BOOK REVIEW

Urological Oncology - A Practical Guide for Students

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This book is intended for medical students and trainees beginning their surgical career and fills the gap of textbooks covering urological oncology. It is a very useful book and covers all the common urological malignancy. Each chapter covers the different structures and is well organised and easy to read. There are some excellent illustrations and operative photographs to help the reader along. The author also provides some Asian data (mainly from India), along with the figures from USA, which is very helpful as we certainly lack local figures for many of the cancers seen in this part of the world.

Each chapter is divided into epidemiology, clinical features, investigations and management with clinical cases to highlight important or peculiar aspects of the disease. The merits of each investigation are discussed and this is useful in the present day when multiple modalities of investigations are available. However, he also discusses alternatives when not all modern investigative tools are available, which can be a problem in this part of the world. The author has also discussed operative techniques with photographs and illustration, for example the steps involved in partial nephrectomy, which I think makes reading the book that much more interesting.

Overall this book covers the topic comprehensively without being too detailed. A book which is easy to read and certainly can be recommended for medical students, surgical trainees and those starting their urological career.

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