

The global burden of colorectal cancer (CRC) is expected to increase by 60% to more than 2.2 million new cases and 1.1 million deaths by 2030 (1). In China, CRC is the third most prevalent cancer and accounts for the fifth cause for death (2). But fortunately, the incidence and mortality of CRC have decreased in recent years due to effective screening programs and improvements in treatment modalities (3).

It is challenging for most clinicians to comprehensively and quickly grasp the forefront knowledge of colorectal cancer in an era of Big Data. In this book, therefore, we carefully collected a series of excellent articles contributed by international leading experts on colorectal cancer that cover the etiology, screening, surgical treatment and adjuvant radiochemotherapy of this malignancy by focusing on the hottest clinical issues and the most promising treatments. It includes practical chapters on single-port laparoscopic surgery, CT colonography, post-operative outcomes, transanal minimally invasive surgery, etc.

As the professors of Colorectal Surgery in Fudan University Shanghai Cancer Center, we are honored to serve as the editorial board members of this fantastic book. Our department has been established as an independent department since 2005, and colorectal cancer multidisciplinary therapy team was established in 2006. We perform about 2000 colorectal cancer surgeries every year, in which half of them are rectal cancers. As a leading institution in colorectal cancer treatment in China, hundreds of patients with recurrent disease were referred to our department each year.

We are grateful for this opportunity to publish this book with the cooperation of AME Publish Company and thank the editors and the publisher for their outstanding job in bringing out this wonderful textbook. We hope those who read this book will gain new insights about the similarities and differences in how the West and East deliver colorectal cancer care.

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