

## Brief Introduction to the Society



### Taiwan Association for the Study of Small Intestinal Diseases (TASSID)

The small intestine, up to six meters in length, is part of the gastrointestinal tract lies between the stomach and large intestine. The research of small intestine has been limited in the past by the inability to endoscopically examine the entire small intestine. The traditional diagnostic tools such as computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging and small bowel series can only detect larger lesions or tumors but not having treatment.



The newer techniques such as capsule endoscopy which was introduced in 2000 and double-balloon enteroscopy which was introduced in 2001 enable the inspection of the entire small intestine as well as endoscopic interventions. Development of these two technologies let gastroenterologists know more about the small intestine disorders. Of course, challenges are also increasing.

Taiwan small Intestine study club (TSISC) was established in 2006, since then we hold meetings to exchange clinical experiences and special cases regularly throughout Taiwan. Taiwan Association of Small Intestine Diseases (TASSID) was founded officially in March, 2014. Missions of TASSID are to provide a platform to exchange academic knowledge, promote researches in relative field and benefit more patients with small intestine diseases. Atlas of Small Intestinal Disorders: Integrated Case Presentation was published in Aug 2014 and 2<sup>nd</sup> version was published in March 2023.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at TDDW 2024.

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