Surviving Prostate Cancer Without Surgery
Synopsis

The niche bestseller "Surviving Prostate Cancer Without Surgery" begins with the shooting of a urologist and includes a World War II Battle. The book exposes the big lie about radical prostate surgery, is filled with cartoons and simple diagrams, and is written for the average layperson in easy-to-understand style. "Surviving Prostate Cancer Without Surgery" quotes Dr. Gary Onik, M.D., Cryosurgeon and Director of Surgical Imaging at Celebration Health Hospital, Celebration, Florida, who says: "I expect that within five years we will see the death of the radical prostatectomy as a treatment for prostate cancer." The author, Bradley Hennenfent, M.D., has seen five uncles suffer from prostate cancer and his book includes many uplifting stories about less harmful treatments than surgery. Dr. Hennenfent also explains the problem of lies, damn lies, and prostate cancer statistics. The adverse effects of surgery: impotence, sexual dysfunction, incontinence, and urethral strictures are explained in realistic fashion. "Surviving Prostate Cancer Without Surgery" quotes oncologist Dr. Robert Leibowitz of Compassionate Oncology Medical Group, who says: "If radical prostatectomies worked, the data would be there. The reason the data is not there is because radical prostatectomies don't work." Dr. Leibowitz adds: "No prospective randomized trial has ever found radical prostatectomy to be both necessary and effective." Urologist W. Reid Pitts, Jr., M.D., FACS, wrote an outstanding letter-to-the-editor of the "Journal of Urology" lambasting the radical prostatectomy. When interviewed for "Surviving Prostate Cancer Without Surgery," Dr. Pitts said: "Although I did the first ever nerve sparing radical prostatectomy at New York-Cornell Hospital, I've abandoned the radical prostatectomy for my prostate cancer patients. There is always a better treatment option." Dr. Hennenfent co-founded the Prostatitis Foundation (www.prostatitis.org). He also founded the Epididymitis Foundation (www.epididymitisfoundation.org), and the Acoustic Neuroma Foundation (www.acousticneuromafoundation.org). He previously published "The Prostatitis Syndromes." "Surviving Prostate Cancer Without Surgery" quotes urologist Ronald Wheeler, M.D. of the Prostatitis and Prostate Cancer Center, who says: "In my opinion, prostatitis resolution holds the key to the future of prostate cancer resolution." Two randomized, controlled studies suggest that 95% or more of all prostate cancer surgery done to date, has failed to extend the life of the patient, says Dr. Bradley Hennenfent M.D., the book's author. Surgery should no longer be presented or advertised as a cure-all for prostate cancer, says Dr. Hennenfent. My book is all about the options to harmful surgery. Surviving Prostate Cancer Without Surgery details the harm done by surgery, while explaining the pros and cons of watchful waiting, active noninvasive therapy, radiation seed implants, three-dimensional radiation therapy, herbal medications, cryosurgery, and hormone blockade. The website for the book is:
I have read much on the subject, but I learned much original information from this book. This book will help you avoid urologists’ reflex to take out your prostate the minute you get an elevated PSA level. After reading this book, it becomes clear this is the last thing one should do. Dr. Hennenfent educated me that prostate diseases are sequential. Men first experience prostate inflammation (prostatitis). Then, the inflammation degenerates into enlargement (BPH). Enlargement turns into prostate cancer. Both prostatitis and BPH do cause false positive high PSA levels. Therefore, he recommends that anyone receiving a high PSA level diagnostic should first be checked for the other two preceding conditions (prostatitis and BPH) instead of incurring prostate biopsies for investigating cancers. He indicates later in the book that biopsies may cause in certain cases the cancer to spread. The author explains how BPH comes about (blockage of acinus ducks leading to bursting of acinus sacks). His explanation is completely different than what I had learned so far (BPH is due to age related hormonal change that causes the prostate to grow in size and harden). Maybe both explanations are valid and cumulative. But, again Dr. Hennenfent shared knowledge I had not come across elsewhere. This book is a manifesto against radical prostatectomy and the urology establishment. The author cites many scientific papers to make his case that radical prostatectomy impairs quality of life (impotence, incontinence) and does not extend life. I had read the same thing from other sources as well. He further demonstrates how the urology establishment
has manipulated statistics to arrive at flawed favorable outcomes.

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