

Rajiv Samant MD, FRCPC, DABR

Newest member of the Professional Advisory Committee for World Laughter Tour.

I became aware of Dr. Rajiv Samant through his recently published book titled **“Smiles from the Clinic: A humorous look at cancer”**. He wants to share with everyone the true, funny stories and experiences that he has witnessed in his day-to-day work.

Dr. Samant is a radiation oncologist at The Ottawa Hospital, and an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa.

He has been caring for cancer patients for over 25 years, and has gained much wisdom from his patients and colleagues during that time.

As a teacher, educator and researcher interested in improving how we deal and communicate with patients and their families, he believes patients need to be treated on an individual basis with dignity, respect and kindness as well as with a good dose of humor where circumstances allow for levity to enter a too often serious world.

Many people view cancer as all doom and gloom and think that his job must be very serious, sad and depressing all the time.

However, there is much more humor and positivity when dealing with cancer patients than you might think.

In fact, since cancer will affect almost half of all North Americans, it might be beneficial to deal with it in a positive way!

He has decided to show people that working with cancer patients can be filled with laughter and smiles.

His prescription for everyone, including those with cancer and those without it, is a daily dose of smiles and humor - and you don't need to go to the pharmacy to get this since it is all around you!

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Samant

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