

Cancer: Emperor of All Maladies with Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee
Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30pm



Siddhartha Mukherjee is an Indian-born American doctor and non-fiction writer. He is the author of the 2010 book, *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer* which won the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction. Currently he is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Columbia University in New York City. Dr. Mukherjee also serves as a staff oncologist at Columbia University Medical Center.

Dr. Mukherjee is a graduate of Stanford University and Oxford University, where he received a Ph.D. in immunology while a Rhodes Scholar. After graduation, he attended Harvard Medical School to train as an internist. He subsequently won an oncology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer details the evolution of diagnosis and treatment of human cancers from ancient Egypt to the latest developments in chemotherapy and targeted therapy. In addition to the Pulitzer, the book has received numerous awards, including recognition by *Oprah Magazine*, *the New York Times* and *Time Magazine* as one of the "Top 10 Books of 2010". It was also nominated as a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist.

Dr. Mukherjee lives in New York with his wife, artist Sarah Sze, and their two daughters.

Resources related to Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee's talk on Cancer

The Emperor of all Maladies: A biography of cancer (a book by Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee, 2010, Scribner)

"In 2010, about six hundred thousand Americans, and more than 7 million humans around the world, will die of cancer." With this sobering statistic, physician and researcher Siddhartha Mukherjee begins his comprehensive and eloquent "biography" of one of the most virulent diseases of our time. An exhaustive account of cancer's origins, *The Emperor of All Maladies* illustrates how modern treatments—multi-pronged chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery, as well as preventative care—came into existence thanks to a century's worth of research, trials, and small, essential breakthroughs around the globe.. --*Lynette Mong*

American Cancer Society's web site: <http://www.cancer.org/>

Livestrong Foundation support for people affected by cancer:
<http://www.livestrong.org/>

YouTube Videos

What is Cancer? By BioDigital (animation):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEpTTolebqo>

Khan Academy lecture with Mimio slides about cancer and DNA:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZhL7LDPk8w>

Discussion questions about cancer

Before the lecture

- What is cancer anyway?
- Do you believe there are natural or alternative ways to cure or treat cancer?
- Do you consciously make lifestyle choices out of a fear of contracting cancer?

After the lecture

- Did anything surprise you about this talk?
- Will you make any different choices about exercise, diet, or environmental factors after hearing Dr. Mukherjee talk?