

It is my pleasure to write this preface for the book on Gastric Cancer and I would first like to congratulate the authors and editors for their valuable efforts in making this comprehensive guidebook available. There is no doubt that their generous work will be rewarding.

As is known, gastric cancer is a heterogeneous disease with large variations across geographical regions. Although the global incidence of gastric cancer is declining, it remains a worldwide public health problem especially in Asia. China is one of the countries with the highest incidence of gastric cancer, and accounts for large percentage of all new cases in the world. By saying that, gastric cancer has become the third leading cause of cancer mortality in China.

However, there is currently no international consensus on the treatment regimen of gastric cancer and clinical practice varies widely across countries. With the concept of multidisciplinary treatment widely accepted, and the development of medical technologies, the strengths of various treatments based on evidence will be the key to management of gastric cancer for ultimately improving the outcomes and quality of life of these patients.

The book on gastric cancer gives an emphasis in addressing these aspects and aim to usher us into the new dawn in ongoing gastric cancer research. By putting together the experience of internationally well-known experts, the book will benefit the clinicians and researchers on gastric cancer where in-depth discussion will be initiated.

The book will never bore its reader with a progressive outline and “popup” of interesting case-series study. Also, the surgical research was consolidated by the featured Chapter of surgical videos, designed as a “how to” surgical manual. Joining the audiovisual reading experience, the reader can surely enjoy the book a lot more.

While there is still much challenge that we face today in gastric cancer, it is assured that we are embracing an optimistic future through the international cooperation and communication. Also, international conferences like the International Gastric Cancer Congress (it is excited that the 12th International Gastric Cancer Congress will be held in China in 2017), National Gastric Cancer Academic Conference, ASCO, Best of ASCO, CSCO and others represents a good opportunity in the endeavor.

I look forward to more inspired collaboration through the academic frontier that the book opens up and I wish you delightful journey in the book.

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