

# Preface

It is with much enthusiasm that we introduce the first edition of “Gynecologic Oncology: A Pocketbook.” Medical students, house staff, fellows, and junior faculty are required to adapt to growing responsibilities, while simultaneously expanding their knowledge base and clinical acumen. In an era of “online” medicine, health care providers are faced with a growing obligation to rapidly and effectively access, understand, and share information relating to treatment planning and patient care.

This task is difficult to accomplish using traditional textbooks, and requires a user-friendly print/electronic handbook that distills complex evaluation and management algorithms into easily accessible and understandable chapters. As an obstetrics and gynecology resident and gynecologic oncology fellow, such a source was lacking. This is what ultimately motivated the creation of this handbook.

Divided into nine chapters focusing on disease site, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, critical care, palliative care, and end-of-life care, this handbook is efficiently structured to provide a mobile source of reliable information in bullet point and table format. Each disease section details epidemiology, genetics, staging, and surgical management with a comprehensive review of key clinical trials that inform current treatment. Additionally, the radiation, chemotherapy, critical

care, and palliative care chapters are analogously structured to provide essential information in a high-yield format unlike any companion handbook previously published.

Ultimately, it is our hope that this handbook will emerge as a reliable reference and educational guide, complimenting the substantial information contained in the critical textbooks that serve as the pillars of gynecologic oncology education and training.

We look forward to hearing from you, as we work to improve and build upon this first edition.

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