rather complex material. It is noteworthy that there are many colored illustrative materials and tables in the text of the book, concentrated on 38 pages at the end of the book.

The book's circulation is relatively small (2,000 copies), so the book will require a reprint in the nearest future, in which, in our opinion, an index should be added to make it easier for the reader to find the necessary information, and add the sections mentioned earlier.

It is controversial, in our opinion, to include the treatment section to the guide on differential diagnosis. In the well-known guidelines for the differential diagnosis of internal diseases (R. Hegglin, 1965; A.V. Vinogradov, 1987) there is no treatment section, since treatment is not related to differential diagnosis. However, the presence of a section on treatment may attract an additional number of readers to the book.

In conclusion, we consider it necessary to note that the peer-reviewed guide to differential diagnostics in gastroenterology will undoubtedly be among the reference books of doctors and

scientists interested in the problems of gastroenterology, and will greatly benefit physicians and help them better understand the complex issues of differential diagnosis.

We can congratulate the authors of the manual with the publication of a very necessary and useful book.

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Dear Editors!

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