Preface

This volume provides a set of comprehensive reviews from experts in the field on key clinical, translational, and basic research issues in ovarian cancer for clinicians and scientists. Chemoprevention, staging, and novel therapeutic targets are addressed in Part I with a series of reviews highlighting prevention strategies, surgical treatments, and translation of novel targets into clinical practice. Part II is focused on tumorigenesis and biomarkers. Reviews highlight genetic and epigenetic changes active in transformation of ovarian surface epithelium and biomarkers currently under investigation as diagnostic/prognostic indicators or therapeutic targets. Part III includes comprehensive overviews of tumor progression, metastasis, and translational research models. These reviews evaluate key signal transduction pathways in ovarian cancer, describe the novel adhesive microenvironment unique to ovarian tumors, and provide a comprehensive description of in vitro organotypic and in vivo murine models used to study ovarian cancer onset, progression, and metastasis.

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