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Endoscopy as had been mentioned (as the art of inspecting or examining the body organ or cavities by the use of an endoscope) represents an important and recent advancement in the medical and surgical fields.

Great progress in technological field lead to the production and development of glass fibers which soonly shared in the replacement of the old lenses and hollow tube endoscopes, the recent fiberoptic endoscopes had widely expanded uses in diagnosis and theraputic fields.

The value of endoscopy as a diagnostic tool in comparison to other diagnostic procedure is evident from the collected data, and it is superior to other diagnostic procedures, although it must be considered as a complementary and not antagonistic to other investigations. In the diseases of the upper gastro intestinal tract, where the evidence is clear that endoscopy is of great value these are considered to be indications for endoscopic examination. These diagnostic indication are mentioned in addition to operative and theraputic indications which are great advance in upper gastrointental endoscopy.

Preperations, premedication and the procedure technique are discussed in seperate chapters due to there importance.

Contraindications of endoscopy are few and in the skill hand and in some emergency situations, they are not considered as an absolute contraindications.