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Foreword

The detection of diverticula in the colon is frequent and on a continuous rise which is due to a series of factors that include the increasing number of colonoscopies for colon cancer screening purpose and the demographic evolution with an increase of the elderly population. Although often detected in the complete absence of symptoms, colon diverticuli may present with a broad spectrum of clinical manifestations that range from mild abdominal symptoms and mild inflammation to severe inflammation with complications and life-threatening conditions. In the context of symptomatic colonic diverticular disease, among the many challenges posed is also the question whether diverticuli are the cause of irritable bowel syndrome or simply an innocuous bystander.

The pathophysiology underlying the various phenotypes of diverticular disease is multifactorial and complex. Basic and translational research has advanced our knowledge and led to a change in paradigm which is reflected by a significant progress in the clinical management of colon diverticular disease in all its facets.

The clinician and clinical scientist will find all the relevant questions answered in this most comprehensive book on colon diverticular disease presented by Tursi, Bafutto, Brandimarte, and Oliveira. With the contribution of authoritative colleagues, all critical aspects and novel areas around colonic diverticular diseases are presented in an impressive didactic manner and in excellent style.

This book provides an up-to-date and comprehensive overview on diverticular disease of the colon including all the recent innovations in the management, from modifiable risk factors to medical and surgical therapies.

This book should be delivered to the desk of all clinicians who demand for a comprehensive update on Colonic Diverticular Disease.

My compliments to the editors and all the authors who contributed to the edition of this book.

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Preface

Although diverticular disease seems to be a neglected disease yet, in the past few years several fine papers have been published on this topic and help us to understand better the pathogenesis and the natural history of the disease. This book represents the state of the art of this disease, but much needs to be studied and understood, in particular what is the best treatment for patients suffering from symptomatic uncomplicated diverticular disease, how to prevent acute diverticulitis occurrence, and how to prevent its recurrence. Further studies are therefore warranted in the next few years.

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