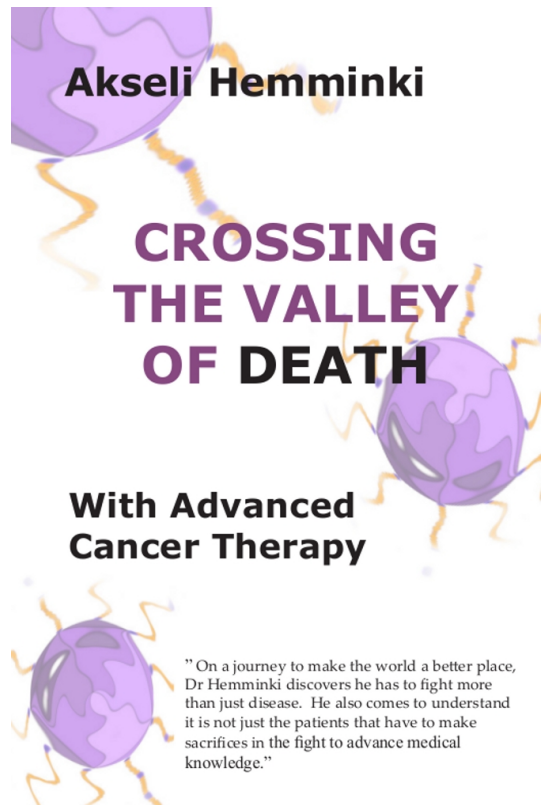


# Could advanced cancer therapies be too progressive for academics and authorities?



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Ever wonder why so few cancer research "breakthroughs" reported by the media lead to new treatments? Why are new cancer drugs so expensive? Why are basic researchers seen as doing heroic work for humanity, while the pharmaceutical industry is viewed as greedy and lacking morals? Why are drugs so tightly regulated, while "natural products" are not controlled at all, even though safety and efficacy are known only for the former? Are scientific discoveries being smothered to death by over-regulation, at the expense of patients in need of new therapies?

Experimental therapies can strike controversy, but they are becoming increasingly common as the gap between routine treatments and clinical trials becomes wider. Progress in science has identified an increasing number of interventions that might be useful for patients suffering from currently incurable cancer, neurological and metabolic diseases or infections such as Ebola. In his book *Dr Hemminki* explains the differences between treatments and trials, and why both are necessary to optimally harness progress in science into benefits for patients.

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"On a journey to make the world a better place, *Dr Hemminki* discovers he has to fight more than just disease.

He also comes to understand it is not just the patients that have to make sacrifices in the fight to advance medical knowledge. "

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