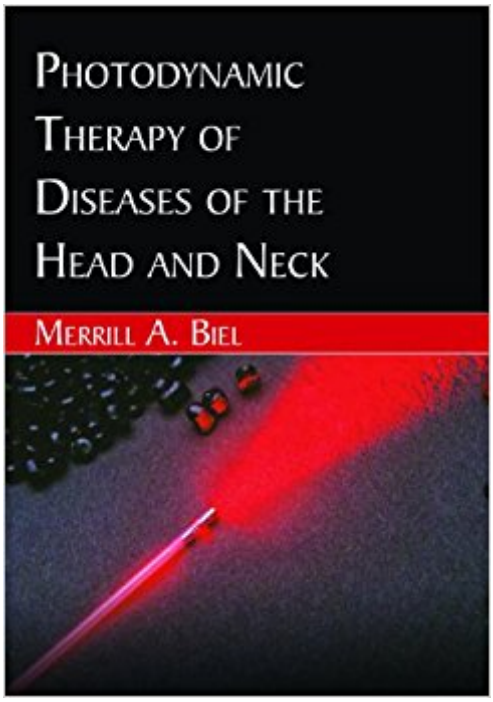
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Synopsis

This authoritative text presents the background, methodology and outcomes for Photodynamic Therapy (PDT) treatment of diseases of the head and neck. The author, an expert and pioneer in this field, discusses the indications for PDT treatment with their advantages and pitfalls. As PDT is an approved therapy for treatment of head and neck cancers in many countries in the world, this text provides the clinician and basic researcher with an understanding of PDT and how to successfully employ it for the successful treatment of head and neck cancers. This comprehensive book is unique in that no other scientific text has devoted itself to the presentation of PDT treatment of head and neck and upper aerodigestive tract disease, a treatment area that has its own unique treatment issues. This is the first text for clinicians and researchers who need to perform or learn about PDT of the head and neck. The text includes both established treatment modalities as well as new and upcoming treatments, such as the use of PDT to treat antibiotic resistant infections.

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Dr. Merrill Biel is also an associate clinical professor in the departments of surgery, otolaryngology, and family practice and a clinical professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of

Minnesota. Dr. Biel has been involved in the preclinical and clinical applications of photodynamic therapy in head and neck cancer since 1987. He has been the principal investigator on an international multi-institutional trial of photodynamic therapy in the treatment of head and neck cancer and has treated over 400 patients with head and neck cancer using PDT, the largest single series of PDT treatment for head and neck cancer in the world. He is considered one of the world's leading experts in the clinical use of photodynamic therapy for cancer treatment and is actively involved in the preclinical and clinical evaluation of new photosensitizers for the treatment of head and neck cancers. Dr. Biel has published over 25 manuscripts and 4 book chapters on pre-clinical and clinical applications of photodynamic therapy using various photosensitizers and laser systems. He has been a course director and guest faculty at numerous PDT training programs for physicians.

I found Dr Beil's book very informative and also easy to read. He talks about the main points needing to be considered in regards to photodynamic therapy. Especially for one looking for a good technical introduction to the field, I found Dr Beil's book to be refreshingly readable and understandable, and one that set me on a strong course to knowledgeably reference more specifics via other textbooks.

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