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Colorectal Cancer and Adjacent Normal Mucosa Differ in Apoptotic and Inflammatory Protein Expression

Message from the Guest Editor

Today, colorectal cancer is the fourth most common type of tumor all over the world. CRC is the result of interactions between environmental and genetic factors. The molecular mechanisms underlying the disturbances, hereditary or acquired, of the function of the immune system and of the apoptotic pathways that regulate protection, promotion or tolerance against neoplastic transformation are still debated. Moreover, the colorectal adenoma–carcinoma sequence has provided a paradigmatic framework for understanding successive somatic genetic changes and consequent clonal expansions that lead to cancer. However, an understanding of the earliest phases of colorectal neoplastic changes—which may occur in morphologically normal tissue—is comparatively limited, as for most cancer types.

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