

**Challenging Inequities in Health**

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This book represents the results of the painstaking and admirable work of researchers in health care from all over the world gathered together in the Global Health Equity Initiative. They provide in-depth analyses of the assessment, causes and possible solutions to the disparities in health both within countries and between countries. Although progress has been made in many parts of the world, even in some of the poorest, some parts of the world have actually experienced sharp declines in life expectancy during the past 10–20 years. Analyses are presented of health inequities in different parts of the world representing different levels of economic development and political systems, and focusing on political and socio-economic differences, health care financing methods, gender, race, and educational level. There is little material specifically on cancer and cancer treatment. In large parts of the world cancer is evidently not the most pressing health problem. For the cancer specialist there is therefore mostly information of more general interest.

This book is highly recommended for anyone engaged in tackling the immense inequalities of health and health care on a global scale.

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**Flow Cytometric Analysis of Hematologic Neoplasms, 2nd Edition**

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The title of this color atlas is misleading as this book is a comprehensive atlas and text of the diagnosis of malignant

lymphomas and hematologic neoplasms. Besides and introduction to flow cytometric immunophenotyping of hematologic neoplasms and its use in the diagnosis, this book gives a wide diagnostic approach to the diagnosis of malignant lymphomas and hematologic malignancies (morphology, including histologic pattern as well as cytologic features immunohistochemistry, molecular genetics and clinical manifestations). The illustrations are generally good and a number of tables sum up characteristic morphologic features and salient diagnostic features for each entity. Classification is based on the revised European-American classification (REAL) and the WHO classification of hematologic neoplasms. The reference list is up-to date.

This atlas should be an important diagnostic asset to pathologists, cytologists, oncologists and hematologists, especially for residents.

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**Oncologic Emergencies**

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Happily the treatment of cancer has been more successful with time. Advances in radiotherapy, chemotherapy and supportive care have, however, increased the incidence of oncologic emergencies derived from metastases to organs as nervous systems or bones. For a long time there has been a need for a comprehensive textbook on oncologic emergencies—and here it is!

The emergency-specific chapters are written by several authors but they are structured in a consistent and logical way. They are of high standard and give highly relevant information. The suggested reading lists are extensive and up to date. The signs, symptoms and management of the emergencies are well illustrated with tables and figures of high standard.

I am sure that a copy of this book will find a place on oncology department shelves.

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