**BOOK REVIEW**

**Gastritis-Indian Perspective**
by HG Desai • Price Rs 495/-

Gastritis has undergone metamorphosis in the last four decades. Master clinician and scientist HG Desai has elegantly presented in a lucid format a reader-friendly compendium on Gastritis. The book has 10 chapters on each facet of Gastritis. He has spent a lifetime in reclassifying Gastritis. The current classification ignores the immune response of the host. He very nicely puts forth his hypothesis and describes the host-immune and Helicobacter gastritis in various chapters. The non-helicobacter and genetic pernicious anemia also gets a special mention. Unlike autoimmune hepatitis or autoimmune thyroiditis gastritis still eludes the immune component though pariet cell antibodies, H. pylori antibodies as well as intrinsic factor antibodies exist. The therapy and future of gastritis is also well discussed. It is a must for students, clinicians and scientists of gastrointestinal medicine.

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