

Webisode 57DHYAFZU January 15 2026 For Lung Cancer Patients Shame Is a Deadly Side Effect

Cartoon 1 of 5 For Lung Cancer Patients Shame Is a Deadly Side Effect! Cell 1 Friends may say You knew this was coming! You smoked a lot! Cell 2 Lung Cancer is the rare cancer met with accusations not sympathy! Cell 3 About 80 to 90 percent of lung cancers are tied to cigarette smoking! Cell 4 but when that question dominates it can reduce a life threatening disease to a moral failure!

Cartoon 2 of 5 For Lung Cancer Patients Shame Is a Deadly Side Effect! Cell 1 anticipating stigma many lung cancer patients learn to hide their diagnosis or even lie about it! Cell 2 One European survey found that about a third of patients said they preferred to keep their cancer secret! Cell 3 But when the same survey asked caregivers almost half said patients hid their diagnoses! Cell 4 Shame can shape how early patients get diagnosed and how aggressively they pursue treatment if at all!

Cartoon 3 of 5 For Lung Cancer Patients Shame Is a Deadly Side Effect! Cell 1 Even when patients do promptly seek help shame can curdle into resignation! Cell 2 Although not every cancer patient is well enough to tolerate surgery chemotherapy or radiation! Cell 3 those with lung cancer disproportionately count themselves out! Cell 4 Among the 10 most common cancers in the United States lung cancer carries the highest risk of suicide!

Cartoon 4 of 5 For Lung Cancer Patients Shame Is a Deadly Side Effect! Cell 1 And patients can even encounter stigma from their health care professionals! Cell 2 In a small study about half of lung cancer patients described feeling shamed by a medical provider! Cell 3 Other studies have suggested that health care providers hold negative attitudes about lung cancer similar to those of the general public! Cell 4 and that primary care physicians were more likely to refer patients with advanced breast cancer to an oncologist than those with advanced lung cancer!

Cartoon 5 of 5 For Lung Cancer Patients Shame Is a Deadly Side Effect! Cell 1 In self-defense near neighbors might first react by blaming indoor residential wood burners for subjecting them to secondhand smoke Cell 2 After all wood does not contain addictive nicotine like cigarettes! Cell 3 Providing the carrot of cheap and clean alternatives to indoor residential wood burning appears to be a better way of near neighbors to cope! Cell 4 But if the indoor residential wood burner is already educated about the harmful second hand smoke and continues to burn wood near neighbors should seek to create regulation and end indoor residential wood burning if only to protect the health and not shorten the lives of near neighbors!