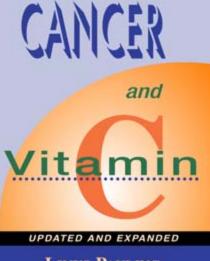
Cancer and Vitamin C

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From the Preface

Some years ago we developed the idea that regular high intakes of vitamin C (ascorbic acid, or its several biologically active salts known as ascorbates) play some part both in the prevention of cancer and in the treatment of established cancer.Evidence steadily accumulates to support this view.

Cancer, of course, is the major unsolved health problem with strong emotional overtones. Although not the major killer, it has become the most feared of all diseases and a major focus of biological research throughout the world. The repeated statement of our views and clinical results in the scientific literature has given rise to much fruitful discussion with colleagues in the scientific and medical fields, and it has also involved us in a massive correspondence with desperate cancer patients seeking advice and help, as well as with their families, friends, and physicians.

For some years we have tried to write personal letters to these patients, family members, friends, and physicians, but meeting this obligation is now beyond our resources. It seems increasingly clear to us that many of these despairing patients lack understanding of (a) the very nature of cancer, (b) the value and the limitations of all conventional (and some unconventional) forms of treatment of cancer, and (c) our own views as to how vitamin C might help them. This book is an attempt to answer these questions.