Dear Colleague,

Nowadays, cancer is a serious disease which presents normally with a high mortality and important treatment sequels. The clinical approach of the cancer patients is really a challenge for the physicians, nurses, phycologists, and all subjects involved, namely, the patients and their family. Fortunately, the cancer sciences currently had been developing several strategies to overcome this issue: personalizing medicine, predictive and prognostic biomarkers, novel target therapies, and also innovative supportive therapies. Thus, the oncological treatment is a multimodal process which involves a comprehensive approach. More recently, the most important medical oncology societies are important key institutions to disseminate knowledge and establish clinical practice guidelines for the patient’s care. Also, they focus on an intensive task force to create a good and solid network education platform for young and senior medical oncologists’ updating. Nevertheless, medical oncology training directors and the national board examination council worldwide concurrently work to try to adapt the novel evidence to their reality and clinical practice. Taking into account all these paramount features, the International Manual of Oncology Practice working group had developed a very comprehensive and evidence-based book to help the clinicians worldwide integrate the knowledge to fit to their clinical practice. Experts from Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia, Middle East, and Oceania had established a solid and well-developed network platform to share experiences and write a consistent evidence-based book for the global oncology community, according to their local economical and sociocultural concerns. We hope you enjoy our work.

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Sincerely yours,

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