
Preface

A quick glance at the number of references to DNA methylation in the searchable biomedical databases, such as PubMed and others, or the frequency with which these words appear on Internet websites and public databases demonstrates the current boom in interest in DNA methylation. This book is born of the necessity to serve that interest: it aims to be a comprehensive handbook covering the areas in which DNA methylation is important, addressing how this modification may be studied for academic and clinicopathological purposes and how it may be applied in therapeutic strategies. Until now, the field has lacked this type of organized bibliographical source, but this current book, with contributions from many of the leading experts in the field of DNA methylation, makes good this absence.