



Where are we now and where are we heading in muscle invasive bladder cancer

Recently, remarkable developments have been seen in bladder cancer research and treatment. We have seen some amazing advances in genomics and molecular biology that apply precision medicine strategies for diagnosis and treatment of bladder cancer using molecular classification. Further, the treatment landscape of bladder cancer has shifted dramatically over a short period of time and is on going with immune check point inhibitor, antibody drug conjugation, and fibroblast growth factor receptor (FGFR) inhibitor in bladder cancer. These valuable studies require quality reviews.

I am honored to be invited to be the editor of the special edition of Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer in the Journal of *Translational Andrology and Urology*, which will contain the latest developments and perspectives to promote the basic understanding of muscle invasive bladder cancer and improve treatment by clinicians, including urologists, based on recent advances in basic science, surgery, bladder-sparing protocol for multidisciplinary approach, variant histology, imaging, and immuno-oncology.

Muscle invasive bladder cancer is associated with high morbidity and mortality. We need more aggressive treatment, including a multidisciplinary approach. Our common goal is to provide optimal treatment to patients; however, the numerous recent developments in muscle invasive bladder cancer may make the treatment choice difficult. Therefore, we have compiled a list of professional authors in each field. We hope to encourage the acquisition of new knowledge and insights on the most relevant topics in muscle invasive bladder cancer. The authors believe that this special edition of muscle invasive bladder cancer will have significantly advance clinical practice and research over the next few years.

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