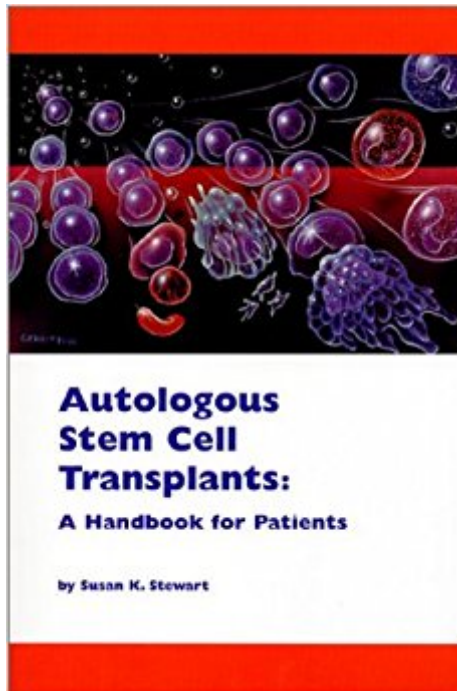




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Autologous Stem Cell Transplants: A Handbook For Patients



Synopsis

This book is an excellent guide for patients and families facing an autologous stem cell transplant. It describes what's involved in going through a transplant, both physically and emotionally, and provides guidance on how to cope with potential side effects.

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My wife has been getting treatment for a rare and very aggressive form of lymphoma. It has responded to treatment, however, her body will not accept further standard chemo therapy treatments and we are left with several options, including an autologous stem cell transplant. The book is rather basic and covers the bare material needed to understand what will happen during the transplant. I didn't find it particularly difficult to read and it has a significant amount of very valuable information. It deals with touchy issues such as pain management and post transplant sex in an open and forthright manner. It also provides information on how to deal with insurance company rejection. My one complaint about the book is that it was published several years ago and treatments are changing rapidly with new solutions being put in place every day. Some of the material is outdated and the book needs to be updated to include newer information. Overall, I would suggest this book to anyone who is facing the option of this type of transplant. It doesn't provide all the answers, but does give a good overview and opens up areas to be discussed with your doctor.

I was my sister's caregiver when she had a stem cell transplant for ovarian cancer and the family

was given this book from the hospital to read. The book really did not go into enough depth on the reality of the transplant and what to expect from it for the patient and the family. My seventy five year old mother had trouble understanding it. I felt this book was "sugar coating" what really happens physically and emotionally to the patient, caregiver and family members.

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