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Foreword

Complex general surgical oncology: a case-based approach

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Surgical oncology is a rapidly evolving field. As our understanding of the natural history of a diverse set of disease processes continues to mature, we are developing a better understanding of who and when to treat, and with what modality. Furthermore, with increasingly sophisticated technologies and interventional techniques, and continued basic science breakthroughs, care of the cancer patient is ever improving.

A cornerstone of this improvement is a continual evaluation and recognition of evidence-based changing practice patterns. This reality is the basis for the two-volume text presented here, focusing on diagnostic and treatment algorithms to maximize quality care for the surgical oncology patient. To engage the reader with real-world, patient-centered learning, this book consists of case-based scenarios and follow-up questions addressing key concepts of complex surgical oncology.

This first volume focuses on a variety of breast pathology, followed by examination of endocrine, soft-tissue and esophageal malignancies. It is our hope that readers will find these chapters – written by our dedicated and thoughtful authors – useful as a resource to guide optimal care for patients.

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