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A gastroenterologist discusses emerging trends in endoscopy at UEG Week, including the growth of AI-assisted detection, therapeutic endoscopy replacing surgical procedures, and the rising prominence of women in interventional endoscopy.

KEY POINTS

- The speaker highlights AI as a booming trend in endoscopy, currently used for polyp detection but expected to advance to characterization, size determination, and management of Barrett's oesophagus, IBD, and early neoplasia.
- Gastroenterologists are increasingly performing minimally invasive therapeutic procedures traditionally done by surgeons, such as gastrojejunostomy and POEM for achalasia, with evidence suggesting comparable or better outcomes and fewer adverse events.
- Endoscopy careers are splitting into diagnostic and interventional tracks, with therapeutic endoscopy expanding.
- The speaker predicts increasing numbers of women in endoscopy leadership, supported by ESG's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, with existing European role models attracting more women to interventional endoscopy.
- The speaker emphasizes the necessity of mentorship for career advancement in any GI subspecialty and expresses concern that social media may elevate opinion leaders who lack research credentials or evidence-based contributions.

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