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This invited review provided useful information on LECS. LECS was promising in that the technique might be applicable to duodenal tumor and gastric cancer. LECS were expected to improve non-invasive endoscopic surgery. How were the patients for LECS recruited? How were the patients determined to be subjected to LECS or conventional laparoscopic approach? Were the patients for conventional laparoscopic approach treated before the advent of LECS? The size of GIST ranged from 2.0cm to 4.4cm. Sometimes GIST > larger than 4.4cm are encountered. Were there any reasons that the sized was limited to 4.4cm, such as technical difficulties or safety reasons? Were there any complications regarding LECS? If there were, how was the comparison of complications between LECS and conventional laparoscopic approach?