Preface XVII

I am proud and pleased to recommend this book, Key Leaders' Opinion on Novel Progress in Diagnosis and Treatment, as a rich resource for all urologists and others serving in this field to use.

Each year, bladder cancer is diagnosed in more than 430,000 patients worldwide, making it the 4th most common cancer in men and the 11th most common cancer in women. However, even though bladder cancer is common, it is often mismanaged. Many are treated without formal recommendations being followed. To promote improved adherence to the best practices for bladder cancer treatment, I recommend this state-of-the-art book concerning the diagnosis, management, and research of this disease.

To encourage the safe and standardized management of bladder cancer, guidelines along with other recent developments are described and discussed comprehensively. In addition, the book includes not only information on the current diagnosis and treatment of bladder cancer, but also contains perhaps more controversial and unorthodox expertise from the leading figures in the urology field. An array of topics are covered and discussed from all areas of urology including diagnosis, tumor pathogenesis, management, basic research, and nursing experience. Innovative perspectives and diverse thoughts collide in this book, which will hopefully enlighten and provoke readers' minds.

I am grateful to all the authors, and would like to extend a special thanks to our extraordinary support staff and publisher. Without their expertise and patience, this book would not have been brought to press. I hope your experience in reading this book will be as enjoyable as mine.



Ming Chen

Ming Chen, MD, PhD
Department of Urology,
Affliated Zhongda Hospital of Southeast University,
Nanjing, China