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Lung cancer remains an extremely difficult neoplasm to treat effectively. A large part of our lack of success in dealing with these patients is related to our empiric therapeutic attempts. Slowly our basic understanding of the lung cancers is improving and techniques are becoming available to allow us to better understand the biology of these neoplasms. This volume reviews several areas of interest in regard to the biologic behavior and characteristics of lung cancer. The chapters deal with the in vitro growth of small cell lung cancer, the investigation of growth factors in human lung cancer, the production of monoclonal antibodies against lung cancer and the application and potential usefulness of the human tumor cloning

assay in lung cancer management. These avenues of investigation are likely to establish a more scientific basis on which more rational therapy can be designed. Carney and associates have established several continuous small cell lung cancer cell lines in their laboratory. The amine precursor uptake and decarboxylation (APUD) properties of this neoplasm have been confirmed by demonstrating the presence of neurosecretory granules and high levels of the APUD enzyme L-dopa decarboxylase. In addition, several new markers have been documented including bombesin, creatine-kinase BB and neuron specific enolase. These tumor products along with others may be useful serum markers in patients with small cell lung cancer. This book describes the molecular mechanisms of lung cancer development and progression that determine therapeutic interventions in the era of genomics, when the rapid evolution in lung cancer diagnosis and treatment necessitates critical review of new results to integrate advances into practice. The text opens with background and emerging information regarding the molecular biology of lung cancer pathogenesis. Updated results regarding lung cancer prevention and screening are discussed, followed by chapters on diagnostic techniques and pathological evaluation.

This leads on to a detailed presentation of treatment modalities, from surgery and radiation therapy to standard chemotherapy and targeted agents. The coverage includes resistance to therapy and the emergence of immunotherapy for lung cancer; in addition, the current evidence in respect of small cell lung cancer is summarized. The book presents insights from experts across disciplines to emphasize the importance of collaborative care. Advances in our understanding of issues in geriatric oncology and palliative care complete the comprehensive discussion of lung cancer. Dispelling the commonly held belief that lung cancer is always self-inflicted, this book guides patients, their loved ones, and caregivers through diagnosis, acceptance, and treatment, and provides support and hope to the tens of thousands of people coping with this illness.

- Provides a crucial reference that helps patients, caregivers, and loved ones educate themselves and obtain the best possible treatments
- Discusses customized chemotherapy; treatment options for early-stage lung cancer, including minimally invasive surgery techniques pioneered by author Dr. Eric Presser; and today's most promising treatments, including multimodality therapy
- Examines the latest diagnostic tools for the early detection of lung cancer, emphasizes the

importance of cancer staging, and evaluates the range of alternative treatments • Guides readers concerning emotional matters such as telling family members and dealing with guilt, and with the practical needs of late-stage lung cancer patients

This book aims to provide an up-to-date review of the literature in each of the major areas relating to the management of older lung cancer patients, and makes recommendations for best practice and future research. The authors come from a broad geographic spread including the UK, mainland Europe and North America to ensure a worldwide relevance. The Methods in Molecular Medicine series is intended as a resource for both novice and experienced investigators attempting to diversify their technological base in research.

Lung Cancer: Volume 1: Molecular Pathology Methods and Reviews presents an overview of the current status of assays employed to detect and characterize the multitude of pathologies that contribute to the development of this deadly disease. As with all volumes in the Methods in Molecular Medicine series, the reader should find that each methods-based chapter provides clear instructions for the performance of various protocols, supplemented by additional technical notes that provide valuable insight. These notes are designed to enable the

reader to acquire the techniques described with a proficiency not easily achieved by re- ing standard method formats. No volume can exhaustively cover every aspect of biological research and there will be gaps in this endeavor that one or another research group will identify. Each section herein could readily be expanded into a book in its own right. However, I have sought to include a spectrum of techniques that should allow for the acquisition of key skills in each area covered. What is my prognosis? What are my treatment options? Which therapies would be the most effective for my stage of lung cancer? These and other frequently asked questions are addressed in this crucial reference designed to help patients educate themselves and obtain the best possible treatments. The completely revised second edition has been updated to include a discussion of the movement towards customized chemotherapy; treatment options for early-stage lung cancer including minimally invasive surgery; and the most promising treatments, among them multimodality therapy—a combination of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. Dr. Scott also surveys tests for early detection of lung cancer, talks about the importance of cancer staging, examines alternative treatments, and offers advice on coping with emotions such as "smoker's guilt." Lung cancer is the leading cause of

cancer death in the United States, but IGRT (image guided radiation therapy) offers the possibility of more aggressive and enhanced treatments. The only available source on the subject that emphasizes new imaging techniques, and provides step-by-step treatment guidelines for lung cancer, this source helps clinicians. The last volume dealing with lung cancer in this series in Cancer Treatment and Research was published in 1986 and entitled Lung Cancer: Basic and Clinical Aspects. The present book continues the outline of the previous volume by presenting up-to-date information on lung cancer in critical reviews of new important basic and clinical concepts of lung cancer. The present volume has broadened the scope by also including chapters dealing with issues such as epidemiology, prophylaxis, and histopathology of lung cancer. The content of the book thus reflects the increasing awareness of a global disease that is more and more in focus, not only scientifically but also politically. The latter fact results increasingly in changes in health legislation, with prevention measures influencing everyday life. The great interest in the disease is natural, considering that more than one patient dies from lung cancer every minute globally. The first chapter is from the Cancer Unit, WHO, Geneva, and describes in detail the epidemiologic

features of lung cancer, which is the second most frequent cancer in the world with 660,500 new cases annually; it will soon surpass stomach cancer as the leader. Thirty-one percent of the cases occur in developing countries, where the increase is especially dramatic. According to the American Cancer Society, nearly 220,000 Americans are diagnosed with lung cancer annually. It accounts for nearly 15 percent of all newly diagnosed cancers. If you've been diagnosed, you probably have many questions about the nature of the disease and your treatment options. Walter J. Scott, M.D., has treated thousands of lung cancer patients who have navigated this overwhelming maze of medical tests and procedures. In *Lung Cancer: From Diagnosis to Treatment*, Dr. Scott helps you understand the process—from getting a diagnosis to going through treatment. He explains topics such as: symptoms of lung cancer, diagnostic tests, types and stages of lung cancer, surgical procedures, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, clinical trials, coping with "smoker's guilt" and more. A book to help you become an informed patient! This work, *Lung Cancer, Volume 2: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Methods and Reviews*, in the *Methods in Molecular Medicine* series presents an overview of the current status of those methods useful in the diagnosis and

tre- ment of lung cancer—both as it exists in the clinic and as it is being revoluti- ized in the laboratory. The book is intended to serve as a resource for researchers wishing to increase their knowledge of current and cutting edge technologies, in order that their investigations into neoplasms of the lung may benefit from this enriched diversity of techniques and approaches. Owing to the complex nature of the disease and the variety of methods available to analyze and attack it, no volume attempting to define diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to lung cancer can ever be complete. The sheer number of investigators involved in lung cancer research guarantees that some aspect will be inadvertently excluded. However, I hope that the range of techniques included herein will serve to open up new avenues of investigation for both the novice and experienced researcher. The incidence of lung cancer has reached epidemic proportions throughout the civilized world. One indication of the dimensions of this problem is that in the United States lung cancer has become the leading cause of cancer death in women as well as men. In 1912 there was a "nearly complete consensus of opinion that primary malignant neoplasms of the lung (were one) of the rarest forms of disease," according to Adler. By 1937, however, it had become clear that the

incidence of lung cancer was increasing significantly; this increase has been progressive ever since. It is now well known that some lung cancers give rise to a variety of hormones which, at times, produce clinical manifestations. The association of hormone production with a "nonendocrine" tumor raises many questions, the answers to which may shed some light on the etiology of this prevalent form of cancer. This fascinating problem has stimulated a wide variety of studies in both the clinical and the basic sciences. A number of the more recent studies in this field were discussed at the International Symposium on Peptide Hormones and Lung Cancer held in Marburg, West Germany, on June 18-20, 1984. This volume contains the papers that were presented on this occasion. Primary lung tumors are now a global health problem. The incidence has risen dramatically during the last 5--6 decades, reflecting the popularity of cigarette smoking. In this, the fifth volume dealing with lung cancer in the series KappaCANCER TREATMENT AND RESEARCHkappa, many current research topics are covered by notable authorities, including chemoprevention, growth factors, multidrug resistance, new agents, and haematopoietic growth factors. Altogether, the 17 chapters from twelve countries highlight some of the

rapid developments taking place in basic and clinical research of lung cancer. These chapters not only give up-to-date information, they will also stimulate further research into this man-made disease which was almost unheard of a century ago. The "Europe against Cancer" programme has, from its inception, emphasised the key role which general practitioners must play in the actions necessary to achieve its aim of reducing the incidence and the mortality from cancer in the European Community. General practitioners, because of their day-to-day direct and continuing contact with patients, play a role not only in primary prevention and education of patients, but also in motivating their patients to accept secondary prevention and screening, some of it carried out by general practitioners themselves. These preventive activities are in addition to their traditional role in the care and management of patients with cancer at home, and increasingly, their role in active treatment. In view of the importance of the general practitioner in the "Europe against Cancer" programme, the European Commission, with a view to providing general practitioners with up-to-date useful information, has sponsored the production of this series of publications on organ based cancers, especially written for general practitioners. MICHEL RICHONNIER Coordinator

of the "Europe against Cancer" programme, Commission of the European Communities, Brussels
Preface To decrease the death rate of lung cancer is today one of the major challenges of medical doctors all over the world. In Europe alone, one person is dying of lung cancer every two minutes. Accordingly, most physicians will regularly in their career be confronted with a patient being either suspect of or having a lung cancer. Carcinoma of the lung is one of the most prevalent and aggressive types of cancer, and rates of lung cancer are on the rise. This issue gives a comprehensive review of the most recent advances in Lung Cancer.

Epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of lung cancer is first discussed, followed by articles on pre-invasive evaluation and management, screening, pathology and molecular biology. There is an article on the approach to the ground glass nodule. Of great importance is the revised staging classification of Lung Cancer, which is discussed here in detail. Articles on PET imaging, interventional pulmonary, and functional evaluation before Lung Resection are also included. The issue then focuses on advances in treatment for early stage lung cancer, high risk patients with early stage lung cancer, advances in the treatment of Advanced Stage Lung Cancer, Small Cell Lung Cancer, and

gene therapy for lung neoplasms. Lung cancer is a major cause of cancer-related deaths in men and women. However, since the first edition of Lung Cancer was published 14 years ago, rapid progress in the biology, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of the disease has been made. As with other books in the Molecular Pathology Library Series, Molecular Pathology of Lung Cancer bridges the gap between the molecular specialist and the clinical practitioner, including the surgical pathologist who now has a key role in decisions regarding molecular targeted therapy for lung cancer. Molecular Pathology of Lung Cancer provides the latest information and current insights into the molecular basis for lung cancer, including precursor and preinvasive lesions, molecular diagnosis, molecular targeted therapy, molecular prognosis, molecular radiology and related fields for lung cancer generally and for the specific cell types. As many fundamental concepts about lung cancer have undergone revision in only the past few years, this book will likely be the first to comprehensively cover the new molecular pathology of lung cancer. It provides a foundation in this field for pathologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, thoracic surgeons, thoracic radiologists and their trainees, physician assistants, and nursing staff. Among the deadliest type of

cancers, lung cancer faces several challenges in diagnosis and treatment: late diagnosis and misdiagnosis, inadequate tumor sampling, and resistance development to current therapies, among others. Together with advances in the understanding of molecular features, factors, and mechanisms involved in initiation and tumor progression, important improvements have occurred in diagnostics and therapeutics in the shape of advances in molecular genotyping, procedures for sampling, new potential, and less invasive sources of samples for the diagnosis and development of new targeted therapies. The aim of this book is to provide an exciting read on strategies in the diagnosis and therapy of lung cancer. Lung cancer is one of the biggest challenges in oncology today. The challenge is due to the recognition of the possibility of prevention in at least 70-80 % of all the cases and the extreme difficulties encountered in the treatment of this neoplasm. Despite the knowledge of prevention measures such as cessation of cigarette smoking the incidence continues to increase in many countries. The increase is particularly notable in females in the westernized countries where the death rate in females in certain regions surpasses that of breast cancer. Furthermore, in many developing countries

lung cancer is now being diagnosed with increasing frequency in both sexes and it is expected to be a major cause of death in those countries later in this century or the beginning of next century if the tobacco consumption will continue its rapid rise. With respect to therapy the 1970'es brought considerable progress in understanding of the clinical behaviour of lung cancer thereby establishing the importance of distinguishing between the major histologic types. Therapeutic advancement was particularly experienced in small cell carcinoma with the introduction of combination chemotherapy after this special disease entity among lung cancers was recognized as being a disseminated disease in almost all cases at the time of diagnosis. It was expected that the improvement in therapy would have continued in the early 1980'es, not only for small cell lung cancer but also for the other cell types. Under the auspices of the 12th International Symposium on Special Aspects in Radiotherapy 2008 in Berlin, acknowledged experts presented their perspectives on small and non-small cell lung cancer, reflecting the latest standards and engaging in controversies in the diagnosis and treatment of this disease. Based on the author's experience through 40 years of work with lung cancers, this resource is based on the theme that

carcinomas of the lung have overlapping characteristics, with quantitative rather than qualitative differences. It contains photographs depicting characteristic growth patterns, and complications such as cavitation and exsanguination. Coverage includes gross pathology and the defining histopathology; the neuroendocrine tumours; adenocarcinomas; large cell carcinomas; adenosquamous carcinomas; mesotheliomas; benign tumours; and tumour-like lesions, including hamartomas, eosinophilic granulomas, sclerosing hemangiomas and inflammatory pseudotumours. In the United States, lung cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer and the leading cause of cancer death. Even more devastating is its five-year survival rate of only 15.8%. Despite these dismal facts, lung cancer receives little national attention and research and funding for lung cancer lags behind other cancers. The intent of *Contemporary Issues in Lung Cancer: A Nursing Perspective* is to provide oncology nurses and healthcare professionals with in-depth information on the issues that surround this disease, so that they might impact both education and research and provide better care for their patients. *Contemporary Issues in Lung Cancer* addresses all aspects of the disease from incidence, risk factors, and the biology

of lung cancer, to the latest modes of treatment. Also discussed are controversies in the detection and screening of lung cancer, and the special issues facing individuals with lung cancer. This issue of *Clinics in Chest Medicine*, guest-edited by Dr. M. Patricia Rivera, is the first of two issues focused on Lung Cancer. Topics discussed in this issue include but are not limited to: Lung Cancer in the 21st Century; Epidemiology, Etiology, and Prevention; Lung Cancer in Women: A Modern Epidemic; Primary Prevention of Lung Cancer: Tobacco Treatment; The Biology of Lung Cancer: Development of More Effective Methods for Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment; Pathology of Lung Cancer; Lung Cancer Screening: Patient Selection and Implementation; The Approach to the Subsolid Nodule; Bronchoscopic Diagnostic Procedures Available to the Pulmonologist; Bronchoscopic Therapeutic Procedures Available to the Pulmonologist; and Biomarkers in Lung Cancer. Lung cancer is the most common form of cancer in the world and a major cause of death. This new book brings together stellar research from around the world. The two main types of primary lung cancer small cell and non-small cell are examined. The book's scope encompasses the three main types of non-small cell lung cancer: squamous cell

carcinoma which is the commonest type of lung cancer and develops in the cells which line the airways; adenocarcinoma develops from the cells which produce mucus in the lining of the airways; large cell carcinoma gets its name from the large, rounded cells that are seen when they are examined under the microscope. About 1 in 5 lung cancers are small cell, the rest non-small cell. Causes of lung cancer are primarily smoking, but include as well exposure to radon, asbestos, uranium, arsenic, and certain petroleum products. Research and new drugs are appearing with increasing frequency in this field. Lung cancer is primarily a disease of well-developed affluent countries. It is by far the most common cancer in men, and could become more prevalent in women than breast cancer. Yet, although it is common, preventable, and sometimes curable, very little information is available about it. In a clear, accessible style, this thoroughly updated revised edition provides the answers to the questions patients with lung cancers or those involved with them are likely to ask. The first section describes the causes, diagnosis, and progression of the disease, and includes a chapter on stopping smoking. The next section deals with the curative and symptomatic treatments available for the different types of lung cancer. The third section, new

for this edition, discusses the future prospects for the disease and its treatment. Also included are a glossary, a list of further reading, and an extensive list of addresses of organizations which can provide help and advice. This, the first of two volumes on personalized medicine in lung cancer, touches on the core issues related to the understanding of lung cancer—statistics and epidemiology of lung cancer—along with the incidence of lung cancer in non-smokers. A major focus of this volume is the state of current therapies against lung cancer—immune, targeted therapies against EGFR TKIs, KRAS, ALK, angiogenesis; the associated challenges, especially resistance mechanisms; and recent progress in targeted drug development based on metal chemistry. Chapters are written by some of the leading experts in the field, who provide a better understanding of lung cancer, the factors that make it lethal, and current research focused on developing personalized treatment plans. With a unique mix of topics, this volume summarizes the current state-of-knowledge on lung cancer and the available therapies. J. G. MCVIE The impact of therapy on one subset of lung cancer, the "small cell" type has been significant and lasting. The reality of cure for even a fraction of patients with this disease has caused reverberations in the pathology lab where the

responsibili. ' ~y and challenge of diagnosis of this vital sub group lies. No less dramatic has been the discovery that the cell types of lung cancer have recognisable growth characteristics in serum free culture, they are recognisable by patterns of markers and some produce growth factors which autoregulate their eventual fate. Many of the discoveries from the biological studies have impacted on the pathologist in the form of disturbing evidence for a single stem cell origin for all the cell types of lung cancer and in the shape of new facilitation in diagnosis by application of immunoperoxidase techniques. Monoclonal antibodies raised against oncogene products, growth factor receptor sites, "bystander" cell membrane proteins can all be applied to cytology specimens and frozen or paraffin fixed tissue sections to aid diagnosis and some can be used in sequential serum assay to monitor therapy and predict prognosis. Adding to these extraordinary tools, the sophistication of electron microscopy and immuno-electron microscopy, new techniques for preparation of tissue and novel methods for studying vital cells in "kinesis", you sense the flavour of the future of lung cancer which is captured in this book. This new edition provides the latest information and insights into the molecular

basis for lung cancer. Since the publication of the previous edition of this volume, dramatic changes have occurred with the classification of lung cancer, biomarker testing, and molecular therapy. The book covers these changes, providing updates and new insights on the background of lung cancer, testing methods, and the molecular pathology of specific cell types, including adenocarcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, small cell carcinoma, and precursor and preinvasive lesions. Authored by experts in the field, *Precision Molecular Pathology of Lung Cancer, Second Edition* remains one of the few books that comprehensively covers the new molecular pathology of lung cancer and is a valuable resource for pathologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, thoracic surgeons, and thoracic radiologists. Written for patient and caregiver, this thorough and easy-to-read guide covers the basics of lung cancer and its management. Scott, a cardiothoracic surgeon specializing in lung cancer treatment, presents clinical information in a lucid and compassionate manner. This well-organized book capably guides the reader through a logical series of discussions, ranging from how the lungs work to end-of-life care. Treatments by disease type and stage (and the staging process itself) are smoothly explained. Another strong point is the

appendix, which contains a concise list of chemotherapy agents and provides essential drug information, including brand and generic names. Although the text lacks a formal glossary, definitions of technical terms are skillfully woven into the context. Few consumer health titles are exclusively devoted to lung cancer, and this one should prove a valuable addition to consumer health and public library collections. Thoroughly revised and updated, this Fourth Edition is the most comprehensive, current reference on lung cancer, with contributions from the world's foremost surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, pulmonologists, and basic scientists. Coverage includes complete information on combined modality treatments for small cell and non-small cell lung cancer and on complications of treatment and management of metastases. Emphasis is also given to early detection, screening, prevention, and new imaging techniques. This edition has expanded thoracic oncology chapters including thymus, mesothelioma, and mediastinal tumors, more detailed discussion of targeted agents, and state-of-the-art information on newer techniques in radiotherapy. Other highlights include more international contributors and greater discussion of changes in lung cancer management in each region of the world. A new editor, Giorgio

Scagliotti, MD from the University of Turin, has coordinated the accounts of European activities. A companion website includes the full text online and an image bank.

Defining the Lung Cancer Problem

1 Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the world. It kills almost as many Americans as cancers of the breast, prostate, colon, rectum, pancreas, and 2 kidney combined, and accounts for 28.6% of all US cancer deaths. With an increase in the 5-year relative survival rate from 13% to only 16% in the more than 2 30 years from 1974 to the present, it will take us another 840 years to eradicate lung cancer deaths if we do not improve the current rate of progress. As discussed in this text, lung cancer prevention has received substantial attention. The decrease in smoking in recent decades has helped, but smoking is not the only problem. Lung cancer in people who have never smoked is currently the 5th 3 leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Several factors contribute to the lethality of lung cancer, including the rapidity of tumor growth, advanced stage at diagnosis (due to nonspecificity of early symptoms and the uncertain efficacy of screening), early development of metastases, and resistance to therapy. Several chapters in this book discuss new molecular targets that may be potentially exploitable in the future, as

well as discussing our track record to date in exploiting them. The public health burden from lung cancer is substantial: it is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer and the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Given the individual and population health burden of lung cancer, especially when it is diagnosed at later stages, there has been a push to develop and implement screening strategies for early detection. However, many factors need to be considered for broad implementation of lung cancer screening in clinical practice. Effective implementation will entail understanding the balance of potential benefits and harms of lung cancer screening, defining and reaching eligible populations, addressing health disparities, and many more considerations. In recognition of the substantial challenges to developing effective lung cancer screening programs in clinical practice, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a workshop in June 2016. At the workshop, experts described the current evidence base for lung cancer screening, the current challenges of implementation, and opportunities to overcome them. Workshop participants also explored capacity and access issues; best practices for screening programs; assessment of patient outcomes, quality,

and value in lung cancer screening; and research needs that could improve implementation efforts. This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop. Learn valuable lessons from a longtime lung cancer survivor's own journey. *The ABCs of Lung Cancer* is a practical, easy-to-read guide for lung cancer patients and the people who care for and about them. Written by an 11-year lung cancer survivor and her daughter, the authors provide useful tips for dealing with and preventing lung cancer, some anecdotes about their own experiences, and, most of all, hope. Structured logically from A-Z, *The ABCs of Lung Cancer* gives frank advice that is easy to digest, despite the serious topic. Each segment offers insight garnered from the authors' more than ten years' experience advocating for and supporting people impacted by this disease. Every chapter offers practical suggestions, helpful tips, and inspirational quotes. The authors cover some challenging-but necessary-topics. Learn what the authors share about the following subjects, as well as a breadth of related issues: -Second Opinions -Radon -Palliative Care -Veterans -Clinical Trials -Pets *The ABCs of Lung Cancer* will provide much needed education, encouragement, and empowerment for the hundreds of thousands of people each year impacted by lung

cancer. Bonus: Color the creative illustrations included in each section to help relieve stress. Foreword by Lynne Eldridge, M.D., medical journalist, author, speaker, and lung cancer advocate. Lynne is the author of the National Award Winning Book, "Avoiding Cancer One Day at a Time." She is completing another book for cancer survivors titled "Keeping Cancer at Bay." In addition to speaking internationally on cancer prevention, prevention of cancer recurrence, and freelance health writing, she is a medical journalist for the New York Times Company and manages the Lung Cancer site for About.com. In many ways, the field of lung cancer research is leading the way in personalized oncologic care, with numerous new treatment strategies moving from clinical trials to standard clinical practice within the past 10 years; and, there are no indications of bench-to-bedside innovations slowing down. Handbook of Thoracic Oncology is a practical guide to the multidisciplinary management of patients with lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies. The content highlights the applications of both conventional and novel treatment strategies to the care of real-life patients with lung cancer. Unlike many oncology textbooks that exhaustively list studies of historical or failed approaches, this handbook focuses on the

application of practical, current management options to specific patient subsets and the data that specifically support these strategies. The format is open and readable with bulleted points presenting overall treatment guidelines as well as more nuanced applications of these treatments to individual patient groups. The clear focus of this book is on the question that all oncologists ask themselves every day, "How do I take care of this person sitting in front of me?" This handbook is an indispensable guide for all oncologists and practitioners who regularly care for lung cancer patients and those suffering from mesothelioma, thymic tumors, and pulmonary neuro-endocrine tumors. Features: Delivers the need-to-know points of lung cancer screening, diagnosis and staging, and appropriate multidisciplinary management for all major thoracic malignancies Provides clinical pearls and treatment recommendations for patients who don't 'fit' the standard guidelines Includes specific coverage on Management of Elderly and High-Risk Patients Prepares physicians to notice and eliminate common errors in clinical practice when managing patients with lung cancer and other thoracic tumors This special edition of *Frontiers in Oncology* reviews the current efficacy and limitations of surgical and radiotherapeutic

management of lung cancer and provides insight into how local management options may change in the future. EMPOWER YOURSELF! No one with lung cancer needs to be alone in their fight against this disease. *100 Questions & Answers About Lung Cancer, Second Edition* enables patients and their families to seek out the best treatment possible for early detection of lung cancer. Providing both the doctor's and patient's point of view, this book is a complete guide to understanding treatment options, post-treatment quality of life, sources of support, and much more. Through *100 Questions & Answers About Lung Cancer, Second Edition*, expert authors use their experiences with patients to provide support and hope to the tens of thousands of people coping with this disease.

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