



Recent Advances in Pancreatic Neoplasms

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Message from the Guest Editor

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading of cancer death in Western countries. Surgery and adjuvant therapy remains the standard treatment, but the recurrence rate is still high. Multimodality treatment appears essential in order to obtain better results, but definitive conclusions are lacking. There is a need for a better understanding of genetic alterations, clarifying the role of new biomarkers for precursor and invasive tumors, the identification of prognostic factors, and the management of recurrent cancer for patient's tailored therapy. Furthermore, neuroendocrine tumors are increasingly recognized in clinical practice, and they include a variety of neoplasms with a different biological behaviour and treatment. In particular, the management of small non-functioning tumors is still controversial, while the treatment of advanced disease requires novel research strategies. The aim of this Special Issue is to focus on the results and problems of multimodality therapy for resectable and locally advanced pancreatic tumors, the search of prognostic factors for early and late outcomes after therapy, and the evaluation of novel strategies for individualized treatment.





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