

It is a great honor to be the chief editor of this valuable book. I believe this is superb collection of opinions on the prevailing issues of bladder cancer from experts across world with extensive clinical and scientific experience.

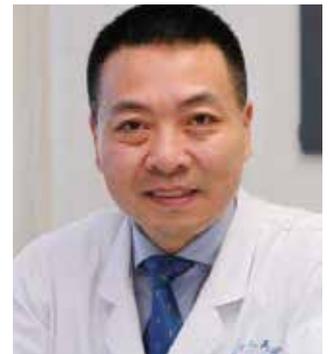
Bladder cancer is among the most commonly diagnosed malignancies worldwide. It is one of the most prevalent diseases in different countries due to its high rate of postoperative disease recurrence. Bladder cancer shows a clear male predominance, with the worldwide incidence rates being 9.0% for males and 2.2% for females. The difference in incidence and mortality may be attributed to risk factors like tobacco usage and exposure to carcinogens.

Over the past decades, with the development of diagnostic technology, the incidence of bladder cancer has increased yearly; among these methods, noninvasive approaches including imaging, urinary cytology, and urinary molecular marker tests are highly recommended. However, these tests cannot replace cystoscopy in the diagnosis of papillary bladder cancer and histological evaluation of the tumor.

The main treatment for bladder cancer includes transurethral resection of tumor, radical cystectomy, and neoadjuvant therapy (chemotherapy, radiotherapy, or immunotherapy). For clinical decision-making, the existing guidelines can be depended on. However, it should be emphasized that guidelines only present the available evidence, and adherence may not always result in the best outcome. Hence, gathering and collecting the views of global experts in this field may be extremely valuable to informing clinical practice.

In this book, *Key Leaders' Opinion on Hot Issues of Bladder Cancer*, these opinions are summarized and discussed, with aim of expanding our vision, increasing our understanding, and promoting further exploration into bladder cancer. The editors have arranged these topics in a sensible maner with an intuitive structure, so at to make reading user-friendly. The book contains both the most recent consensus on the diagnosis and treatment of bladder cancer, the current controversies of the field, and is generally a source flush with wisdom and thought.

Considering the valuable content and potential benefit to be had, I strongly recommend this book to all the clinicians and researchers in this field.



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