

Book Reviews

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Surgical Oncology

Urban Veronesi, ed.
Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, London, Paris, Tokyo,
Hong Kong
Springer-Verlag, 1989. ca 1000 pp.
DM 380

This handbook is an extensive overview of most aspects of surgical oncology. The first part deals with general aspects such as cancer biology, detection and diagnosis, general concepts in cancer treatment, emergencies in cancer disease, rehabilitation, and planning and evaluation of cancer concepts. The second part deals with the different organs' systems, and focusses on indications and general principles of surgical management of cancer. The book emanated from discussions which took place between members of the European Society of Surgical Oncology shortly after its formation. There are in all 4 coeditors and 134 authors behind this truly interdisciplinary handbook, which is highly recommended not only for surgeons but also for everybody involved in cancer care.

TORSTEN LANDBERG

Atlas of Clinical Hematology

H. Begemann, J. Rastetter
Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, London, Paris, Tokyo,
Hong Kong
Springer-Verlag, 1989. 307 pp.
DM 398

Modern hematology still relies on morphologic examination of blood and marrow cells in the microscope. The fourth edition of Atlas of Clinical Hematology is updated and gives a systematic presentation of the morphology of normal and abnormal blood cells. Also the electron microscopy of the cells is described. To the present edition a new chapter on light-microscopic demonstration of immunologic cell markers has been added. This book is a useful reference both for students and clinicians in internal medicine, hematology and oncology.

INGE OLSSON

Plastische Mammachirurgie. Ein Operationsatlas

G. Lemperle, J. Nievergelt
Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, London, Paris, Tokyo,
Hong Kong
Springer-Verlag, 1989. 180 pp.
DM 298
In German

In the last two decades great progress has been achieved within the area of plastic and reconstructive breast surgery. The contents of this book mirror the experiences and personal opinions of basic principles and operating techniques by the two authors and their hospital teams during the last 15 years. It is presented as an

operation atlas primarily intended for the surgeon/plastic surgeon/gynecologic surgeon, already familiar with different techniques of breast surgery. Colour photos of high quality accompanied by case stories allow the reader to make his/her own observations and judgements. The topics covered reach from simple breast biopsy over different techniques of breast cancer surgery through a great number of breast reconstructive techniques to techniques for coverage of thoracic wall defects after resection of cancer recurrence. It also covers augmentation and reduction of mammoplasty procedures as well as correction of congenital breast anomalies and burn scar deformities. Understandably, all topics cannot be fully dealt with within 180 pages available. The book functions rather as a quick reference guide for the busy clinical surgeon, which is also the intention stated by the authors.

ANITA RINGBERG

Cancer in Finland in 1954–2008.

Incidence, mortality and prevalence by region

T. Hakulinen, M. Kenward, T. Luostarinen, H. Oksanen,
E. Pukkala, B. Söderman, L. Teppo
Helsinki
Finnish Cancer Registry. Finnish Foundation for Cancer
Research, 1989. 91 pp.
Price not known.

The volume has been published to mark the 20th anniversary of the Finnish Foundation for Cancer Research. On the basis of observed trends, the scientific staff of the registry has produced predictions for cancer incidence, mortality and prevalence, not only for the country as a whole but also for each of the five university regions in Finland.

Based on the observed incidence 1954–1983, modelling and extrapolation was done for 15 different sites, including all sites. All these sites are presented in tables with figures for new cases, cancer deaths and prevalent cases, and also graphs showing the variation in incidence over the time period. For each site a small commentary is provided, also including 5-year relative survival rates in four different age groups.

Comparison of the leading primary sites 1981–1985 with 2004–2008 for males shows that prostate will overtake lung as the most common cancer in men, followed by rectum, colon, urinary bladder and melanoma. Stomach and pancreas cancer are thus not among the top six. For females, breast will still be the most common site, followed by colon, corpus, lung, pancreas, melanoma and rectum. Thus, also female stomach will decline rapidly while melanoma will increase.

The presentation is throughout the volume very clear and attractive. The book is of value for all those concerned with cancer epidemiology and health care planning.

TORGIL R. MÖLLER

Radiation Therapy of Head and Neck Cancer

G. E. Laramore, ed.
Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, London, Paris, Tokyo,
Hong Kong
Springer-Verlag, 1989 ca. 320 pp.
DM 240

In 16 chapters, 20 distinguished authors from USA deal with different problems in the radiation treatment of ENT-tumours.

For each site, an introduction with excellent figures is given on the anatomical basis and the clinical background for the decision making in radiotherapy. The treatment of N0 as well as N+ neck nodes is dealt with separately. The book is not intended to be a 'cookery-book' for the technical parts of radiotherapy in ENT-tumours, but typical examples of radiation treatment techniques are given, both with external beams and with brachytherapy. The book can be highly recommended for everyone involved in the management of patients with ENT-tumours.

TORSTEN LANDBERG

Clinical Practice in Urology. Combination Therapy in Urological Malignancy

G. D. Chisholm, P. H. Smith, eds.
Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, Paris, Tokyo, Hong Kong
Springer-Verlag, 1989. 278 pp.
DM 192

Professor Chisholm states that the aim of the series 'Clinical Practice in Urology' is to bring the reader the best possible opinions in the clinical practice of urology and in the preface the editor Philip H. Smith expresses his hope that this book will encourage the clinician's interest in urological oncology 'to think regularly beyond confines of their own speciality'. With this background 26 authors from 10 different countries have contributed to an overview of the 'state of the art' in the management of urologic cancer. After dealing with radiotherapy, chemotherapy and immunotherapy in general, the different malignancies are discussed. The achievements of surgical preservation and reconstruction are presented in a special chapter. The 3 last chapters deal with the usefulness and results of clinical trials and discuss the aspects of quality of life and treatment costs.

The book gives a comprehensive survey of the therapeutic possibilities and the limitations of combined treatment of urologic cancer. For many years surgery has been the treatment of choice in urologic malignancy. This book clearly demonstrates that in many cases combination treatment increases the results as to survival and has the possibility to improve quality of life. As all issues in the series of clinical practice in urology this book is well edited and easily readable. It should be available in every library of hospitals concerned with the management of urological cancer.

SOPHIE D. FOSSÅ

Colorectal Cancer: From Pathogenesis to Prevention?

H. K. Seitz, U. A. Simanowski, N.-A. Wright, eds.
Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, London, Paris, Tokyo,
Hong Kong
Springer-Verlag, 1989. 391 pp.
DM 220

This book gives excellent reviews on most aspects on epidemiology and pathogenesis. Previous studies are analysed and ongoing studies reported. All relevant data are included. Although the book gives detailed information it is very easy to read. Many of the results are so far circumstantial rather than proofs but the authors – who do stand out as real experts – generally give very balanced conclusions and views but still give hope for the future. Anyone interested in pathogenesis and/or prevention of colorectal cancer is therefore strongly advised to read this book. It is also a very good handbook.

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