

BOOK REVIEW

**Cancer Pathology Registry 2003-2004
and Time Trend Analysis**

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This publication is a hospital-based pathology-oriented Cancer Registry, the second in a series of Pathology Registries originally published in 1991. It included all cases presented to the Department of Pathology at NCI during the two-year period of 2003-2004. Material was presented as relative frequency data of all malignant tumors.

The book contained 20 Chapters in 107 pages, all illustrating Tables and colored Figures. The first Chapter described general features of the total pathology series, with ranking of malignant tumors in males and females, as well as in adults and pediatrics. This is followed by a Chapter on epidemiology describing age and sex distribution in relation to Egyptian population and offering possible justifications for time trend changes. A total of 13 Chapters dealt with malignant tumors of different body systems with detailed relative frequency and pathologic features of their corresponding tumors. The last five Chapters dealt with multiple tumors, locally recurrent tumors, metastatic tumors at initial presentation, metastatic recurring tumors and tumors of border-line malignancy.

This data was also compared to other Cancer Registries issued from Egypt, both hospital-based and population-based. Time trend analysis was performed by comparing the present data with similar data from the prior Cancer Pathology Registry issued in 1991 by the same prime editor and representing data from the 1980s. The time interval between both registries was about 15 years. The big number of cases included in both registries, the similar nature of cases

from the same hospital and the long time interval between the two registries allowed the editors to draw a changing profile of cancer at NCI.

The material of this book could be of help to pathologists, oncologists, post-graduate students and researchers in the field of cancer in general and cancer pathology in particular. This book is published by the National Cancer Institute and funded by the NCI and Sanofi Aventis. It is distributed free of charge. The electronic version could also be reached at www.nci.cu.edu.eg.

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