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Book Recommendations

Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness
By Susannah Cahalan
In this award-winning memoir and New York Times best seller, Susannah Cahalan tells the astonishing true story of her struggle with a rare and terrifying disease. The immensely popular memoir is now being adapted for the big screen, and is currently being filmed in Vancouver, B.C.

“One thing you don’t want to be to your doctor is “an interesting case.” Susannah Cahalan had the bad luck of being a unique and baffling one: profoundly sick, deteriorating with dangerous speed, yet her MRIs, brain scans and blood tests were normal. “My diagnosis had been discussed in almost every major medical journal,” she tells us with an air of pride and exhausted wonder, “including the New England Journal of Medicine, and The New York Times.”

Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science
By Atul Gawande
In this fascinating account of true stories, Atul Gawande depicts the power and limits of medicine. He notes that, “No matter what measures are taken, doctors will sometimes falter, and it isn’t reasonable to ask that we achieve perfection. What is reasonable is to ask that we never cease to aim for it.”

“None surpass Gawande in the ability to create a sense of immediacy, in his power to conjure the reality of the ward, the thrill of the moment-by-moment medical or surgical drama. Complications impresses for its truth and authenticity, virtues that it owes to its author being as much forceful writer as uncompromising chronicler.”—The New York Times Book Review

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

September 6-9, 2015
WCLC 2015 — 16th World Conference on Lung Cancer
Denver, Colorado, USA

September 9-12, 2015
29th CARO Annual Scientific Meeting
Kelowna, BC, Canada

September 25-29, 2015
European Cancer Congress 2015 (ECC 2015)
Vienna, Austria

October 8-11, 2015
47th Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology
Cape Town, South Africa

November 8-10, 2015
Canadian Cancer Research Conference
Montreal, QC, Quebec

November 20-21, 2015
ESMO Symposium on Immuno-Oncology 2015
Lausanne, Switzerland

December 8-12, 2015
2015 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium (SABCS)
San Antonio, Texas, USA

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Women in Cancer
- 330 Members
- Over 760 Twitter followers
- 99 Facebook likes
- 29 LinkedIn connections

All in Cancer
- 309 Members
- Over 250 Twitter followers
- 8 Facebook likes
- 5 LinkedIn connections

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Dr. Scott Berry

Dr. Scott Berry is a medical oncologist at Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre and an assistant professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He completed his general medical training and medical oncology training at the University of Toronto.

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Dr. Berry also loves teaching and directs the Medical Oncology Training Program at the University of Toronto.

Results: The absolute number of mentees has grown each year, with a total of 76 mentees, including 58 alumni, at the end of 2013. Mentees in the program have produced a total of 53 manuscripts, given 75 presentations at national conferences, and received numerous national and internal medical school research awards. Of the 58 alumni, 17 (29.3%) applied to and matched into radiation oncology residencies. Alumni of both the research and the clinical track were 5.76 (P < .01) times more likely to enter a radiation oncology residency program than the average single-track alumnus.

Conclusions: Mentorship in medical school is an important factor in the development of future radiation oncologists. These results demonstrate the positive impact mentorship has on specialty selection and research productivity.

Gender Differences in Academic Productivity and Leadership Appointments of Physicians Throughout Academic Careers

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Abstract – Purpose: Because those selected for leadership in academic medicine often have a record of academic productivity, publication disparities may help explain the gender imbalance in leadership roles. The authors aimed to compare the publication records, academic promotions, and leadership appointments of women and men physicians longitudinally throughout academic careers.

Method: In 2007, the authors conducted a retrospective, longitudinal cohort study of all 25 women physicians then employed at Mayo Clinic with ≥20 years of service at Mayo and of 50 male physician controls, matched 2:1 by appointment date and career category, to women. The authors recorded peer-reviewed publications, timing of promotion, and leadership appointments throughout their careers.

Results: Women published fewer articles throughout their careers than men (mean [standard deviation] 29.5 [28.8] versus 75.8 [60.3], P = .001). However, after 27 years, women produced a mean of 1.57 more publications annually than men (P < .001). Thirty-three men (66%) achieved an academic rank of professor compared with seven women (28%) (P = .01). Throughout their careers, women held fewer leadership roles than men (P < .001). Nearly half (no. = 11; 44%) of women attained no leadership position, compared with 15 men (30%).

Conclusions: Women’s publication rates increase and actually exceed those of men in the latter stages of careers, yet women hold fewer leadership positions than men overall, suggesting that academic productivity assessed midcareer may not be an appropriate measure of leadership skills and that factors other than publication record and academic rank should be considered in selecting leaders.

As networking and mentorship are invaluable to medicine and advancements in the field of oncology, All in Cancer (AlinC) and Women in Cancer (WinC) were developed to improve mentorship connections, provide leadership skills resources and improve connection amongst oncologists through an online and secure networking platform.

Join the discussion on the AlinC or WinC Discussion Forum today.

Encourage your colleagues to join the largest online networking forum for medical, radiation, surgical, hematological oncologists and those in training in Canada. Visit www.allincancer.org or www.womenincancer.org for more information.

Happy networking!