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*Understanding Value Based Healthcare* Springer Science & Business Media

The papers collected in this hugely useful volume cover the principle physical and biological aspects of radiation therapy and in addition, address practical clinical considerations in the planning and delivering of that therapy. The importance of the assessment of uncertainties is emphasized. Topics include an overview of the physics of the interactions of radiation with matter and the definition of the goals and the design of radiation therapy approaches.

**Proton and Carbon Ion Therapy** Elsevier Health Sciences  
 Proton and Carbon Ion Therapy is an up-to-date guide to using proton and carbon ion therapy in modern cancer treatment. The book covers the physics and radiobiology basics of proton and ion beams, dosimetry methods and radiation measurements, and treatment delivery systems. It gives practical guidance on patient setup, target localization, and treatment planning for clinical proton and carbon ion therapy. The text also offers detailed reports on the treatment of pediatric cancers, lymphomas, and various other cancers. After an overview, the book focuses on the fundamental aspects of proton and carbon ion therapy equipment, including accelerators, gantries, and delivery systems. It then discusses dosimetry, biology, imaging, and treatment planning basics and provides clinical guidelines on the use of proton and carbon ion therapy for the treatment of specific cancers. Suitable for anyone involved with medical physics and radiation therapy, this book offers a balanced and critical assessment of state-of-the-art technologies, major challenges, and the future outlook of proton and carbon ion therapy. It presents a thorough introduction for those new to the field while providing a helpful, up-to-date reference for readers already using the therapy in clinical settings.

*Proton Therapy Physics* National Academies Press

Our health care is staggeringly expensive, yet one in six Americans has no health insurance. We have some of the most skilled physicians in the world, yet one hundred thousand patients die each year from medical errors. In this gripping, eye-opening book, award-winning journalist Shannon Brownlee takes readers inside the hospital to dismantle some of our most venerated myths about American medicine. Brownlee dissects what she calls "the medical-industrial complex" and lays bare the backward economic incentives embedded in our system, revealing a stunning portrait of the care we now receive. Nevertheless, *Overtreated* ultimately conveys a message of hope by reframing the debate over health care reform. It offers a way to control

costs and cover the uninsured, while simultaneously improving the quality of American medicine. Shannon Brownlee's humane, intelligent, and penetrating analysis empowers readers to avoid the perils of overtreatment, as well as pointing the way to better health care for everyone.

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Hadron therapy is a groundbreaking new method of treating cancer. Boasting greater precision than other therapies, this therapy is now utilised in many clinical settings and the field is growing. More than 50 medical facilities currently perform (or are planned to perform) this treatment, with this number set to double by 2020. This new text covers the most recent advances in hadron therapy, exploring the physics, technology, biology, diagnosis, clinical applications, and economics behind the therapy. Providing essential and up-to-date information on recent developments in the field, this book will be of interest to current and aspiring specialists from a wide range of backgrounds. Features: Multidisciplinary approach: explores the physics, IT (big data), biology, clinical applications from imaging to treatment, clinical trials, and economics associated with hadron therapy Contains the latest research and developments in this rapidly evolving field, and integrates them into the current global challenges for radiation therapy Edited by recognised leaders in the field, including the co-ordinator of ENLIGHT (the European Network for Light Ion Hadron Therapy), with chapter contributions from international leading experts in the field  
**Brachytherapy Physics** Springer

This well-received book, now in its fifth edition, is unique in providing a detailed examination of the technological basis of radiation therapy. Another unique feature is that the chapters are jointly written by North American and European authors. This considerably broadens the book's contents and increases its applicability in daily practice throughout the world. The book is divided into two sections. The first section covers basic concepts in treatment planning and explains the various approaches to radiation therapy, such as intensity-modulated radiation therapy, tomotherapy, stereotactic radiotherapy, and high and low dose rate brachytherapy. The second discusses in depth the practical clinical applications of the different radiation therapy techniques in a wide range of cancer sites. All chapters have been written by leaders in the field. This book will serve to instruct and acquaint teachers, students, and practitioners with the basic technological factors and approaches in radiation therapy.

**Translational Radiation Oncology** Springer Science & Business Media

Developments in radiation oncology have been key to the tremendous progress made in the field in recent years. The combination of optimal systemic treatment and local therapy has resulted in continuing improved outcomes of cancer therapy. This

progress forms the basis for current pre-clinical and clinical research which will strengthen the position of radiation oncology as an essential component of oncological care. This book summarizes recent advances in radiotherapy research and clinical patient care. Topics include radiobiology, radiotherapy technology, and particle therapy. Chapters cover a summary and analysis of recent developments in the search for biomarkers for precision radiotherapy, novel imaging possibilities and treatment planning, and advances in understanding the differences between photon and particle radiotherapy. Advances in Radiation Therapy is an invaluable source of information for scientists and clinicians working in the field of radiation oncology. It is also a relevant resource for those interested in the broad topic of radiotherapy in general.

**Stereotactic Radiosurgery and Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy** Prostate Cancer Treatment  
 A growing controversy in medical circles concerns the treatment of prostate cancer with proton beam radiation therapy. This relatively new treatment, used on a variety of cancers, is provided in specially constructed facilities costing hundreds of millions of dollars. In order to recoup these hefty construction costs, proton therapy centers aggressively promote their services for a broad array of cancers, especially the relatively common prostate cancer. However, there is currently zero evidence that proton radiation therapy is more effective for treating prostate cancer than the alternative standard treatment, which is half the cost. With the number of proton therapy centers in the United States expected to double in the next few years, Medicare and seniors face the prospect of rapidly increasing prices for prostate cancer treatment, with no proven benefits for beneficiaries. **Best Prostate Cancer Treatment** Any man, spouse, relative, or friend of a man facing prostate cancer should read this book. Here Robert Ferre explains in precious detail his experience receiving proton therapy for prostate cancer in 2016. So impressed was he that he wrote this (and two subsequent books) about the technology, how it works, how to pay for it, who's doing it, and what the future holds. This book is specifically about proton therapy and does not cover other modalities except for brief comparisons, in which protons come out the winner. Here you find far more detail about the nature and use of protons than any other non-medical book on the subject. Being in full color allows diagrams to show the intensity of the various forms of radiation. This second edition covers these and other topics:--Why your urologist never mentions proton therapy.¿--Proof that proton therapy gives the best result with the fewest side effects.¿--How proton therapy outperforms x-ray radiation such as IMRT. ¿--The author's personal description of receiving proton therapy treatments.¿--Recent technological advances in proton therapy not covered in older books.¿--A special program that pays 80% of the cost of proton therapy for

those on Medicare. How to deal with insurance companies and their resistance to proton therapy. The amazing physics of proton therapy and pencil beam scanning. The superiority of pencil beam scanning for 80% of all cancers. More than 150 full-color photos and illustrations. Obstacles and resistance to proton therapy. The future of proton therapy, compact equipment, lower prices, wider availability. Proton therapy centers currently in operation, and those planned or under construction. Robert Ferre wrote this because of his own experience in which his doctors failed to tell him the truth about proton therapy. Cancer patients need to do their own research and become familiar with proton therapy. Then, they may need to buck their doctor's recommendation for surgery or x-rays and find their own way to the best proton therapy center, of which there are currently twenty-eight in the United States. Proton Therapy

A must-have reference, this new edition provides practical information on treatment guidelines, details of diagnosis and therapy, and personal recommendations on patient management from experts in the field. Consistently formatted chapters allow for a user-friendly presentation for quick access of key information by the practicing clinician. Completely updated, this new edition includes all of the latest developments in treatment strategies of medical, surgical and radiation oncologists.

[Proton Therapy](#) CRC Press

This book offers a comprehensive evaluation of the use of stereotactic body radiosurgery (SBRT) for the treatment of prostate cancer. The rationale, selection criteria, and treatment planning for prostate SBRT are explained. Important imaging and anatomic considerations are discussed, and detailed consideration devoted to organ motion and tumor tracking during SBRT. Outcomes of therapy are then examined, with thorough appraisal of side effect profiles and quality of life impacts. Clear guidance is provided on how to deliver the therapy in a way that minimizes the risk of long-term urinary and rectal toxicities. Stereotactic radiosurgery for prostate cancer is an increasingly used form of treatment. Retrospective investigations have demonstrated the safe application of high-dose treatments, with 5-year results comparable to those achieved with protracted external beam radiotherapy. Prospective studies are underway comparing SBRT with more traditional forms of image-guided and intensity-modulated radiotherapy. In offering in-depth guidance on safe delivery of prostate SBRT, this book will be of value for students of radiation oncology, more experienced practitioners, and medical physicists.

[Cancer and Society](#) Springer Nature

Over the past twenty-five years, proton therapy has become more prominent worldwide. It is an important component of clinical radiation therapy for both adult and pediatric clinical care. Due to the inherent ability of protons to spare normal tissue, protons will continue to develop and become increasingly important in radiation oncology. As such, Proton Therapy - Current Status and Future Directions reviews many aspects of proton care including the application of protons in modern clinical trials. It also reviews problems associated with the migration of proton care worldwide and examines the future direction of proton care. This project was created by colleagues at IntechOpen and was carefully managed by Romina Rován. It has been a privilege to help coordinate the text and chapters designed to acknowledge the history, footprint, and growing interest of proton care worldwide. Proton management is now embedded in the clinical trials process. In pediatric care, proton delivery is embedded with photons for the management of pediatric malignancies and adult groups have initiated proton-specific clinical trials. A proton registry has been established and outcomes are under evaluation. Due to the inherent ability of protons to spare normal tissue, protons will continue to develop and become increasingly important in radiation oncology.

[Advances in Radiation Therapy](#) McGraw Hill Professional

The Physics of Conformal Radiotherapy: Advances in Technology provides a thorough overview of conformal radiotherapy and biological modeling, focusing on the underlying physics and methodology of three-dimensional techniques in radiation therapy. This carefully written, authoritative account evaluates three-dimensional treatment planning, optimization, photon multileaf collimation, proton therapy, transit dosimetry, intensity-modulation techniques, and biological modeling. It is an invaluable teaching guide and reference for all medical physicists and radiation oncologists/therapists that use conformal radiotherapy.

[Adenocarcinoma of the Prostate](#) Springer Science & Business Media

Rising health care costs are a central fiscal challenge confronting the United States. National spending on health care currently accounts for 18 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), but is anticipated to increase to 25 percent of GDP by 2037. The Bipartisan Policy Center argues that "this rapid growth in health expenditures creates an unsustainable burden on America's economy, with far-reaching consequences". These consequences include crowding out many national priorities, including investments in education, infrastructure, and research; stagnation of employee wages; and decreased international

competitiveness. In spite of health care costs that far exceed those of other countries, health outcomes in the United States are not considerably better. With the goal of ensuring that patients have access to high-quality, affordable cancer care, the Institute of Medicine's (IOM's) National Cancer Policy Forum convened a public workshop, Delivering Affordable Cancer Care in the 21st Century, October 8-9, 2012, in Washington, DC. Delivering Affordable Cancer Care in the 21st Century summarizes the workshop.

[Overtreated](#) Springer

A prostate cancer survivor provides a comprehensive overview of experiencing the disease, offering coping strategies for dealing with every stage of the process and how to best use social networking to connect with others going through the same thing.

[Proton Therapy](#) Karger Medical and Scientific Publishers

This is the model list and clearing house of appropriate, basic, and priority medical devices based on the list of clinical interventions selected from clinical guidelines on prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, palliative care, monitoring, and end of life care. This publication addresses medical devices that can be used for the management of cancer and specifically describes medical devices for six types of cancer: breast, cervical, colorectal, leukemia, lung, and prostate. This book is intended for ministries of health, public health planners, health technology managers, disease management, researchers, policy makers, funding, and procurement agencies and support and advocacy groups for cancer patients.

[IMRT, IGRT, SBRT](#) Bloomsbury Publishing USA

The book is divided into two parts: Part I deals with the relevant physics and planning algorithms of protons (H Breuer) and Part II with the radiobiology, radiopathology and clinical outcomes of proton therapy and a comparison of proton therapy versus photon therapy (BJ Smit). Protons can be used for radiosurgery and general radiotherapy. Since proton therapy was first proposed in 1946 by Wilson, about sixteen facilities have been built globally. Only a very few of these have isocentric beam delivery systems so that proton therapy is really only now in a position to be compared directly by means of randomised clinical trials, with modern photon radiotherapy therapy systems, both for radiosurgery and for general fractionated radiotherapy. Three-dimensional proton planning computer systems with image fusion (image of computerised tomography (CT), magnetic resonance registration) capabilities imaging (MRI), stereotactic angiograms and perhaps positron emission tomography (PET) are essential for accurate proton therapy planning. New planning systems for spot scanning are under development. Many of the older comparisons of the advantageous dose distributions for protons were made with parallel opposing or multiple co-planar field arrangements, which are now largely obsolete. New comparative plans are necessary once more because of the very rapid progress in 3-D conformal planning with photons. New cost-benefit analyses may be needed. Low energy (about 70 MeV) proton therapy is eminently suitable for the treatment of eye tumours and has firmly established itself as very useful in this regard.

[WHO List of Priority Medical Devices for Cancer](#)

[Management](#) Elsevier Health Sciences

When it comes to prostate cancer, men (and the women who love them) must do their own research to discover the best treatment. Too many jump directly into surgery without knowing their range of options. Author Robert Ferré has been down that road (PSA of 16.0, seven of twelve cores 40-100% malignant, Gleason score of 4+3=7). After extensive inquiry, he chose proton therapy for his treatment. The daily fifteen-minute treatment killed the cancer while causing a minimum of side effects. Now three years on, Robert is in robust health and cancer-free. Critics claim proton therapy is unproven even though more than 200,000 people have been treated worldwide over the past thirty years. The technology is more than sixty years old, although recent improvements have really ignited its potential. Studies show success rates as high as 98% for prostate cancer. This revolutionary treatment of the future is available today. Because the technology is complex and expensive, some insurance companies resist coverage. There are, however, ways to deal with that. Your urologist is most likely to recommend surgery. Before agreeing, check out your other options. Too many men are later sorry they rushed into something. This book is the most complete and up-to-date presentation available on the market today. In this book you will find: Why your urologist never mentioned proton therapy. Why protons give the best result with the fewest side effects. How proton therapy outperforms x-rays and surgery. The author's personal description of receiving proton therapy. Recent technological advances not covered in older books. A program in which Medicare pays 80% of the cost. How to deal with recalcitrant insurance companies. The amazing physics of pencil beam scanning (PBS). The superiority of proton therapy for other cancers (brain, neck, breast). Some 150 photos and illustrations for clarification. The future: compact equipment, lower prices, wider availability. A current list of proton therapy centers in the United States. Links to informative websites such as [www.ProtonTherapyBook.com](#).

[Image-Guided IMRT](#) National Academies Press

Cancer care today often provides state-of-the-science biomedical

treatment, but fails to address the psychological and social (psychosocial) problems associated with the illness. This failure can compromise the effectiveness of health care and thereby adversely affect the health of cancer patients. Psychological and social problems created or exacerbated by cancer--including depression and other emotional problems; lack of information or skills needed to manage the illness; lack of transportation or other resources; and disruptions in work, school, and family life--cause additional suffering, weaken adherence to prescribed treatments, and threaten patients' return to health. Today, it is not possible to deliver high-quality cancer care without using existing approaches, tools, and resources to address patients' psychosocial health needs. All patients with cancer and their families should expect and receive cancer care that ensures the provision of appropriate psychosocial health services. Cancer Care for the Whole Patient recommends actions that oncology providers, health policy makers, educators, health insurers, health planners, researchers and research sponsors, and consumer advocates should undertake to ensure that this standard is met.

[Prostate Cancer Treatment](#) CRC Press

In recent years, the field of oncology has witnessed a number of technological advances, including more precise radiation therapy and minimally invasive surgical techniques. Three-dimensional (3D), stereotactic, and proton-beam radiation therapy, as well as laparoscopy and robotic surgery, can enhance clinician's ability to treat conditions that were clinically challenging with conventional technologies, and may improve clinical outcomes or reduce treatment-related problems for some patients. Both patients and physicians seek access to these new technologies, which are rapidly being adopted into standard clinical practice. Such demand is often propelled by marketing that portrays the new technologies as the "latest and greatest" treatments available. However, evidence is often lacking to support these claims, and these novel technologies usually come with higher price tags and are often used to treat patients who might have achieved similar benefits from less expensive, conventional treatment. The increased cost of novel treatments without adequate assessment of how they affect patient outcomes is a pressing concern given that inappropriate use of expensive technologies is one of the key factors that threaten the affordability of cancer care in the United States. To explore these issues further, the National Cancer Policy Forum (NCPF) of the Institute of Medicine organized a workshop in July 2015. This is the third NCPF workshop in a series examining the affordability of cancer care. Participants explored clinical benefits and comparative effectiveness of emerging advanced technologies for cancer treatment in radiation therapy and surgery and potential strategies to assess the value and promote optimal use of new technologies in cancer treatment. This report summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop.

[Cost-Effectiveness Analysis in Health](#) CRC Press

Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) has emerged as an important innovative treatment for various primary and metastatic cancers. This book provides a comprehensive and up-to-date account of the physical/technological, biological, and clinical aspects of SBRT. It will serve as a detailed resource for this rapidly developing treatment modality. The organ sites covered include lung, liver, spine, pancreas, prostate, adrenal, head and neck, and female reproductive tract. Retrospective studies and prospective clinical trials on SBRT for various organ sites from around the world are examined, and toxicities and normal tissue constraints are discussed. This book features unique insights from world-renowned experts in SBRT from North America, Asia, and Europe. It will be necessary reading for radiation oncologists, radiation oncology residents and fellows, medical physicists, medical physics residents, medical oncologists, surgical oncologists, and cancer scientists. [Carbon-Ion Radiotherapy](#) Demos Medical Publishing Quality and Safety in Radiation Oncology is the first book to provide an authoritative and evidence-based guide to the understanding and implementation of quality and safety procedures in radiation oncology practice. Alongside the rapid growth of technology and radiotherapy treatment options for cancer in recent years, quality and safety standards are not only of the utmost importance but best practices ensuring quality and safety are crucial aspect of modern radiation oncology training. A detailed exploration and review of these standards is a necessary part of radiation oncologist's professional competency, both in the clinical setting and at the study table while preparing for board review and MOC exams. Chapter topics range from fundamental concepts of value and quality to commissioning technology and the use of metrics. They include perspectives on quality and safety from the patient, third-party payers, as well as from the federal government. Other chapters cover prospective testing of quality, training and education, error identification and analysis, incidence reporting, as well as special technology and procedures, including MRI-guided radiation therapy, proton therapy and stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT), quality and safety procedures in resource-limited environments, and more. State-of-the-art quality assurance procedures and safety guidelines are the backbone of this unique and essential volume. Physicians, medical physicists, dosimetrists, radiotherapists, hospital

administrators, and other healthcare professionals will find this resource an invaluable compendium of best practices in radiation oncology. Key Features: Case examples illustrate best practices and pitfalls. Several dozen graphs, tables and figures help quantify the discussion of quality and safety throughout the text. Section II covers all aspects of quality assurance procedures for the physicist.

**Practical Radiation Oncology Physics** Medical Physics Publishing Corporation  
This book addresses the most relevant aspects of radiation

oncology in terms of technical integrity, dose parameters, machine and software specifications, as well as regulatory requirements. Radiation oncology is a unique field that combines physics and biology. As a result, it has not only a clinical aspect, but also a physics aspect and biology aspect, all three of which are inter-related and critical to optimal radiation treatment planning. In addition, radiation oncology involves a host of machines/software. One needs to have a firm command of these machines and their specifications to deliver comprehensive

treatment. However, this information is not readily available, which poses serious challenges for students learning the planning aspect of radiation therapy. In response, this book compiles these relevant aspects in a single source. Radiation oncology is a dynamic field, and is continuously evolving. However, tracking down the latest findings is both difficult and time-consuming. Consequently, the book also comprehensively covers the most important trials. Offering an essential ready reference work, it represents a value asset for all radiation oncology practitioners, trainees and students.

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