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Jonathan Epstein, Christina Magi-Galluzzi, Ming Zhou, Antonio Cubilla, Tumors of the Prostate Gland, Seminal Vesicles, Penis and Scrotum. AFIP Atlas of Tumor Pathology. Series 5. Fascicle 2, American Registry of Pathology, Arlington, Virginia, 2020757 pages, ISBN 10: 1-933477-90-3. Hardcover, \$275.00.

This book represents Fascicle 2 from the fifth series of AFIP Atlas of Tumor and Non-Tumor pathology. The authors are among the most esteemed leaders in genitourinary (GU) pathology, and the result of their collaboration is a text that will appeal to a variety of readers. The authors not only integrated the most significant developments in male reproductive organ pathology since the last edition was published in 2011 but also managed to keep the text thorough yet succinct. The book is written in a manner that is accessible for medical students exploring GU pathology for the first time, for pathology residents looking for a more indepth study of GU pathology, and for practicing pathologists striving to stay up to date.

The book is divided into three general parts based on the part of the male reproductive tract featured, with each part further divided into chapters. Of note, each part begins with a chapter discussing normal anatomy, histology, and physiology. Furthermore, each part delves into routine and evolving ancillary studies including immunohistochemistry and molecular testing. Of note, the book is written in a way that enables the reader to apply the material to everyday practice through clinical correlations and gross/microscopic correlations.

Perhaps, the greatest aspect of this book is the plentiful color images and summary tables. Each chapter contains a variety of gross and microscopic images. Chapter 4, which discusses prostate carcinoma, is especially well done with the pictures illustrating for the reader the critical aspects of histologic grading and changes that occur in prostate carcinoma after treatment. The tables provide concise summaries of the text, allowing a reader to gain significant knowledge simply by skimming the tables and images. Part 3, which concentrates on the penis and scrotum, is among the clearest written texts I have ever encountered about penile and scrotal pathology. As with the rest of the book, Part 3 is in sync with the evolving nature of GU pathology and describes the novel histological classification of penile carcinomas based on HPV status.

Although this book has an expensive sticker price (currently \$275), discounts are available through the American Registry of Pathology website for subscribers and residents. Perhaps, the only drawback to this book is how heavy it is to carry around. Of note, there is a digital copy that comes along with the book; however, this is a bit unclear from the website and not mentioned in the physical copy of the book.

In summary, this new book is outstanding and highly recommended to those interested in learning more about pathology of the prostate gland, seminal vesicles, penis, and scrotum.

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