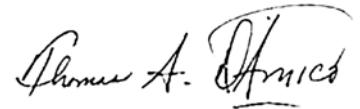


Preface

Despite many years of dedicated effort, including basic, translational and clinical research, public education, and health care policy, lung cancer remains the number one cause of death by malignancy in the world, and it is responsible for as many deaths as colon, breast, pancreas and prostate cancers combined in the US. Thus, successful efforts to better understand and better treat lung cancer will have long lasting ramifications, for patient care specifically and for public health globally, as well.

This volume, *Lung Cancer*, is just such an effort. Comprised of contributions by the most accomplished scientists and clinicians internationally, *Lung Cancer* thoroughly examines the spectrum of topics related to better understanding and better treating the world's most lethal malignancy. From the basic science of lung cancer to the most advanced therapeutic techniques, this text provides the reader—student or professional—with a most comprehensive analysis.

It is hoped that in the future the concepts of prevention (tobacco cessation) and screening will dramatically reduce the frequency and mortality of lung cancer. Until then, the efforts of the authors of this text are the best weapons against lung cancer.



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