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The AJCC Cancer Staging Manual and Handbook, prepared by the American Joint Committee on Cancer, are used by physicians and health care professionals throughout the world to facilitate the uniform description of neoplastic diseases. Proper classification and staging allow the physician to determine treatment more appropriately, evaluate results of management more reliably, and compare worldwide statistics reported from various institutions on a local, regional, and national basis more confidently. The fully revised and updated Sixth Edition of the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual brings together all currently available information on staging of cancer at various anatomic sites and incorporates newly acquired knowledge on the etiology and pathology of cancer. As more is learned, cancer staging must adapt to accommodate new information and this revised edition provides an evidence-based staging system based upon the established tenets of TNM classification. All of the TNM staging information included in the Sixth Edition is uniform between the AJCC and the UICC (International Union Against Cancer). Organized by disease site into 48 comprehensive chapters, the Sixth Edition features much-anticipated, major revisions to the chapters on melanoma and breast cancer. Numerous new line drawings illustrate key anatomic sites throughout the text. Additional user-friendly enhancements include: * a concise summary of changes in the TNM classification since the previous edition at the start of every chapter * color-coordinated page tabs for easy access between chapters * a CD-ROM packaged with each Manual containing printable copies of each of the book’s 45 Staging Forms for both individual and institutional use * a comprehensive index The Sixth Edition of the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual and Handbook remains the essential reference for oncologists, pathologists, surgeons, cancer registrars, and medical professionals worldwide to assure that all those taking care of cancer patients will be trained in the language of cancer staging.