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Preface

Only three decades ago, occurrence of tumor in the liver or biliary tree almost uniformly resulted in death. The recent technological advances in imaging and therapy of hepatobiliary tumors as well as the increasing understanding of the natural history of these tumors, have combined to provide effective treatment and potential cure for patients afflicted with these malignancies. This volume on hepatobiliary tumors published by the American Cancer Society is meant to provide a brief but current summary of the status of the field. Each of the major tumor types is discussed separately. The technical advances in liver surgery and tumor ablation are also emphasized because they represent the most effective and only potentially curative therapies for hepatobiliary tumors. In addition, systemic and regional chemotherapy are discussed. Other exciting areas of treatment are covered, such as gene therapy and liver transplantation which are likely to become important in the near future.

We thank all of the authors for their fine contributions. We are also indebted to Maria Reyes for her expert editorial assistance. We hope that the information contained in this volume will not only help in setting a standard of therapy for one of the most common solid organ tumor groups, but also stimulate further clinical and basic research that will continue the current evolution of clinical care for patients with hepatobiliary cancers.

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