

More evidence-based care is needed for salivary gland diseases, as they not only compromise oral functions, such as facial expression and chewing, but also exert an adverse psychological impact on patients. My several visits to China have helped me to appreciate the broad scope and high standards practiced within this specialty in this beautiful country. Of particular note is Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital Department of Oral & Maxillofacial and Head & Neck Oncology, which is as a flagship center in China. Led by Prof. Chenping Zhang, an esteemed surgeon and a good friend of mine, this department performs more than 10,000 operations per year—1,500 of which are free flaps—and has hosted several international conferences related to this field. I first met Prof. Weiliu Qiu and his student, Dr. Chenping Zhang, in September 1995, when I was chairman of the International Congress of Oral Cancer (ICOOC) in Gifu, Japan. Since then, we have met often in international meetings worldwide. Due to these experiences, I felt strongly that it was necessary to summarize the new concepts and techniques related to salivary gland diseases, not only those originating in China, but also those from the global community. Given the rapid progress, cutting-edge concepts, and multidisciplinary techniques that have emerged in this field, a new book encapsulating these novel ideas, concepts, and thoughts is urgently needed.

The work on *Salivary Gland Tumors* began in 2017 and was spearheaded by Prof. Chenping Zhang and his colleagues in China, perhaps the leading team in multidisciplinary treatment in this field, who performed a remarkable task in compiling this book. In most cases, generalists and specialists should work as a team to provide patients with excellent and comprehensive therapy, including evaluation, diagnosis, surgical treatment, and postsurgical care. Therefore, this book begins with an overview of the anatomy, histology, biology, classifications, and imaging and pathological examinations of salivary gland diseases. This is followed by a description of the different types of salivary gland diseases according to the World Health Organization (WHO) classifications under the seven following components: (I) definition, International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O) code, and synonym; (II) epidemiology and etiology; (III) clinical features; (IV) imaging findings; (V) histopathology; (VI) genetic profile (predictive factors); and (VII) treatment and prognosis. The purpose of this book is to share the authors' expertise and experience in salivary gland diseases and thus disseminate cutting-edge knowledge to the clinical personnel and researchers in this field. The book is designed to be used in various programs, especially for the training of the oral and maxillofacial surgery and/or head and neck surgery specialties, and more generally, as a basic reference for doctors and researchers in all related fields.

I am deeply impressed by the efforts of my talented Chinese colleagues who have completed this important and complex book with enthusiasm and excellence. I would like to express my sincere professional appreciation and personal gratitude to the team who worked tirelessly to bring this book to you. Moreover, I wish you, the reader, all the best in your life and career and in making a difference in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients with salivary gland diseases.

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