
Preface

As a breast medical oncologist practicing in a hybrid academic-community cancer center system, I often receive questions on how I would manage a particular patient with triple-negative breast cancer or what would be my next treatment regimen in the setting of metastatic triple-negative disease. I felt that a practical handbook that could assist clinicians in managing triple-negative breast cancer patients in clinic could fill a special need.

This guide is designed for the practicing oncologist, fellow in training, and other healthcare professionals who are looking for a summary of the current thinking on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of triple-negative breast cancer. The content is in the form of review articles. Each chapter includes clinical pearls, or key messages, to assist providers in the multidisciplinary management of this disease.

This important handbook covers the pathologic evaluation, clinical features, genetics, imaging, and surgical management of triple-negative breast cancer. There are also evidence-based reviews of the different treatment modalities used to treat this disease, including radiation therapy, adjuvant therapy, and neoadjuvant chemotherapy for early-stage disease and chemotherapy treatment for metastatic disease. A look to ongoing developments in molecular profiling and emerging new data on targeted therapy is included. The specific issues that face both young women and elderly with triple-negative breast cancer are highlighted.

I would like to sincerely thank all the authors who are leaders in this field for donating their time and expertise to create this valuable tool. It is my hope that this book will help guide clinicians in their daily real-world practice of managing and treating patients with triple-negative breast cancer.

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