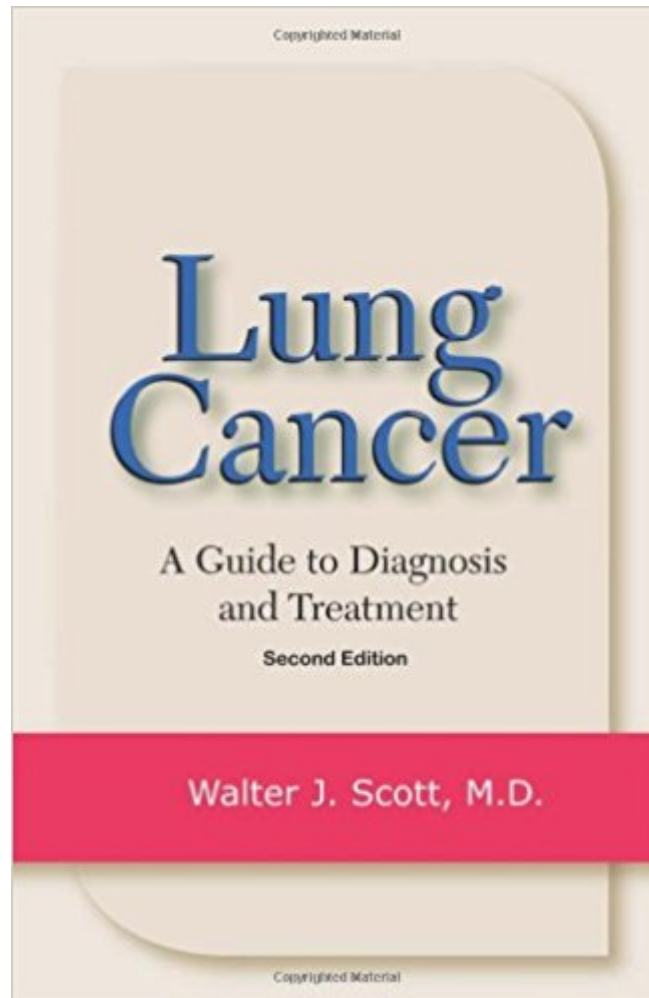




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Lung Cancer: A Guide To Diagnosis And Treatment



Synopsis

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."

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Customer Reviews

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.—Gail Hendler, Memorial

"Thorough and easy-to-read. A valuable addition to consumer health collections and public library collections." — Library Journal, on the first edition "In this second edition, Scott, Chief of the Division of Thoracic and Esophageal Surgery at Fox Chase Cancer Center, delivers a must have resource for lung cancer patients and their family members." — Consumer Connection of the American Medical Library Association

This book contains a nice overview of lung cancer and its current treatments. I was disappointed that it was very thin on treatment combinations and when they were appropriate and when not. He did no speculating on possible near future treatments. This book might be of value to the naive but that's it. He must be a practitioner and not a futurist.

Good discussion of lung cancer basics.

If you just need facts about lung cancer, this little guide will help you. It is straight-forward and will help you understand stages of lung cancer and the different types of treatment.

I have treated thousands of patients with lung cancer over the years. I was motivated to write "Lung Cancer: A Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment" by the realization that, when it comes to quality lung cancer care, most patients don't know what it is or how to get it. I wrote this book to give patients and caregivers the knowledge they need to find the best care, to research the internet, to ask the right questions, and to choose the best treatment. If you have lung cancer, the old saying that "knowledge is power" has never been truer. -- Walter Scott
Walter J. Scott, MD, FACS, is the Chief of Thoracic and Esophageal Surgery at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Board-certified in Thoracic Surgery and a leader in minimally invasive (VATS, laparoscopic, and robotic-assisted) surgical procedures, Dr. Scott specializes in treating cancers involving the chest; lung cancer, esophageal cancer, thymomas and thymic cancer, mesothelioma and tumors that may have spread (metastasized) to the lungs from other areas of the body. Dr. Scott works together with a multidisciplinary team of cancer specialists at Fox Chase to treat patients with knowledge, compassion and experienced surgical skill. Dr. Scott chaired and wrote the section on Treatment of Early Stage Lung Cancer for the American College of Chest Physicians' Lung Cancer Guidelines. As a panel member, Dr. Scott helps to write and revise the Esophageal and Gastric Cancer

Guidelines of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). These guidelines are used daily by cancer specialists throughout the US and the world. Dr. Scott is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and the American College of Chest Physicians.

This book enables the patient and family members to educate themselves specifically about lung cancer and terms that they may be presented with by a multitude of practitioners. When patients and families are able to educate themselves it gives them the power and confidence to ask direct questions to individuals that are involved with managing their care. This is an excellent, forthright book that provides information on stages and treatment of lung cancer.

Dr. Scott's book is comprehensive and offers not only fact-based research and methods of diagnosis, but it also covers the highly emotive issues surrounding the possible causes of lung cancer, including the subject of 'smokers guilt'. This book is a must have for EVERY home, whether it is simply an addition to your home library or you have been diagnosed with the disease, or know someone who has it. I am embarrassed and humbled by the fact that I am the first person on to review this remarkable book. Do yourself a favour, get interested in health-care and go and buy it.

My mother has this and I found this book to have plenty of easy information to understand in the areas of; signs/symptoms, what can cause or be aggravating factors in this disease, what types of treatments are available and the side effects are and how helpful and harmful the side effects can be, also this book mentions how vital good communication between the patient and his or her doctors must be.

Very good information if you know nothing. Very little new information if you have talked to patients or doctors at all about cancers.

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