This book provides you with a detailed examination of surgical patients with cancer from diagnosis to survivorship.

Although surgery remains the mainstay of treatment for the patient diagnosed with a solid tumor, how a patient is cared for before and after surgery has undergone dramatic changes in recent years. Where once surgical patients with cancer were placed in specialized care centers staffed with specially trained and certified oncology nurses, surgical patients with cancer are now often found in mixed units housing similar surgical patient populations and often in the care of nurses who are not specialized in oncology. In today's changing climate, oncology nurses work much more closely with a diverse team of healthcare professionals and having an intimate knowledge of surgical patients with cancer and the treatment process has become even more important.

Caring for surgical patients with cancer involves a diverse healthcare team with many hands touching patients at different stages, and the editors of this new book bring a varied set of backgrounds, from nurse navigation to advanced practice nursing.

Chapters provide you with a full view of the process for a variety of patients with cancer. You'll gain details in areas such as diagnosis, preoperative and perioperative care, nutritional care, surgical wounds and ostomy care, as well as survivorship issues. In addition, you'll gain insight into implications for pediatric and geriatric patients. You'll also get details on surgical procedures used on patients with cancer, including robotic minimally invasive surgery, interventional radiology, intraoperative radiation therapy, and reconstructive surgery. The core of the book focuses on the surgical care needed for patients with different types of tumors. Surgical Oncology Nursing reviews a variety of tumor types, from breast cancer to skin cancer, and details the specifics for the care of each patient population. In all, 11 types of cancers are reviewed, providing you the comprehensive information you need.

Whether care is provided in a dedicated, oncology setting or within a diverse patient care environment, you'll need the type of knowledge found in Surgical Oncology Nursing to provide the best care possible for this unique patient population.