

early days, their efficacy is limited and their toxicity substantial, but we may eventually learn how to use them effectively. Interferon has shown activity in chronic myelogenous and hairy cell leukaemia, and in hypernephroma. False hopes, however, have been raised in many desperate patients; and these agents are being used in the same way as chemotherapy as a pretext for funds

we did about that of tuberculosis in 1890. Thanks to progress in the molecular biology of neoplastic disease this is no longer true, and basic research on oncogenes and oncogenesis has finally provided medical oncology with a solid pathophysiological foundation. Such basic investigation is a far better object for the public resources allocated to the "war against cancer" than the incessantly

