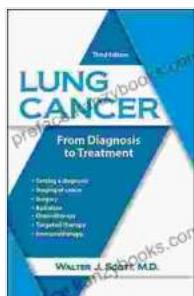


Lung Cancer: From Diagnosis to Treatment

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States. In 2021, an estimated 131,880 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer, and 114,390 will die from the disease.

Lung cancer is a complex disease that can be difficult to diagnose and treat. However, there have been significant advances in lung cancer treatment in recent years, and many patients are now living longer and better lives with the disease.

This article provides a comprehensive overview of lung cancer, from diagnosis to treatment. We will discuss the different types of lung cancer, the symptoms of the disease, and the various treatment options available. We will also provide information on the prognosis of lung cancer and how to cope with the disease.



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There are two main types of lung cancer:

- **Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)** is the most common type of lung cancer, accounting for about 85% of all cases. NSCLC is further divided into several subtypes, including adenocarcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and large cell carcinoma.
- **Small cell lung cancer (SCLC)** is a less common type of lung cancer, accounting for about 15% of all cases. SCLC is a more aggressive type of lung cancer than NSCLC, and it is often diagnosed at a more advanced stage.

The symptoms of lung cancer can vary depending on the type and stage of the disease. Some common symptoms include:

- Coughing (especially a new or worsening cough)
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Hoarseness
- Weight loss
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite

Lung cancer is typically diagnosed with a combination of tests, including:

- **Chest X-ray:** A chest X-ray can show a mass or other abnormality in the lungs.

- **CT scan:** A CT scan is a more detailed imaging test that can provide a clearer picture of the lungs and any abnormalities.
- **Biopsy:** A biopsy is a procedure in which a small sample of tissue is removed from the lungs and examined under a microscope to look for cancer cells.

The treatment of lung cancer depends on the type and stage of the disease. Treatment options may include:

- **Surgery:** Surgery is the most common treatment for early-stage lung cancer. The goal of surgery is to remove the tumor and any surrounding lymph nodes.
- **Radiation therapy:** Radiation therapy uses high-energy X-rays or other forms of radiation to kill cancer cells. Radiation therapy can be used before or after surgery, or as a standalone treatment.
- **Chemotherapy:** Chemotherapy uses drugs to kill cancer cells. Chemotherapy can be given intravenously (through a vein) or orally (by mouth).
- **Targeted therapy:** Targeted therapy uses drugs that target specific molecules involved in the growth of cancer cells. Targeted therapy is often used for advanced-stage lung cancer.
- **Immunotherapy:** Immunotherapy uses the body's own immune system to fight cancer. Immunotherapy is often used for advanced-stage lung cancer.

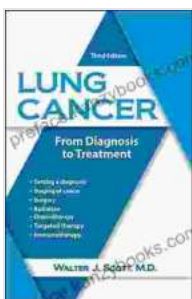
The prognosis of lung cancer depends on the type and stage of the disease. The five-year survival rate for early-stage lung cancer is about

70%. The five-year survival rate for advanced-stage lung cancer is about 5%.

Lung cancer can be a challenging disease to cope with. However, there are many resources available to help patients and their families. These resources include:

- **Support groups:** Support groups can provide patients and their families with a sense of community and support.
- **Counseling:** Counseling can help patients and their families cope with the emotional challenges of lung cancer.
- **Financial assistance:** Financial assistance may be available to help patients pay for the costs of treatment.

Lung cancer is a serious disease, but it is important to remember that there is hope. There have been significant advances in lung cancer treatment in recent years, and many patients are now living longer and better lives with the disease. If you are diagnosed with lung cancer, talk to your doctor about your treatment options and the resources available to help you cope with the disease.



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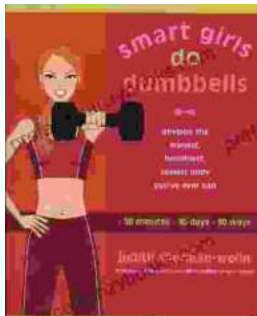
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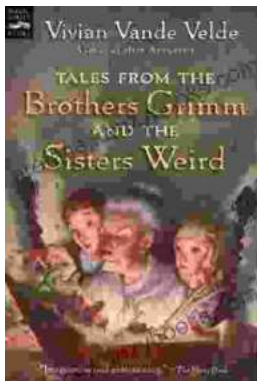
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