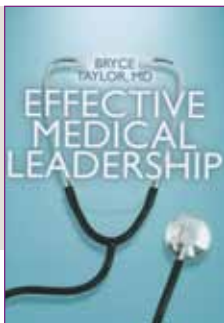


Effective medical leadership



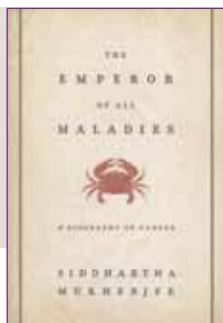
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From the publisher. The modern hospital represents a complex community in which life-and-death decisions are made on the front lines of patient care, and difficult operational and strategic initiatives are developed in the offices of institutional leaders. *Effective Medical Leadership* describes the unusual position of medical leaders in organizations often administered by nonmedical managers.

Through extensive situational examples in the complex hospital setting, Dr Bryce Taylor illuminates the principles of leadership, focusing on the challenges, the solutions, and the daily life of the head of a division, department, or program. In hospitals, just as in other large organizations, effective leaders must appreciate the big picture, pay attention to detail, and, above all, care about the careers of their constituents in addition to patient health. Taylor outlines successes as well as failures, emphasizing that leadership, while an imperfect science, is based on common sense, integrity, an orientation to the welfare of colleagues, and a passionate and consistent commitment to the mission of an organization.

The emperor of all maladies A biography of cancer

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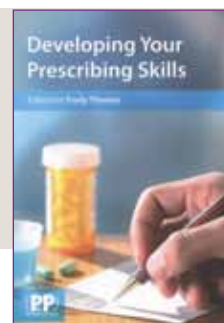
From the publisher. *The Emperor of All Maladies* is a magnificent, profoundly humane "biography" of cancer—from its first documented appearances thousands of years ago through the epic battles in the twentieth century to cure, control, and conquer it to a radical new understanding of its essence. Physician, researcher, and award-winning science writer Siddhartha Mukherjee examines cancer with a cellular biologist's precision, a historian's

perspective, and a biographer's passion. The result is an astonishingly lucid and eloquent chronicle of a disease humans have lived with—and perished from—for more than 5000 years.

The story of cancer is a story of human ingenuity, resilience, and perseverance, but also of hubris, paternalism, and misperception. Mukherjee recounts centuries of discoveries, setbacks, victories, and deaths, told through the eyes of his predecessors and peers. The book reads like a literary thriller with cancer as the protagonist. From the Persian Queen Atossa, whose Greek slave cut off her malignant breast, to the nineteenth-century recipients of primitive radiation and chemotherapy to Mukherjee's own leukemia patient, Carla, *The Emperor of All Maladies* is about the people who have soldiered on through fiercely demanding regimens in order to survive and to increase our understanding of this iconic disease. Riveting, urgent, and surprising, this is an illuminating book that provides hope and clarity to those seeking to demystify cancer.

Developing your prescribing skills

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From the publisher. This book is intended to help practitioners and new prescribers assess their current skills, recognize their skill gaps, identify ways of meeting their learning needs, and be accountable for their prescribing, both as individuals and as teams. Set in the context of "real life" case scenarios, the book takes a practical view of the main issues facing prescribers in all types of practice. This book encourages the reader to apply the generic prescribing skills covered in each chapter to their own practices. Chapters offer information and advice on the following: taking a good history, prioritizing in polypharmacy, consultations and prescribing in pediatrics, monitoring prescribing, ethical decision making in prescribing, establishing partnerships with patients, and influences on prescribing. *Developing Your Prescribing Skills* is an invaluable resource for all prescribers, as well as medical students, pharmacists, nurses, and allied health professionals.

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