

BOOK REVIEW

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Basic Principles of Clinical Oncology and Radiotherapy

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University textbook *Basic Principles of Clinical Oncology and Radiotherapy* by Prof. Branislava Jakovljević, and co-authors represents very important oncology literature in our region. The making of this book involved 22 eminent experts from different fields of oncology. The textbook is clear and easy to read, while it also fully complies with the contents of the university subject. It consists of two thematic parts – general and special oncology, organized in 25 chapters, on 360 pages, providing 64 tables and 160 images. Most of the photographs are photographs from the personal archives of the authors, which gives particular weight to this work. The introductory chapters provide basic data on the molecular biology of tumors, carcinogenesis, apoptosis and metastasis of tumor, paraneoplastic syndrome, cancer pain, oncology emergencies, importance of reporting malignant diseases, as well as basic principles of oncology treatment modalities and importance of multidisciplinary decision-making. In the section which deals with special oncology, attention is focused on basic information about the etiology, epidemiological data, and clinical presentation, diagnosis and treatment options for specific locations of primary tumors. A considerable number of current references enable readers to expand their knowledge.

Contemporary problems in oncology are very well systematized in the book. The work is primarily intended for students of medicine, although it will also be useful to physicians who wish to expand their knowledge in the field of oncology and radiotherapy.



An interesting detail in this book is a reminder of Prof. Andrija Mikeš, (1918 – 2009), founder of the Clinic of Oncology at the Clinical Centre Banja Luka and the Department of Oncology at the Faculty of Medicine in Banja Luka. He was also the first editor of the professional journal *Scripta Medica*.

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