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The volume is based on an International Advanced Course on 'AIDS and Associated Tumors', held in Naples, March 15, 1990, and co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, 'Fondazione Pascale' and the Italian League against Cancer, Section of Region Campania.

The book opens with an overview on the epidemiologic situation of HIV infection – globally, as well as in particular in Italy and in infants and children from a high incidence country for HIV infection, namely Zaire. The following two papers discuss drug addiction and AIDS. AIDS prevention experiences, an urgent issue whether in Europe or USA, are presented by an important contribution from Amsterdam, which probably represents a good model on this pressing issue. A comparison of the genetic and biologic features of human and non-human immunodeficiency viruses gives the latest information on the complex functional role of HIV and SIV regulatory genes for better understanding of retroviral pathogenic mechanisms. Several reports then focus on epidemiological and clinical AIDS-associated tumors, such as Kaposi's sarcoma, malignant lymphomas, genital tract neoplasia, as well as pediatric cancers in Africa. Further papers review AIDS and hemophilia, describe new developments in the diagnosis of HIV infections in infants, and give a thorough description of functional brain imaging in AIDS-related dementia. Moreover, readers will find the latest update and new approaches to therapeutic interventions in AIDS. The book concludes with a crucial contribution on primary health care regarding community involvement and AIDS with an international perspective.

Representing expert scientific and clinical views and experience on an international level, this book is essential for anyone concerned with remaining updated in the AIDS field.

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