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The War on Cancer: An Anatomy of Failure, A Blueprint for the Future

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A prominent cancer researcher has published a trenchant critique of conventional oncology. Guy B. Faguet, MD, Professor, Department of Medicine, Section of Hematology and Oncology, Medical College of Georgia, has written *The War on Cancer: An Anatomy of Failure, A Blueprint for the Future*.

After receiving his MD degree, Dr. Faguet did postgraduate work at the University of Texas and at Ohio State University. He then conducted cancer research in Augusta, Georgia, for 28 years, funded mainly by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Department of Veterans Affairs. His output has included 140 peer-reviewed articles, seven book chapters, and two previous scientific books on cancer. He is an expert on chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).

Starting about fifteen years ago, the doctor told me in a telephone interview, he began to develop serious questions about the lack of progress in the war on cancer. At the urging of departmental colleagues, he began writing *The War on Cancer* about five years ago, and it was finally published by the German medical publisher Springer in late 2005.

In his book, Faguet also takes on the misleading nature of five-year survival statistics. Improvements in five-year survival are frequently cited as proof that cancer treatment is increasingly effective. But, as Faguet shows, this is a gross over-simplification. "While improvements in five-year survival are frequently presented to the public and to policymakers as evidence of success in...

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The latest cancer mortality statistics for the UK for Health Professionals. See data for sex, age, trends over time and more. Use the print function at the bottom of any Cancer Stats page Share this page > Print or your browser options to print or save. Other comparative statistics. Incidence. Survival. Risk. Diagnosis and Treatment. Statistics by cancer type. The War On Cancer app aims to radically improve the mental health of everyone affected by cancer. We aim to build the world's leading cancer support app, connecting people during and after treatment with others that can relate to their experiences. We aim to help those affected by cancer to process, psychologically and emotionally, their experiences. We are also enabling War On Cancer users to share their health data to improve cancer research and cancer care. The War On Cancer app is a social network for everyone affected by cancer; cancer patients, loved ones, cancer thrivers, cancer survivors Cancer registries were established, including the first German registries to record cancer morbidity (incidence) and not just mortality (deaths). Efforts were made to strengthen prevention-oriented public health measures, including occupational safeguards, laws against the adulteration of food and drugs, bans on smoking, and programs to reduce the use of cancer-causing cosmetics, to name only a few. The kinds of cancers focused on must also be understood against the backdrop of Germany's unique professional, ideological, and technological history. Aniline dye cancer was discovered in Germany in the 1890s, largely because Germany by this time was the world's leading producer of synthetic colorings.