

It is with great pleasure that I am writing the preface to the present book on bladder cancer. I congratulate the Editorial Team for such a great idea for collecting these important contributions to the scientific field in a single book. In one of the first pages of this book we read: “will scholarly journal perish?” We are not sure yet, but certainly open access publications will reshape and redefine their role in the future decade(s).

The bladder cancer field has changed dramatically over the past few years. Novel genomic studies have revealed different subtypes of urothelial cancer and advances in immunotherapy might lead to reconsider the role of radical surgery in the future. Thus, this scenario is continuously mutating and this book will serve as a useful picture of the current evidence. The opinions of key leaders in the field will serve to the young urologists to develop a critical approach to the problems arising from bladder cancer treatment, but they would also provide to the senior urologist different perspectives and hopefully lead to further progresses. Additionally, this book can aid patients who are trying to achieve a better understanding of the current evidences on their disease with Key Leaders’ opinions.

This book will subtly (and sometimes not so subtly) touch on different areas of bladder cancer. It will span from the hot topic of precision medicine to the advances in surgical treatment. Furthermore, novel evidences regarding chemotherapy will be discussed and areas such as the pathogenesis and prognosis will be examined.

Finally, relevant topics in clinical nursing will be explored. This area is sometimes left out from present books on bladder cancer. However, it is of pivotal importance, given the central role of nurses in the management of patients after etherotopic and, especially, orthotopic diversions.

I am thanking again the Editorial Board for such a pleasant read!



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