

Colorectal Cancer is a major problem that affects human beings wherever they may live, but it is not uniformly distributed throughout planet earth. Activities aimed at prevention, screening, surveillance and treatment of colorectal cancer also vary across the globe. The World Health Organization, via its International Agency for Research on Cancer produces Globocan that specifically tracks the varied incidence and mortality of colorectal cancer (1). The great variation in the disease burden and the diverse responses to colorectal cancer strongly suggests there are valuable lessons to be learned. This book, *Colorectal Cancer*, goes a long way towards closing the knowledge gap. *Colorectal Cancer* presents the peer reviewed work of an international cohort of preeminent authors, with a very broad view of the epidemiology, screening, surveillance, and therapeutic approaches to colorectal neoplasia.

Preventing, screening, diagnosing, treating and providing surveillance for colorectal neoplasia is best accomplished by a multidisciplinary team. Key stakeholders in the care team include primary care providers, gastroenterologists, hepatologists, colorectal surgeons, hepatobiliary surgeons, general surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, interventional radiologists, pathologists, medical geneticists, nurses, dieticians, and mental health professionals. While most patients gain the expertise of these disciplines via consultation, an interchange of ideas often occurs at multidisciplinary conferences or at formal multidisciplinary tumor boards. *Colorectal Cancer* assembles the expert input from these many disciplines, and presents a panoramic view of the clinical scenarios encountered in helping patients navigate a difficult journey.

*Colorectal Cancer* is a valuable tool for those seeking an overview of the field, or, more likely, focusing on a specific intervention. I plan to use this distinctive resource in targeted clinical scenarios, as a discussion springboard with colleagues in another discipline, as an aid to preparing lectures, and as a source of current carefully chosen and reviewed references.

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