

FOREWORD

Investigating liver tumors in children and adults is a task for the intrepid, undaunted, and naturally curious scientist. As I count myself among those who wade in these treacherous and thoroughly stimulating waters, I understand the value and rare nature of a book that successfully explores both widely established general concepts and new discoveries with ease. *Liver Cancer* achieves these goals, and I am delighted to be part of the effort to bring it to all of you.

Liver tumors are a heterogeneous and complex mix of benign and malignant neoplasms that may arise in the setting of chronic liver injury or due to no prior insult. In children, hepatoblastoma is the most common malignant primary liver tumor and hepatocellular carcinoma is rare. In adults, however, hepatocellular carcinoma is most common and undifferentiated embryonal sarcoma is vanishingly rare. *Liver Cancer* explores these, and the myriad of other entities in between, with a depth and precision that is highly informative and practical to the modern physician scientist. Descriptions of grossing techniques, histopathologic features, ancillary testing modalities, molecular/genetic abnormalities, imaging characteristics, treatment options, clinical signs/symptoms and surgical approaches are contemporary contributions to this exciting field.

Liver Cancer represents the latest knowledge of primary liver tumors. Refreshingly, it focuses on tumors and underlying processes that affect both children and adults. This is uncommon in recent books and, therefore, places *Liver Cancer* among the best in its field. Written by and for practicing Pathologists, Oncologists, Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Radiologists, its comprehensive content makes it THE go to reference for primary liver tumors. It is easy to read format also makes it a valuable tool for teaching clinical trainees, medical students and graduate students.

It has been my pleasure to preview this important book and help bring it forth to readers. The authors and editors should be commended for their tremendous work. It is my hope readers will include this book as an important reference on their bookshelves and consult it often. I know I will.

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