



## The Rising Concern of Rectal Cancer: Causes, Diagnosis and Treatment Options

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The management of rectal cancer represents a major challenge in our daily clinical practice. From pathogenesis to diagnosis to treatment, rectal cancer knowledge is progressively evolving year after year. The diagnosis of rectal cancer is growing increasingly accurate and research aims to propose a patient-tailored treatment, especially in the field of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Moreover, endoscopy plays a pivotal role in the diagnosis and in the treatment flow-chart of rectal cancer, especially in the emergency setting. Surgery remains one of the mainstays of rectal cancer treatment and one of the fields of major surgical research interest due to the applications of robotic and transanal minimally invasive techniques. A true challenge is the emergency presentation of rectal cancer due to the onset of bowel obstruction, as well as the peritoneal spread of the disease with the development of peritoneal carcinomatosis. In this Special Issue, we welcome authors to submit papers on the clinical advances of rectal cancer management in terms of both diagnosis and treatment.

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