

It is my pleasure to write the preface for this book *Gastric Cancer Precision Medicine*. Professor Chen, the leading Editor of the book, is a distinguished expert in the field of gastrointestinal surgery in China advocating minimally invasive surgery and personalized precision treatment for gastric cancer on the basis of his in-depth research and domain clinical expertise in this field. By assembling the knowledge of numerous experts from world-renowned medical centers, this book will show you invaluable experience of the experts' over the years and the latest progress they have made in precision treatment for gastric cancer.

Gastric cancer is a major burden of disease, particularly in developing countries. To make things more complicated, differences are frequently observed in the ways gastric cancer patients are diagnosed and treated between developed and developing countries. Bridging such differences, therefore, is of utmost importance in facilitating communication and collaboration among physicians from both sides. One major initiative to achieve this goal is the joint publication of such academic books as *Gastric Cancer Precision Medicine*. Organizing international symposiums and conferences is another initiative to accomplish this so that various physicians can exchange their distinctive ideas with one another. For example, the 12th International Gastric Cancer Congress (IGCC) to be held in Beijing, China from 20th to 23rd April, 2017 would provide the experts and physicians worldwide with a promising platform to work together to bridge the differences and improve the management of gastric cancer.

I would like to congratulate the authors, the editors, and any other contributors involved in the publication of this book. I am confident that the diverse thinking among the experts from both developed and developing countries presented by this book will inspire our fellow physicians to provide better gastric cancer care worldwide.



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