

## Preface

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.

Aristotle

Human papillomavirus infection is a globally widespread disease that affects young people and adults without sexual distinction. The sexually transmitted virus is responsible for the development of benign anogenital lesions as well as several premalignant and malignant anogenital and nongenital disorders.

Although obstetricians/gynecologists, urologists, and dermatologists are the medical specialists most often involved in the management of HPV-related diseases, practitioners in general ought to have a comprehensive understanding of the challenges caused by this infective agent.

The interested reader will find in the chapters of this practical guide all the current information concerning HPV and associated anogenital diseases, with particular emphasis on the management of the infected male.

Premalignant and malignant penile neoplasias as well as current management of anal and cervical intraepithelial disease are also reviewed in this book, providing the readers with an authoritative wealth of updated data. The addition of practically oriented tables and numerous colored figures provides quick access to the objective information, which is supported with over 800 references.

It is expected that the burden of HPV infection and associated diseases will certainly be reduced with the advent of current prophylactic vaccines. However, HPV infection is a recurrent disorder and this book will enable practitioners in general to understand and manage the male's most common genital-related disorders.

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