
Preface

This second edition of our book *Penile Cancer: Diagnosis and Treatment* as part of the book series *Current Clinical Urology* by the Springer® Publishing Group expands on the topics mentioned in our first edition and successfully integrates some meaningful advances that have been made across these areas. In an attempt to broaden the scope of knowledge on the diverse clinical facets of penile cancer management, we have added some additional chapters to areas where there is very little in terms of reference material but similarly holds great clinical value such as the management of pelvic lymph nodes for which there has been meaningful recent peer-reviewed literature guiding patient management and what is the specific role of radiotherapy in penile cancer written by leading world expert on the subject Dr. Juanita Crook.

There is no question that the implementation of national treatment guidelines by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN) has greatly enhanced the consistency and standardization of the diagnostic and stage-specific approach to penile cancer. These guidelines however only provide a framework as to how such patients should be cared for but developing a reference textbook which embodies the knowledge and clinical experience of world experts on the subject is far more empowering in providing the healthcare provider with not only appreciating how best a patient should be treated but similarly what is the underlying tumor biology at play and appreciate why a given approach may be best suited in a given clinical scenario. Clearly, this work embodies the cumulative clinical experience and knowledge of some of the world leaders on these given topics such that patient outcomes can be guided by the best currently available data and treatment standards. We owe it to our patients and similarly to ourselves to push the envelope and integrate the most contemporary diagnostic and therapeutic discoveries within our armamentarium. Failure to do so is violating the values and principles that our medical mentors created and imparted upon us. Lastly, I would like to dedicate this work to all of our unfortunate patients who have been abruptly faced with such a life-altering and potentially lethal diagnosis, not only accepting the cruel reality of what they presently face but actively pursuing therapeutic choices with nothing short of heroism. You truly are the source of inspiration we continually look up to as the benchmark of the boundless potential of humanity.

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