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Foreword

It's about time! Finally, information that is scattered throughout the worldwide web and in thousands of books and journal articles from a range of clinical and basic science disciplines is pulled together into one tome. This innovative book is truly the definitive treatise on human papillomaviruses (HPV). The clinical chapters include the latest information on the manifestations of HPV disease, diagnosis, and management. Included are current therapeutic guidelines, and prevention of warts in a manner that emphasizes the efficacy and side effects of different treatment modalities. It is organized in a manner so that specific information can be easily and quickly accessed. The research chapters are understandable by both the clinician and the researcher and provide a comprehensive view of the state of HPV science with an emphasis on vaccine development.

Most importantly for the first time, basic science and clinical information on HPV are presented together in the same book. Research in the 21st century is increasingly focused on translational efforts that require an interchange of ideas between researchers and clinicians. Successful grant applications take the latest information from the bench and focus it on bedside applications. At the same time, deficiencies in both diagnostic and therapeutic approaches must be identified to plug gaps in knowledge by targeting research to solve clinical problems. I am certain a broad swath of bench researchers, clinicians from the fields of dermatology, gynecology, surgery, and primary care fields will find this book to be a helpful reference whether read cover to cover or used when questions arise in their work. With just a little luck, the cross-pollination of research and clinical ideas will stimulate creative thinking that will stimulate creative advances in this field. It's about time!

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