Preface

A little over a decade ago, I had the privilege of helping to establish the first full-time ophthalmic oncology service based at a Comprehensive Cancer Center in the United States. Our Ophthalmic Oncology Service at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center has grown to include 4 subspecialty areas of ophthalmology: orbital oncology/oculoplastic surgery, ocular oncology, ocular surface diseases, and neuro-ophthalmology. Ophthalmic Oncology grew from faculty’s unique experiences and observations in their ophthalmology subspecialty areas at M.D. Anderson. The book highlights the unique aspects of ophthalmic oncology as a surgical and medical discipline practiced at a Comprehensive Cancer Center. The multidisciplinary management of ocular, orbital, and ocular adnexal (eyelid, conjunctival, and periocular soft tissues) cancers is emphasized, as well as the current recommendations and practices at our institution. In addition, ocular conditions caused as a direct result of cancer treatment are reviewed using illustrative photographs and case presentations. The authors include ophthalmology faculty members, current and former M.D. Anderson fellows, and experts in complementary disciplines such as radiation oncology, dermatopathology, ophthalmic pathology, radiology, plastic surgery, and other surgical subspecialties.

With an abundance of clinical photographs, clinicians will be able to correctly diagnose cancers of the orbit, eye, and ocular adnexal structures.

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