

Preface

This *Atlas* is presented to the reader as a quick reference guide to the diagnosis and classification of a wide spectrum of congenital, acquired, and neoplastic pathologic conditions that occur in the adrenal gland, the urinary tract, and the male genital tract. The *Atlas* is organized to provide quick access to lesions that arise in specific organs or sites, recognizing that certain disease entities, such as malakoplakia, may develop in more than one site. We have endeavored to conform to well-known and widely accepted classification schemes and staging algorithms in our descriptions of these entities.

The *Atlas* is not intended to serve as a comprehensive source of detailed information concerning the entities shown, or to provide an exhaustive list of references to enhance one's knowledge about specific topics. Those functions are served admirably by a large number of excellent textbooks that have become available in recent years in the fields of adrenal and genitourinary pathology; these textbooks are listed at the end of the *Atlas* as suggested reading materials.

For their entire careers in pathology, the authors have been devoted collectors of interesting case material related to the pathologic conditions presented in this *Atlas*, and have published their findings extensively in other venues in the pathology literature. Indeed, many of the images shown in this *Atlas* have been presented in other publications, and are reproduced here with permission. We have included a large number of gross photographs in the *Atlas* because we believe that careful gross assessment of pathologic specimens is very important. We have also included a number of endoscopic images, as well as a few relevant radiologic images, in hopes that the reader will enjoy seeing a different aspect of certain cases. The great majority of the material in this *Atlas* deals with entities that are quite familiar to pathologists, urologists, medical oncologists, and radiation oncologists. However, the *Atlas* also contains images of pathologic entities that are quite uncommon, such as leiomyosarcoma arising in a renal angiolipoma, or even entirely unique and astonishingly rare, such as mesodermal adenosarcoma of the testis. We hope that the reader shares our interest in exploring the complexities of pathologic conditions in humans, and our delight in learning new things about these diseases.

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