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New Insights of Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma

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Message from the Guest Editors

Malignant pleural mesothelioma (MPM), although a relatively rare disease, is one of the most aggressive and most difficult to treat cancers affecting the thoracic cavity. While the surgical strategy, which focuses on maximal cytoreduction, has evolved from very invasive procedures such as extrapleural pneumonectomy with resection of the pericardium and diaphragm, to less invasive procedures such as pleurectomy/decortication (in selected cases even in the form of minimally invasive video-assisted procedures (VATS)), newer and less toxic systemic agents have also been developed, which are the result of a better understanding of the specific tumor biology. The molecular and morphologic features of this disease are being progressively elucidated and offer a more precise diagnosis.

The aim of this Special Issue is to present the newest developments concerning treatment options for MPM, including basic and translational research, and clinical data of different surgical and combination strategies, but also insights into its pathogenesis, molecular biology, pathology, and diagnosis. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome.



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