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This is an excellent collection of multiple-choice questions (MCQs), intended to act as a self-assessment companion to the recent (2003) textbook, Holland-Frei Cancer Medicine-6. The book includes over 750 questions, organised into six main sections: cardinal manifestations and informatics, scientific foundations, cancer diagnosis, therapeutic modalities, multidisciplinary management, cancer management, pediatric oncology, and complications.

Question numbering is in accordance with the companion volume and around five questions are included for each of the 162 chapters of the main text. Only nine chapters do not have accompanying MCQs. The vast majority of questions are of the type with a single correct response and, thankfully, questions address key issues, rather than minutiae.

Almost all answers include a useful paragraph of explanation/discussion. Unfortunately, however, the answers do not cite particular journal articles nor do they refer back to the relevant section of the main text. Also, the Review does not include the chapter listing for the main text, nor an index, making it a little difficult to locate questions addressing particular fields.

Nevertheless, the Review is an accurate, up-to-date resource for self-assessment, which is likely to be of considerable value to those in training and those wishing to maintain their knowledge. It will also be helpful for teaching and will aid in the development of examination questions. Importantly, the Review will be useful, regardless of whether or not the purchaser also has the accompanying textbook, Holland-Frei Cancer Medicine-6.

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