

# Preface

Dear reader

Is it still necessary to print a book?

Is it an anachronism to nowadays read print at all?

In the present era, the electronic equivalent of entire libraries of information is routinely distributed via the internet. This has led some to question the future relevance of print. However, it is our conviction that books still have their place in the world, and it is not merely because books preserve the information of generations with a security that electronic media cannot match. There is also great pleasure to be derived from lifting a text down from the shelf, repairing to a place of comfort, and wandering among pages of print thoughtfully collected and edited.

This book reviews the current state of the art among various aspects of skin cancer biology, diagnosis, and treatment. We have engaged five skin cancer experts as editors from five continents to collect information on the spectrum of cutaneous malignancies as it is described by the WHO classification. Furthermore, we have motivated the best researchers and clinicians to contribute their extensive knowledge base to the endeavor. This has resulted in the compilation of a unique reflection of medical and molecular knowledge about skin cancers. It is anticipated that this book will remain a basic reference for many years to come.

We invite you to take the time to go through this work.

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