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Malignant Adrenal Tumors - from Bench to Bedside

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Dear colleagues,

Malignant adrenal tumors continue to present a challenge in many different ways. As a result of their low incidence, diagnostic delay is always lurking and expertise in the management of malignant adrenal tumors is usually not widely available. Adding to the complexity, malignant adrenal tumors have different origins (i.e. adrenal cortex, adrenal medulla, metastasis of extra-adrenal malignancy) and are highly heterogeneous in their clinical presentation and biological behavior. Radiological and pathological differentiation of malignant from benign adrenal tumors can be very difficult. In addition, there is an unmet need for new medical treatment modalities. In recent years, however, both basic and clinical research have produced much relevant and exciting new information on these disorders. The improved understanding of malignant adrenal tumors has either translated into changes in the clinical management or has revealed new characteristics or pathways which may ultimately provide novel diagnostic techniques or therapeutic options.



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