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## Preface

Since the early 2000s, the advances in imaging technologies and the wide diffusion of endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration have led to an increased detection of pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms compelling radiologists, pathologists, and nuclear medicine physicians to manage these diseases at an earlier stage. The increased surgical expertise together with new pharmacological options has also changed the therapeutic approach. At the same time, the refined WHO classification of 2010, increased experience of pathologists in this field, better knowledge of the clinicopathological features, and the availability of new molecular technologies have all increased our understanding of the pathogenesis and progression of such neoplasms. For all these reasons, the field of pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms has rapidly grown in the last 10 years and the aim of this book is to capture these dynamic changes providing a broad overview of this topic.

After a historical and epidemiological overview, four chapters attempt to capture the technical advances in diagnostic procedures providing insights for a critical evaluation of the new diagnostic options. The chapters on the immunohistochemical approach to diagnosis and on the criteria now used to classify pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasm in different prognostic categories represent the bridge between the diagnostic step and the full characterization of the different entities. These are treated in 11 chapters which cover the epidemiology, diagnosis, morphology, and prognosis of each tumor type. A specific chapter is also dedicated to hyperplastic and microadenomatous neuroendocrine lesions, which may represent a diagnostic challenge for pathologists and clinicians.

Careful consideration is given to the molecular features of various tumors and a specific chapter gives a critical overview of the most important knowledge which has contributed to our understanding of the pathogenesis of such neoplasms and may have potential implications for new therapeutic pathways. The final chapters consider the surgical and medical approaches to therapy, providing a practical and analytical overview of the available options.

The book is written by a multidisciplinary team of worldwide-recognized experts and is addressed to radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians,

endocrinologists, pathologists, surgeons, and oncologists interested in endocrine tumors of the pancreas.

The editors wish to thank the contributing authors and hope the readers will find all the information they need for their daily practice.

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