
BOOK REVIEW

Human Papillomavirus: A Practical Guide for Urologists

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Description

Human papilloma virus (HPV) is considered to be the most common sexually transmitted disease and is the primary cause of genital warts. The relationship of HPV to human malignancy has been established in the last few years and increased understanding of the relationship of these virus subtypes has led to improved management strategies. While the HPV cervical cancer relationship is probably the best known and most studied clinically, aerodigestive, penile, and ano-genital cancers are now more directly associated with infection with this virus.

Purpose

The focus of this book is on the role and management of human papilloma virus in the male patient.

Audience

As the title suggests, the primary audience is urologists. However, anyone in obstetrics/gynecology, dermatology, pathology, medical or surgical oncology could find the information helpful. There is limited basic science beyond laboratory diagnosis, so the book would have limited utility for the laboratory investigator.

Features

The book begins with intriguing facts on the history of HVP and includes historical perspectives on the basis of naming various lesions associated with HPV infection. It then moves to a brief overview of diagnostic testing. The bulk of the book focuses on the practical clinical aspects for urologic practitioners. Subsequent chapters discuss HPV-associated lesions, including intraepithelial lesions such as Bowen disease, penile squamous cell carcinoma, and cervical and anogenital neoplasia. The role of the virus in immunosuppression/HIV infection is also addressed in a separate chapter. The book ends with practical aspects of laser ablation and HPV vaccines. The chapters are enhanced by excellent color photographs. Unfortunately, the book does not offer a detailed discussion of the newly approved use of the HPV vaccine for use in men, as the approval came after this book was published.

Assessment

This is the only book in the field of urology dedicated to the management of male patients with HPV. The color photographs make the book a very useful reference in the field for those with an interest in oncology or sexually transmitted diseases in men.

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