
Preface

The clinical scope of bladder cancer is well known. As the second most frequent genitourinary malignancy, it is the most expensive cancer to care for from diagnosis to death. Significant improvements in diagnosis and management of this disease provide hope but need to permeate the clinical practice. This textbook provides a single, comprehensive reference source that incorporates all the latest information regarding bladder cancer and will serve as an easy and complete guide for researchers, clinicians, individuals in training, allied health professionals, and medical students. It includes a thorough discussion of all aspects and of all types of bladder cancer. The text covers topics ranging from epidemiology, natural history, diagnosis, risk-stratified management to the latest findings regarding genetics and molecular biology of bladder cancer. Diagnostic and staging evaluation of both non-muscle invasive and invasive bladder cancer are discussed. Guideline-based approaches are analyzed and summarized. Controversies in management of high-grade minimally invasive bladder cancer as well as muscle invasive disease are identified and explained. The application of chemotherapy and multimodality therapy for muscle invasive and advanced disease is outlined and highlighted. Finally gaps in current knowledge and areas for future research are discussed.

The unique feature of this book is the incorporation of clinical scenario-based examples which are discussed by experts in the field who outline their management approach. This would be particularly helpful to practicing physician seeking help in managing controversial aspects of bladder cancer which are fairly commonplace. Several key educational concepts have been incorporated in the framework of patient situations and these chapters are interspersed amidst chapters that provide more complete discussion of subject areas. It is our sincere hope that this book will become a “go to” reference source for all individuals with an interest in the management of bladder cancer.

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