

# Tentative Outline

## Special Issue for Reviews on Recent Clinical Trials

### ***“Haemorrhoidal disease: from pathophysiology to surgical treatment”***

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#### **Aims & Scopes:**

Haemorrhoidal disease (HD) is defined as the symptomatic enlargement and/or distal displacement of anal cushions and is one of the most common proctological diseases.

Multiple factors have been claimed to be the etiologies of hemorrhoidal development, including constipation and prolonged straining. The abnormal dilatation and distortion of the vascular channel, together with destructive changes in the supporting connective tissue within the anal cushion, is a paramount finding of hemorrhoidal disease. An inflammatory reaction and vascular hyperplasia may be evident in haemorrhoids. Anyway, the exact pathophysiology of hemorrhoidal development is poorly understood.

According to the severity of the disease, treatment options may include dietary and lifestyle modifications, medical treatment, office-based procedures or operative treatment.

This special issue aims to become an overview about the currently available knowledge and recent findings regarding HD.

#### **Subtopics:**

The subtopics to be covered within this issue are listed below:

- **Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathophysiology**
- **Classification and Clinical Assessment**
- **Conservative Treatment**
- **Outpatient Treatment**
- **Emerging technologies**
- **Surgical Treatment**
- **Management of postoperative complications**
- **Management of HD in special conditions**

#### **Schedule:**

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