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How can analytics scholars and healthcare professionals access the most exciting and important healthcare topics and tools for the 21st century? Editors Tinglong Dai and Sridhar Tayur, aided by a team of internationally acclaimed experts, have curated this timely volume to help newcomers and seasoned researchers alike to rapidly comprehend a diverse set of thrusts and tools in this rapidly growing cross-disciplinary field. The Handbook covers a wide range of macro-, meso- and micro-level thrusts—such as market design, competing interests, global health, personalized medicine, residential care and concierge medicine, among others—and structures what has been a highly fragmented research area into a coherent scientific discipline. The handbook also provides an easy-to-comprehend introduction to five essential research tools—Markov decision process, game theory and information economics, queueing games, econometric methods, and data science—by illustrating their uses and applicability on examples from diverse healthcare settings, thus connecting tools with thrusts. The primary audience of the Handbook includes analytics scholars interested in healthcare and healthcare practitioners interested in analytics. This Handbook: Instills analytics scholars with a way of thinking that incorporates behavioral, incentive, and policy considerations in various healthcare settings. This change in perspective—a shift in gaze away from narrow, local and one-off operational improvement efforts that do not replicate, scale or remain sustainable—can lead to new knowledge and innovative solutions that healthcare has been seeking so desperately. Facilitates collaboration between healthcare experts and analytics scholar to frame and tackle their pressing concerns through appropriate modern mathematical tools designed for this very purpose. The handbook is designed to be accessible to the independent reader, and it may be used in a variety of settings, from a short lecture series on specific topics to a semester-long course.

This Monograph provides an update on cardiovascular disease complications and treatment implications for respiratory diseases, based on current scientific evidence and considered from an epidemiological, pathophysiological and clinical point of view. This book also discusses the future challenges when studying the complex relationship between these two groups of disorders. This volume comprehensively reviews oncology in the precision medicine era of personalized care, latest developments in the field, and indications and clinical trials for the treatment of cancer with targeted therapies, immunotherapy, and epigenetic modulators. It thoroughly addresses concerns of various types of cancers including cancers of the head and neck, lung, colon, esophagus, bladder, pancreas, and breast; melanoma; multiple myeloma; hepatocellular carcinoma; renal cell carcinoma; and sarcomas. It is organized and written in a format that is easy to follow for both clinicians and non-clinical scientists interested in personalized medicine. Chapters cover the identification of the clinical problem and summary of recent findings, tumor biology and heterogeneity, genomics, examples of simple and complex cases, biological pathways, future clinical trials, and financial considerations. Oncology in the Precision Medicine Era: Value-Based Medicine will serve as a useful resource for medical oncologists and healthcare providers tailoring medicine to the needs of the individual patient, from prevention and diagnosis to

treatment and follow up.

The development of intracranial metastatic disease (IMD) complicates the course of 20% of patients with cancer. Despite improvements in patient survival with more aggressive treatment options as compared to the prior standard of palliative whole brain radiation, outcomes for patients who develop IMD remain dispiriting. There is need to celebrate our advances; but a major collaborative multidisciplinary effort is needed to push the field to achieve more meaningful survival benefits for our patients with IMD. In this Research Topic collection, we have assembled work detailing the latest innovations in brain metastases imaging and management, spanning from minimally invasive surgery to immunotherapy. We hope that you find it a valuable resource.

This book discusses the latest molecular targeted therapy of lung cancer including its evaluation and future directions. It clearly illustrates the initial dramatic effectiveness of molecular targeted therapy, recurrence of the disease, overcoming the wide variety of resistance mechanisms using new-generation molecular targeted agents and potential novel approaches. It also outlines the increasing necessity for new diagnostic technology and strategies for managing different adverse effects and novel methods for evaluating effectiveness and safety. Edited and authored by opinion leaders, *Molecular Targeted Therapy of Lung Cancer* provides a comprehensive overview of the disease and its treatments. It is a valuable resource for graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and faculty staff, as well as researchers involved in clinical and translational research on lung cancer, helping promote new ideas for further advances.

Get a quick, expert overview of the latest treatment and management approaches for adenocarcinoma of the lung, including novel therapeutics in immunotherapy and targeted therapies. This practical title, edited by Dr. Leora Horn, offers succinct coverage of clinically-focused topics and guidelines, making it an ideal resource for practicing and trainee oncologists and other members of the cancer care team.

This book presents the latest advances in precision medicine in some of the most common cancer types, including hematological, lung and breast malignancies. It also discusses emerging technologies that are making a significant impact on precision medicine in cancer therapy. In addition to describing specific approaches that have already entered clinical practice, the book explores new concepts and tools that are being developed. Precision medicine aims to deliver personalized healthcare tailored to a patient's genetics, lifestyle and environment, and cancer therapy is one of the areas in which it has flourished in recent years. Documenting the latest advances, this book is of interest to physicians and clinical fellows in the front line of the war on cancer, as well as to basic scientists working in the fields of cancer biology, drug development, biomarker discovery, and biomedical engineering. The contributing authors include translational physicians with first-hand experience in precision patient care.

This is a multi-specialty book on the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of CNS metastases of the brain and spine. Written by renowned experts in their fields, the book covers essential contemporary topics in CNS metastases care. The book is divided into seven parts that begin with chapters that cover the fundamental biology of disease so that subsequent chapters on imaging, diagnosis, treatment, and palliation can be properly contextualized. This text also provides a framework for understanding the

biology of radiation therapy so that radiation treatment options of the brain and spine can be more fully understood. New medications and technologies are reviewed from the perspective of maximizing efficacy and minimizing toxicity, independently and as combinatorial therapy. Central Nervous System Metastases: Diagnosis and Treatment serves as a practical reference for health care providers and trainees. It provides the comprehensive, detailed perspective required to provide holistic care to patients with metastatic disease to the brain and spine.

This issue of Thoracic Surgery Clinics, guest edited by Drs. Jyoti Patel and Jessica Donington, is devoted to Advances in Systemic Therapy for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. Drs. Patel and Donington have assembled expert authors to review the following topics: Adjuvant and Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy; Combining Immunotherapy with Radiation in Lung Cancer; Adjuvant Chemotherapy; ALK Mutations; Molecular Targets Beyond the Big 3; Advances in Systemic Therapy; Liquid Biopsies in NSCLC; Combining Immunotherapy and Chemotherapy for NSCLC; ROS-1 Mutations; EGFR Mutations; and more!

This book explores topics of importance to all who have an interest in economic methods for assessment of the efficacy and effectiveness of new cancer treatments and in regulatory measures relating to their marketing authorization and pricing. Targeted therapies and modern immunotherapy are placing a substantial strain on health care budgets. Regulation and economic methods to assess the parameters for establishing efficacy and effectiveness are therefore of prime importance. Payer authorities have to determine whether the use of these novel therapies yields clinical benefits that justify their increasing cost. In the simplest terms, cost-effectiveness analyses quantify the ratio between the extent to which an intervention raises healthcare costs and the extent to which it improves health outcomes. Rigorous cost-effectiveness analyses translate all health outcomes into quality-adjusted life years. On the other hand, in order to sustain innovation, price regulations must be coupled with efforts to ensure that drug companies are still able to recoup their investments in high-risk and high-costs research programs. Ultimately, decisions regarding health care expenditures are also a question of society's willingness to pay.

Part of the Oxford Case Histories series, this book contains 40 real-life clinical cases to demonstrate the management of lung cancer built on evidence-based recommended practice. Covering both commonly occurring presentations of lung cancer and particularly challenging problems, the Oxford Cases in Lung Cancer provides a multi-disciplinary approach, written by specialists in respiratory medicine, oncology, pathology, radiology, thoracic surgery, and palliative care.

This report presents the recommendations of the WHO Expert Committee responsible for updating the WHO Model Lists of Essential Medicines.. The goal of the meeting was to review and update the 18th WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (EML) and the 4th WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for Children (EMLc). In accordance with approved procedures, the Expert Committee evaluated the scientific evidence on the basis of the comparative effectiveness, safety and cost effectiveness of the medicines. Both lists went through major revisions this year, as the Committee considered 77 applications, including 29 treatment regimens for cancer, and innovative hepatitis C and tuberculosis (TB) medicines. The Expert Committee recommended the addition of 36 new medicines to the EML (15 to the core list and 21 to the complementary list); and recommended the addition of

16 new medicines to the EMLc (five to the core list and 11 to the complementary list). Annexes to the main report include the revised version of the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (19th edition) and the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for Children (5th edition). In addition there is a list of all the items on the Model List sorted according to their Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification codes.

This is the second edition of a well-received book that reflects the state of the art in cancer medical therapies and their side-effects, including immunotherapy and chemotherapeutic drugs. All chapters have been fully updated to include all the latest progress in drug discovery such as targeted therapies for each cancer type. From issues such as preservation of fertility to antiemetic therapy the book provides a very comprehensive overview of the field. The book includes a new chapter on immunology drugs. Organised by organ system, it lists the toxicity, side-effects and measures of prevention pertaining to each type of drug used in cancer therapy. The most dangerous side-effects are priority so as to alert the reader to their importance. Designed for quick reference in the clinical setting this book is primarily aimed at established medical oncologists but will also appeal to junior doctors, trainees, pharmacists and nurses.

This volume focuses on the clinical applications of molecular diagnosis and targeted therapy from the viewpoint of oncologists specializing in specific organs. In addition, it discusses the role of molecular diagnosis and targeted therapy in the course of surgical treatment. Recent, rapid advances in molecular biology have shed new light on the mechanisms of cancer progression, and molecularly targeted drugs have been used to treat a variety of malignant diseases. For the diagnosis and precise treatment of cancer, analysis of the molecular background of the tumor is indispensable. However, there are both tumor-specific and comprehensive mechanisms involved in these processes. Accordingly, a firm grasp of molecular diagnosis and targeted therapies for different tumors is vital for clinicians and basic researchers alike. This book provides essential information and the latest findings on molecular diagnosis and targeted therapy for thoracic and gastrointestinal malignancies. Though primarily intended for clinical and basic oncologists, it also offers a useful guide for clinicians who are interested in this field and are considering getting started in molecular diagnosis and targeted therapy.

This book reviews the principles of design and examples of successful implementation of proteinkinase inhibitors (PKI), and offers a comprehensive and authoritative overview of the history and latest developments in the field. Chapters written by experts from industry and academia cover the function, structure and topology of Proteinkinases, molecular modelling, disclose how to achieve high level of selectivity for kinase inhibitors, and exploit kinase inhibitors for cancer treatment. Particular attention is given to Inhibitors of c-Jun N-terminal kinase 3, and to covalent Janus Kinase 3 Inhibitors. A case study on Receptor Tyrosine Kinases EGFR, VEGFR, PDGFR is also presented in this book. Given its breath, this book will appeal to medicinal chemists, students, researchers and professionals alike.

Over the past nearly two decades, thoracic oncology has evolved into a highly complex oncologic subspecialty. Elaborate multimodality treatment regimens utilizing chemotherapy, radiation, surgery, and increasingly more complex biological agents,

including targeted and immunologic therapies are now standard for a group of malignancies that themselves have become more complex due to increasingly detailed and discriminating staging and genetic evaluation standards. A rapidly advancing knowledgebase has led to dramatic improvements in individualized or "personalized" care; but the myriad of rapid changes also have created a challenge for oncologists to comprehend and incorporate into daily practice. This staggering rapidity of change highlights the need for a comprehensive thoracic oncology textbook designed to be frequently updated in order to keep clinicians, be they pulmonologists, pathologists, radiologists, surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, or gastroenterologists, up-to-date in the most current care. Modern Thoracic Oncology utilizes a strategy designed to overcome the traditionally slow production timeline of textbook publication to keep abreast of the pace of change. To overcome this hurdle, we have recruited world experts, who have agreed to author a very small and concise topic (rather than a whole book chapter) so that the information can be frequently updated, reviewed, and published rapidly -- thereby keeping this book relevant and current. Whether one desires information regarding lung cancer screening, esophageal cancer staging, mutational analysis, targeted therapies, stereotactic ablative radiation with real-time imaging, minimally-invasive and robotic surgery, combination immunotherapy, microwave/cryoablation, or methods of early cancer detection, we have endeavored to encompass all of the latest information in the field of thoracic oncology. With frequent future updates, we hope that this ambitious reference textbook will become your sourcebook for thoracic oncology. Modern Thoracic Oncology is published in 3 volumes: Volume 1 entitled "General Principles of Thoracic Oncology" is a comprehensive introduction to thoracic oncology. Principles of thoracic oncology care are discussed and include topics, such as thoracic anatomy and embryology; medical evaluation of cancer patients, appropriate imaging modalities with a specific discussion of lung cancer screening, and the basic principles underlying the various treatment modalities. Under thoracic surgical oncology, details regarding the appropriate choice of staging as well as surgical resection of thoracic tumors are discussed with an emphasis on minimally-invasive and robotic surgery. In the radiation oncology section, treatment focusing on planning, specific types of radiation delivery, from conventional radiation to Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy (SABR), and radiation-induced toxicities (and their management) are outlined in great detail. Basic tenets of precision medical oncology also are detailed including the genetic basis of 1st through 3rd line standard cytotoxic chemotherapy, targeted biological agents, and immunotherapy along with specific guidance regarding immune-related toxicities. The principles of other therapy options, including percutaneous image-guided ablative therapy and photodynamic therapy complete invasive options. Treatment of cancer patients does not stop at invasive therapies, however. Quality of life issues for patients and their families are discussed as well as topics such as nutrition, Chinese herbal medicine, pain management, acupuncture, and end of life care. Volume 2 entitled "Trachea, Lung, and Pleura" addresses lung cancer, one of the most common and deadliest malignancies in the world as well as two relatively rare respiratory tumors. The care of lung cancer patients is highly complex and inclu

What should you do when you have restricted resources? Written by the most prominent experts from the North and the South countries, this

book offers a unique complement to classical hematology and oncology textbooks focusing on specific issues concerning cancers in tropical areas. It presents a thorough review of the specific biological, clinical and therapeutic characteristics of cancers in tropical areas, including their background and epidemiology, public health consequences and transcultural mediation. As such, it will be a valuable resource for all hemato-oncology practitioners, students of oncology or tropical medicine, and other physicians involved in the care of cancer patients who live in tropical countries.

Rapid developments in the classification, screening and treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) are improving outcomes for patients with the disease. This insightful guide is designed to bring you up to speed with recent advances, including: • the latest CT-based screening and interval growth imaging techniques • proposed changes to the TNM classification system • the increasing trend for minimally invasive and lung-sparing surgery • stereotactic radiation for early-stage tumors • new targeted therapies • breakthroughs in personalized medicine. Today's developments will change tomorrow's standards of care. 'Fast Facts: Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer' is important reading for all health professionals and medical trainees working in this fast-moving area.

A major objective of this book is to reveal unprecedented opportunities to understand and overcome drug resistance through the clinical assessment of rational therapeutic drug combinations and the use of predictive and prognostic biomarkers to enable patient stratification and tailor treatments. It offers to the readers an updated overview on the possible reasons of failure of new and promising therapeutic opportunities.

?Cancer is a multifaceted disease in which genetic changes induce uncontrolled tumor growth. Genomic characterization of cancer is now leading to better diagnostic, prognostic and predictive biomarkers, and effective individualized management. 'Fast Facts: Comprehensive Genomic Profiling' provides a crash course in the science, methods and application of genomic profiling. Assuming only the most basic knowledge – or memory – of cell biology, the authors provide an overview of DNA and RNA biology and next-generation sequencing. This sets in context the descriptions of prognostic and predictive biomarkers for different cancer types and genomic-based treatments. Finally, but importantly, some of the practicalities of gaining and interpreting genomic information are described. Whether you need a primer or a refresher, this short colorful book demystifies this complex subject. Contents: • Genetic mutations and biomarkers • Understanding next-generation sequencing • Elements of comprehensive genomic profiles • Role in precision oncology • Predictive and prognostic biomarkers • Overcoming barriers to genotype-directed therapy

This book contextualizes translational research and provides an up to date progress report on therapies that are currently being targeted in lung cancer. It is now well established that there is tremendous heterogeneity among cancer cells both at the inter- and intra-tumoral level. Further, a growing body of work highlights the importance of targeted therapies and personalized medicine in treating cancer patients. In contrast to conventional therapies that are typically administered to the average patient regardless of the patient's genotype, targeted therapies are tailored to patients with specific traits. Nonetheless, such genetic changes can be disease-specific and/or target specific; thus, the book addresses these issues manifested in the somatically acquired genetic changes of the targeted gene. Each chapter is written by a leading medical oncologist who specializes in thoracic oncology and is devoted to a particular target in a specific indication. Contributors provide an in-depth review of the literature covering the mechanisms underlying signaling, potential cross talk between the target and downstream signaling, and potential emergence of drug resistance.

This book is a detailed guide to therapy response imaging in cancer patients that fully takes into account the revolutionary progress and

paradigm shift in treatment approaches for advanced disease. The opening chapters describe the role of imaging as a “common language” for tumor response evaluation in oncology and address challenges and strategies in the era of precision cancer therapy and cancer immunotherapy. Practical pitfalls are discussed, with emphasis on the importance of approaching cancer as a systemic disease and the need for increased awareness of drug toxicity due to novel therapies. Therapy response imaging in a wide range of cancer types is then comprehensively described and illustrated, using a disease-specific approach. A concluding section focuses on emerging approaches and future directions, including radiomics/radiogenomics, co-clinical imaging, and molecular and functional imaging. Therapy Response Imaging in Oncology will be of high value for radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and oncologists. It will also be of interest to cancer care providers and oncology trial investigators.

This book describes the underlying genetic basis of common pulmonary diseases and discusses their pathogenesis and pathophysiology. These insights provide the basis for understanding different subtypes and phenotypes, and will promote better treatment strategies and individualized medicine. The book provides new and valuable information for the development of the areas of study, as well as practical guidelines for clinicians engaged in treating pulmonary diseases. This volume of the Respiratory Disease Series – Diagnostic Tools and Disease Managements will broaden the understanding of beginning and experienced researchers and clinicians who treat pulmonary diseases. Moreover, residents and clinicians engaged in medical oncology will find it a valuable guide to support them in their day-to-day work.

This volume provides readers a comprehensive and state-of-the-art overview about the range of applications of targeted therapies for solid tumors. The sections of the book have been structured to review the oncogene addicted tumors, the pharmacology and clinical development of new molecularly targeted agents, the use of biomarkers as prognostic, predictive and surrogate endpoints, and the evaluation of tumor response and specific malignancies treated with targeted agents. The book also covers some of the newest developments in cancer therapy that are not adequately covered by any current available literature. Written by recognized experts in the field, Targeted Therapies for Solid Tumors: A Handbook for Moving Toward New Frontiers in Cancer Treatment provides a unique and valuable resource in the field of molecular oncology, both for those currently in training, and for those already in clinical or research practice.

This book continues the legacy of a well-established reference within the pharmaceutical industry – providing perspective, covering recent developments in technologies that have enabled the expanded use of biomarkers, and discussing biomarker characterization and validation and applications throughout drug discovery and development. • Explains where proper use of biomarkers can substantively impact drug development timelines and costs, enable selection of better compounds and reduce late stage attrition, and facilitate personalized medicine • Helps readers get a better understanding of biomarkers and how to use them, for example which are accepted by regulators and which still non-validated and exploratory • Updates developments in genomic sequencing, and application of large data sets into pre-clinical and clinical testing; and adds new material on data mining, economics, and decision making, personal genetic tools, and wearable monitoring • Includes case studies of biomarkers that have helped and hindered decision making • Reviews of the first edition: “If you are interested in biomarkers, and it is difficult to imagine anyone reading this who

wouldn't be, then this book is for you." (ISSX) and "...provides a good introduction for those new to the area, and yet it can also serve as a detailed reference manual for those practically involved in biomarker implementation."

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The second edition of this book brings together the knowledge, skills and attitudes of specialists in both respiratory and palliative medicine to focus on the palliative care of patients with respiratory diseases. It deals not only with end of life care but also with symptom control and supportive care to improve the quality of life of those living their lives with advanced progressive lung disease. Integrated Palliative Care of Respiratory Disease builds on the previous edition introducing new models of care for patients with advanced lung disease. These models emphasize the introduction of palliative and supportive care at an earlier stage in the disease, and running disease-modifying and palliative treatments in parallel. There is a new chapter on the role of palliative care in lung transplantation'. The book highlights significant new research into key respiratory diseases and some on-going controversies about issues such as best models of care for different diseases and advance care planning. This book is an invaluable reference for doctors, trainees and clinical nurse specialists in respiratory and palliative medicine, and is of interest to anyone who wishes to gain a better understanding of the complex nature of palliative care in respiratory disease.

Self-Assessment in Respiratory Medicine is an invaluable tool for any practitioner wishing to test and improve their knowledge of adult respiratory medicine. The updated, second edition includes 261 multiple-choice questions covering the full breadth of the specialty, using clinical vignettes that test not only the readers' knowledge but their ability to apply that knowledge in daily practice. The questions have been compiled and tested by the ERS adult HERMES examination committee specially for this book, making it the perfect revision aid for candidates for the European Diploma, as well as any specialists in respiratory medicine who wish to exercise and improve their skills.

This easy-to-read, practical guide distils and compiles all the disparate literature on cancer into one succinct volume. It includes the essential, evidence-based clinical guidelines needed for the safe and effective management of patients with cancer, and has a clear layout to allow for quick reference whilst on the ward

This book aims to educate nurses and advanced practice providers (APP's) about known mutations, availability of targeted therapy and the management of patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). It will educate nurses and practitioners about the scope of therapy to assure safe and effective lung cancer treatment. In this era of personalized medicine, nurses and APP's are responsible for guiding patients from diagnosis through treatment. This starts with the identification of patients that can benefit from these therapies, the key role of biopsy acquisition (ie. what to test, when and how often) and treatment selection based on the mutation identified. Readers will learn about the mechanisms of

action, administration, potential adverse side effects and unique management strategies for these targeted agents. Lung cancer continues to be the leading cause of cancer death in the United States and worldwide. Recent advances in the identification of specific oncogenic mutations that drive cancer development, growth and metastasis have led to major paradigm shifts in lung cancer treatment. Sophisticated methods are required to identify specific mutations at the time of diagnosis. This book explains how molecularly targeted therapies have been developed that target these drivers. To date, several tyrosine kinase inhibitors have been approved to target the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), EML4-ALK, ROS1 and BRAF. Most recently, immune checkpoint inhibitors have been approved with some indication that efficacy may be enhanced for patients who overexpress PD-L1. While some driver mutations have been identified, there is ongoing investigation into additional mutations. In the case of driver mutations, lung cancers will develop resistance to therapy. This book provides nurses and APP's with the mechanisms of resistance that have been identified such as T790 mutation and many others in the EGFR mutation, and shows how the next level of drug development is focused on identifying mechanisms of resistance and development of new agents that overcome these mutations. With this book in hand, nurses and practitioners will be able to navigate patients through this ever expanding field of lung cancer treatment.

The volume will serve as a primer on tyrosine kinase signaling and its importance in cancer. The volume will first introduce the common denominators of small-molecule and antibody-derived inhibitors, as well as the general phenomenon of resistance. The volume will then detail resistance to the most commonly used classes of tyrosine kinase inhibitors, and will focus specific chapters on resistance to BCR-ABL1, FLT3, angiokine family members, and ALK inhibitors.

Medical centers are widely recognized as vital components of the healthcare system. However, academic medical centers are differentiated from their community counterparts by their mission, which typically focuses on clinical care, education, and research. Nonetheless, community clinics/hospitals fill a critical need and play a complementary role serving as the primary sites for health care in most communities. Furthermore, it is now increasingly recognized that in addition to physicians, physician-scientists, and other healthcare-related professionals, basic research scientists also contribute significantly to the emerging inter- and cross-disciplinary, team-oriented culture of translational science. Therefore, approaches that combine the knowledge, skills, experience, expertise, and visions of clinicians in academic medical centers and their affiliated community centers and hospitals, together with basic research scientists, are critical in shaping the emerging culture of translational research so that patients from the urban as well as suburban settings can avail the benefits of the latest developments in science and medicine. 'Integrating Clinical and Translational Research

diseases; Viral infections Potentiated by Biologics (and Prophylaxis); Endemic Fungal Infections Potentiated by Biologics (and prophylaxis); Mycobacterial Infections Potentiated by Biologics; and Vaccinations for patients on biologics. Readers will come away with the clinical overviews of these topics to improve prevention and management of patients treated with biologics. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer related mortality in Canada and USA. Majority of the patients present in advanced stage of the disease and of these only about 2% will be alive at 5 years. NSCLC is the most common form of lung cancer, accounting for approximately 87% of cases. Systemic chemotherapies have been used to treat metastatic NSCLC for decades, but the improvements of outcomes have reached a plateau. Recent advances in understanding signalling pathways for malignant cells, their interconnections, the importance of various receptors and biomarkers and the interplay between various oncogenes have led to the development of targeted treatments that are improving both efficacy and safety of the treatments. Knowledge about the advantages of treatments with the targeted agents in metastatic NSCLC is growing rapidly. Combining various targeted agents or sequencing them properly will be important in the era of personalised medicine and overcoming development of the resistance to various targeted agents will be challenging. The importance of a team work, from the diagnosis through various treatments, to supportive care, from the interventional radiologists, pneumologists or surgeons, who have to obtain a satisfactory tumor tissue specimen, to pathologists, radiation and medical oncologists, to supportive care specialists, will be described in our publications. We will cover completely present and future approaches to personalised medicine in this rapidly evolving field of metastatic NSCLC.

Lung cancer remains a major cause of death in of both women and men in our society. Lung cancer treatment paradigms have changed enormously as we've started to understand the genetic complexity and the multiple driver mutations influencing the disease. Therapeutics directed towards, or to inhibit signaling pathways has resulted in increased life spans for our patients. Over the last two decades, we have gone from simple chemotherapy used to treat all, to a personalized medicine approach for the majority. For non-small cell lung cancer patients without driver mutations, the world of immune oncology has arrived. These improved long-term outcomes mean that now our lung cancer patients can live with their cancers, but without progression. The aim of this book is to catalogue the current state of knowledge for the many facets of advanced lung cancer. It describes current treatment approaches for driver mutations, rare mutations, and rare thoracic malignancies such as neuroendocrine tumors. Most importantly, this book addresses the topics of palliative treatment and care which allow our patients to enjoy longer survival with the highest quality of life. We hope you enjoy this e-book. The future is brighter for lung cancer patients and as lung cancer specialists; we finally feel sense optimism about treatment options for our patients.

Lung cancer continues to be the leading cause of cancer mortality worldwide among both men and women. Recent advances in prevention, screening and management in the past decade have led to significant improvements in survival and quality of life. Local treatments like minimally invasive surgery, radiotherapy, and image-guided ablation have contributed to improving the effectiveness and tolerability of potentially curative treatments in early-stage, locally advanced, and

oligometastatic/oligoprogressive disease. Chemotherapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy, and palliative local therapy options have expanded rapidly, with new regimens showing improved outcomes even for those with widely metastatic disease. This book comprehensively reviews the evidence that has driven personalized medicine, based on a variety of multidisciplinary perspectives by international lung cancer experts.

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