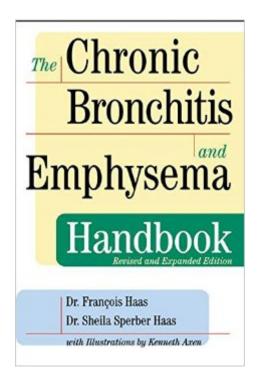
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# The Chronic Bronchitis And Emphysema Handbook





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In July, 2000, my MD pointed to my chest XRay and said: "There's your Emphysema." So I needed to learn more about this total surprise: I went to, and the 1990 Edition of this book was available, and I bought it, and placed a pre-order for this Updated Edition. The 1990 Edition is superb: it gave me a guick Cook's Tour into my own terra incognita. This Revised Edition builds on the 1990's firm foundation, and adds the break-thru's of the last five years: LVRS [Lung Volume Reduction Surgery] and herbal therapy as two specific examples. And the changes in health insurance practices means that COPD [chronic bronchitis and emphysema] patients must now fend for themselves in obtaining quality and quantity treatment. And this book gives the tools to do just that."COPD can be an exhausting and overwhelming burden to live with. Patients [and their caregivers] who continually fear running out of air, who watch their capacities dwindle prematurely, struggle with a heightened sense of their fragility. They and those close to them are usually frightened, depressed and angry. Doctors treating COPD patients do the best they know how to do. The problem is that so many were taught only to treat the medical aspects of COPD--and many [doctors] have never learned since to appreciate the importance of rehabilitating their patients. . . . Restoration to a happier, healthier lifestyle should be the goal of any tratment program -- and it is certainly [the aim of this book] in educating you." This revised edition is the best there is for the trained, scholarly, and lay patient audiences: it is the terra firma when one is innundated with the contrary and steroid fueled anecdotal opinions one encounters in certain EST-like effort-less support groups on the Internet.

Having finally realized early in 2007 that I had COPD after two years of misdiagnoses, I started working my way through both the popularly written and medical literature in an effort to understand what was happening. This is, hands down, the single best book for a newbie to COPD. It lucidly and accurately covers the important medical data on the set of conditions (bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma) that together constitute COPD. There are other books worth having, but this is the one to start with. One does want to get the second edition, since quite a bit was learned about COPD in the decade between the two editions, for example, about the signficance, use, availability of, and third-party payment for, oxygen therapy for COPD patients. An earlier reviewer has trashed the book as depressing and a downer for people with COPD. His review so attacked the book that it almost discouraged me from buying it. I probably would have skipped it, had I not been dedicated to buying

just about everything that seemed as though it might be even remotely useful. I'm glad that I didn't follow his advice, for that's not how I read the book. Instead, I found it empowering. Understanding the disease (or more properly, diseases) and knowing exactly how each works strikes me as the sine qua non for adopting coping strategies. Many of the medical books I've gotten cover the same territory as the Haases in -- as one would expect - a much more thorough and technical manner. But none present the information so readably. In essence the Haases have distilled and abstracted most of the important information to be found in the more recondite medical texts.

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