

Book Review

Neoplastic diseases of the blood

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This is an excellent reference book that extensively and comprehensively covers all aspects of hematological malignancies. It can be regarded as a desirable textbook with an encyclopedic resource for hematologist, oncologist and specially fellows in these sub-specialties preparing for their exit examinations.

This fourth edition has 62 chapters, which are divided into 5 sections, namely chronic leukemias and related disorders, acute leukemias, myeloma and related disorders, lymphomas and supportive care; with a devoted editor to each section. In addition, over 100 international leaders in the field have provided updated text on the diagnosis and treatment of all hematological disorders both common and rare.

This updated edition reflects the tremendous progress in science and treatment of hematological malignancies in the 8 years since the third edition in

1995. All previous chapters have been revised and updated and 5 new chapters have been added. These include diagnosis and treatment of acute promyelocytic leukemia, molecular genetic in multiple myeloma and related disorders, procurement, processing and storage of marrow for transplantation, alternative sources of hemopoietic stem cells and their applications and psychosocial management of patients with hematological malignancies. In addition, coverage includes updates upon stem cell transplantation, use of monoclonal antibodies and various new treatment modalities.

Hematologist, oncologist, fellow in training and other physicians with specific interest in hematological malignancies would wish to have their own personal copies.

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