BOOK REVIEW

Hematologic Malignancies in Adults

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The reference book entitled Hematologic Malignancies in Adults is edited by Mikaela Olsen, MS, RN, AOCNS, and Laura J. Zitella, MS, RN, ACNP-BC, AOCN. It is copy written in 2013 by the Oncology Nursing Society. There are 717 pages of content including text, tables, graphics and more. This reference book discusses hematologic malignancies in detail including pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, and treatment.

There are 14 chapters in total, followed by appendices and the index. The first of the 14 chapters highlights the advances in hematologic malignancies that have been made over the past 10 years. This is interesting to those who have practised clinically in hematology for a number of years and have witnessed some of these changes.

The next 13 chapters provide in-depth discussions of a range of hematologic malignancies: myeloproliferative neoplasms and chronic myeloid leukemias, myelodysplastic syndromes, myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasms, acute myeloid leukemia and acute leukemias of ambiguous lineage, precursor lymphoid neoplasms, mature B cell neoplasms, Hodgkin Lymphoma, mature T and NK cell neoplasms, multiple myeloma, hematopoietic cell transplantation and management of the complications of hematologic malignancy and treatment.

The last two chapters discuss two important dimensions of providing nursing care for patients with hematologic malignancies. These include vascular access and patient education.

The experts who have written these chapters describe the particulars of hematology and hematologic malignancies at a level that can engage novice nurses who are interested in advancing their clinical practice to an advanced or expert stage. This is a valuable reference book that is not only useful for the profession of nursing, but can also engage clinical clerks, residents, physician assistants, and physicians interested in gaining a more in-depth knowledge about the complexities of hematology and hematologic malignancies. The reference book not only acts as a guide for those in clinical practice, but is also a valuable primary source for those interested in writing newsletters, articles, abstracts, and publications. Considering the amount of valuable content, the price is reasonable and if you are an ONS member, you receive a discount!

I hope this review will entice you to read it.

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