Preface

Lung cancer, one of the leading causes of cancer death worldwide, accounts for 19% of all cancer deaths (1). The incidence rate varies by sex, race/ethnicity, and regions, and it is reported that 58% of all lung cancers occur in less developed countries (1,2). Because of its high mortality rate and substantial healthcare costs, lung cancer is a significant public health issue.

The past few decades have seen numerous dramatic advancements in the management of lung cancer. We publish this new book, *Multidisciplinary Approaches to Lung Cancer*, aiming to share the rich experience of internationally leading experts with other medical staff in this field. The book is a comprehensive collection that consists of nine chapters, including molecular biology, pathological classification, diagnosis, multidisciplinary therapy, surgical treatment, radiochemotherapy, exercise therapy, multidisciplinary care and clinical trials.

The treatment of lung cancer has been refined by collaborations between disciplines, which make multidisciplinary care models increasingly used in clinical practice in recent years. For some complicated cases, surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or targeted therapy alone is not enough and should be managed by multidisciplinary teams which may include pulmonologists, surgeons, oncologists, pathologists, and radiologists.

We believe that this book will be an excellent literary resource for clinicians and medical staff who want to get a better understanding of the treatment of lung cancer.

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