



## Malignant Growth: Creating the Modern Cancer Research Establishment, 1875-1915 (Hardback)

By Alan I. Marcus

The University of Alabama Press, United States, 2018. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. An examination of the first attempt to conquer cancer in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In Malignant Growth: Creating the Modern Cancer Research Establishment, 1875-1915, Alan I Marcus explores a relatively understudied period in the history of cancer by providing a careful investigation of the first public crusade to determine the cause of cancer. The search for cancer s cause during the heady era of bacteriology was colored by the Germ Theory of Disease. Researchers had demonstrated in malady after malady that each disease was the result of a singular and specific pathogenic agent. That model led investigators to optimistically conclude that they would soon find the cause of what was termed the emperor of all maladies, cases of which were apparently increasing at a prodigious rate worldwide. In this accessible history of science and medicine, Marcus exposes the complex story of the efforts made from 1875 through 1915 to first conquer and, failing that, to control cancer-a dual approach that remains in force to this day. He reveals the messiness of real-time scientific research, tracing the repeated lurches of promise,...



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