

Gastric cancer is still one of the most common cancers in China, though there is a remarkable decline in gastric cancer mortality in the entire population during the last two decades. The management of gastric cancer has also been evolving over the past two decades. Early diagnosis and treatment is believed to be the key to improving the prognosis of gastric cancer. However, there is no nationwide prevention project and screening program on gastric cancer now, thus early detection of gastric cancer can only rely on opportunistic screening.

Rapid development of economy in recent years has provided the opportunity to improve the poor dietary habit and some advanced progress of medical technology, making more and more novel technologies widely applied. For example, endoscopic resection has become the standard treatment for early gastric cancer and the role of laparoscopic treatment for early gastric cancer has progressively been recognized.

Although surgery is still the primary treatment option for gastric cancer, the treatment model has undergone significant changes: the previously used simple gastrectomy has been replaced by radical approaches aiming at lymph node dissection; and anatomy-based operations are giving their place to an integrated mode that combines standardized surgery and perioperative adjuvant therapies based on anatomy, tumor biology and immunology, especially the use of modulation traditional Chinese medicine to management the pre-cancer diseases of the stomach. Multidisciplinary approach plays a more and more significant role in the prevention and treatment of gastric cancer.

This new book entitled *Gastric Cancer*, edited by Prof. Jiafu Ji, was born at this point, well illustrating the up-to-date knowledge and advanced techniques in the area of gastric cancer, adding the precious experience of experts across the world. From prevention, early detection and diagnosis to treatments, from wonderful surgical video-presenting to basic researches, the book will show readers a vivid picture of the management of gastric cancer.

I'm of great honor to be invited to write this preface for this comprehensive book on gastric cancer and here would like to congratulate the editors as well as the authors on the success of this forthcoming book. I hope researchers can always find an article from this magnificent book interesting and could benefit from it.



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