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Introduction: Acute pancreatitis: Are we still innocent bystanders?

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This introductory session addresses whether gastroenterologists remain passive observers in acute pancreatitis management or have evolved beyond conservative care alone.

KEY POINTS

- Acute pancreatitis is a life-threatening condition with high mortality and is among the leading causes of gastrointestinal hospitalizations, according to the speaker
- The speaker describes an evolution in management from purely conservative treatment in 1900 through surgical and endoscopic eras to current combined approaches
- Current management labeled 'mixed version 3' by the speaker includes conservative treatment plus calcium channel inhibitors, biologics, and combined endoscopy and surgery
- The speaker states that clinicians are likely no longer just innocent bystanders in acute pancreatitis care

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