Preface

The concept of this book arose from the first in a series of annual workshops organized by the Center of Cancer Systems Biology at Steward St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center, Tufts University School of Medicine, and supported by the National Cancer Institute’s Integrative Cancer Biology Program. This inaugural workshop focused on Systems Biology of Tumor Dormancy and was held in Boston, Massachusetts in late July 2011. The goal of the workshop, and by extension, of this book, was to present research advances in the field of tumor dormancy from diverse experimental and clinical perspectives using biological, mathematical, and computational approaches.

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We hope that this book stimulates your interest in tumor dormancy, as well as in exploring interdisciplinary research techniques.

Enjoy.

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