

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER: CONTROVERSIES IN MANAGEMENT

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Gynecologic Cancer: Controversies in Management arose from a desire to publish a new edition of Malcolm Coppleson's classic text *Gynecologic Oncology*. This new text was to be unique, international and comprehensive in its focus and the five editors have clearly met this challenge.

The book's 'uniqueness' relates to the focus on controversies that exist in the management of gynaecological cancer. Although in some chapters controversial issues are debated – an example being the role of lymphadenectomy in the management of early stage endometrial cancer – other chapters have attempted to raise awareness of contentious issues. This balanced and objective approach allows the reader to draw their own conclusions from the current research that each chapter describes in a systematic and considered format.

The international perspective of the book is apparent throughout. The editors represent four countries: Australia,

Canada, United Kingdom and United States whilst expert contributors are from some 12 countries. Thus, renowned clinicians in the field of gynaecological cancer inform the reader of contemporary views from a global viewpoint, ensuring relevance to all regardless of where they practice.

The book consists of 71 chapters, divided into nine sections. The initial four sections address the epidemiology, diagnosis, pathology and management of gynaecological malignancies by organ site whilst the following five sections explore subjects that textbooks do not routinely consider. Thus topics include complications of cancer treatment, symptom management, sexuality and fertility, gynaecologic cancer in pregnancy, melanoma of the female genital tract, biostatistics and clinical trials, imaging of gynaecological malignancies, interventional radiotherapy and biologic therapy. Such a comprehensive approach ensures both a multidisciplinary and holistic focus.

The relatively short but extensively referenced chapters make this text an excellent resource for all professionals who are involved with women with gynaecological cancer, regardless of their level of experience.

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