

Preface

This collaborative work is the result of a gathering of some of the leaders in the field of intraperitoneal chemotherapy for ovarian cancer and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy for peritoneal carcinomatosis at an International Symposium held at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, in May 2005. All the speakers at that symposium have contributed chapters to this work.



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The Symposium was held 25 years after Dr. John Spratt, a surgeon at the University of Louisville, reported for the first time ever delivery of hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy to a male patient with pseudomyxoma peritonei. It is to him that this book is dedicated.

Although much has happened in the intervening quarter century, the revolution has been slow to develop and it is only recently that the tide has turned widely in favor of directing tumoricidal therapy to the peritoneal cavity for the treatment of intraperitoneal malignancies. Oncologists of surgical, gynecologic and medical bent from all over the World have played their part in these developments. We hope that this volume will contribute to a greater understanding of where we are now, how we got here, and where we are going.

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