it does not matter whether injection sclerotherapy is intra or paravariceal: 'The argument is quite foreign to surgical thinking. It is like saying to the surgeon that if wound infection commonly occurs following certain operations, good surgical techniques matter little.' It is useful to have input from a surgeon with a trained regard for anatomic relations and an experienced feel for the limitations of tissue handling in a subject that is commonly dominated by unrealistically optimistic physician endoscopists.

I hope I have a copy of this book available in the endoscopy room and not locked away in the library when the next patient who swallows an open safety pin comes in.

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Clinical gastroenterology Vol 1, No 1. Liver tumours
Edited by R Williams, and P J Johnson. (Pp. 210; illustrated: £15.) London: Baillière Tindall, 1987.

After many years the well known format of *Clinics in gastroenterology* has changed, being replaced by an American series and a British version called *Clinical gastroenterology*. The first issue on liver tumours is thus of particular interest.

The format is identical to its predecessor with good line drawings and extensive up to date references. The subject is tackled extremely well by contributors who have particular experience in aspects of liver tumours ranging from aetiology to diagnosis and treatment. In particular, innovative techniques such as the diagnostic and therapeutic use of monoclonal antibodies and the use of implantable cytotoxic delivery systems are critically reviewed.

The overall impression given by this volume is that, despite the poor prognosis of liver tumours, research in molecular biology, biochemistry and oncology offers hope for the future. The editors of the first issue of *Clinical gastroenterology* have contributed well to the future success of the series.

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News

European Motility Society

The 4th European Symposium on Gastrointestinal Motility will be held on 22–24 September, 1988 in Krakow, Poland. Further information from Prof S Konturek, 31–531 Krakow, ul Grzegorzeczka 16, Poland.

European Association for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy

The 20th EAGE congress will be held in Sirmione, Lake Garda, Italy, from 28–30 April, 1988. Further information from Prof. G. Bianchi Porro, Ospedale 'L Sacco', GI Unit, I-20157 Milano, Italy.

CCK '88

An international symposium devoted to the physiology and pharmacology of cholecystokinin in CNS and periphery will be held in Robinson College, Cambridge, from 31 August–2 September, 1988. The programme will consist of invited speakers and free communications. Further details can be obtained from Professor GJ Dockray, Physiological Laboratory, University of Liverpool, Brownlow Hill, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX.

4th South-East European Symposium of Paediatric Surgery

This symposium on normal and disturbed oesophageal function in childhood will be held from 7–9 September, 1988 in Graz, Austria. Details from Prof Dr M Höllwarth, Dept of Paediatric Surgery, University of Graz, Heinrichstraße 31, A–8010 Graz/Austria.

Radiology of the Small Intestine

To be held in Oxford 10 June 1988. Details from Dr DJ Nolan, Department of Radiology, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU. Tel: 0865 817238.

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