Challenges in Colorectal Cancer

Aimed at the entire medical team caring for those with colorectal cancer, this book provides the most up-to-date information on the new and emerging treatments, looking at total patient management.

Colorectal cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in the US and Europe. Thousands of people are diagnosed with the disease every year and nearly half of these die as a result. As colorectal cancer is curable when detected early, a significant proportion of these deaths could be prevented by earlier diagnosis.

Much has changed since the publication of the first edition of this book in 2001: introduction of screening programs, improved diagnosis and surgery for rectal cancer, and advances in adjuvant and palliative medical therapy to name but a few. This new edition also contains the latest guidelines on epidemiology and prevention of colorectal cancer, and the application of molecular genetics.

The expanded international editor team present advice on surgical management, including new laparoscopic and endoscopic techniques and the role of the pathologist. They also review hot topics in colorectal cancer treatment, including the role of radiotherapy, options for chemotherapy and new developments in vaccines and immunotherapy.