CANCER SCREENING: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO PHYSICIANS

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This is a very interesting and useful book. It covers a wide variety of cancers and gives a thorough overview of them.

The way the book is set out is interesting. Each chapter starts with key principles and then goes through epidemiology of the particular cancer under consideration, biology of the cancer, rationales of screening and methods of screening. Finally there is a summary, which includes cost effectiveness and controversial issues.

The final two chapters of this book: ‘Future prospects in cancer screening’ and ‘Medico-legal aspects of cancer screening’ are a challenging part of this book. The future looks to be an exciting place to be in the area of cancer screening and a worrying place to be for medico-legal issues!

For a cancer specialist there is, I feel, insufficient detail. This is more a text for the interested generalist. Some general practitioners who have a particular interest in cancer disease may choose to purchase it.

This text would be a useful addition to an institutional library where it could be used by medical students coming to terms with cancer care and screening.

This is an up-to-date and comprehensive coverage of the area and, as such, I would recommend it.

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