

The pancreas is one of the most complex organs in the human body, attracting surgeons, gastroenterologists, oncologists, and scientists to better understand its function. The first physicians believed the pancreas was the cradle of the human soul. Since that time our knowledge has grown to understand its critical role in both endocrine and exocrine function. However, when it comes to pancreas cancer the modern clinician and scientist is still perplexed by its complexity. The impact on pancreas cancer survival has lagged behind other cancers. However, in the pursuit of helping our patients there have been great strides in the understanding and management of pancreas cancer. Advancements have been made in discovering the molecular makeup, the role of the immune system, new chemotherapies and even the implementation of new minimally invasive surgical techniques.

The community of pancreatologists has become an international one. This textbook has brought together the pancreas experts of the world to present the most up to date advancements in the management of pancreas cancer. We strive to present a comprehensive approach exploring each stage of the management of pancreas cancer including epidemiology, pathology, diagnostics, treatment and prognosis. The editors hope that this textbook will be serve as important reference material with the newest information for anyone involved in the care and management of patients with pancreas cancer.

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