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Foreword

Advances in bone metastasis management

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When we were asked to edit an eBook on ‘Advances in Bone Metastasis Management’, we accepted enthusiastically for several reasons. First of all, the idea of an eBook that could be easily available to the readers and disseminate the newer concepts on the subject was appealing; second, the possibility of gathering several excellent authors dealing with the different aspects and concepts on metastatic disease to the skeleton and its treatment sounded exciting to us. But perhaps the most intriguing factor was that of having a really multidisciplinary team approach to the issues of metastatic diseases and its multidisciplinary treatment.

This book certainly does not have the presumption of completeness, rather the aim of offering an update on the newer concepts and treatments of the very frequent problem of bone metastases. It was felt that concise chapters providing both summarized information and updated references on the different aspects of metastasization, medical treatment, radiotherapy, surgical treatments and the newer palliative options could be useful to the readers in our modern era, where sometimes it is not easy to find time to read complete major textbooks.

We certainly hope that this book can meet the needs of our readers.

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