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Lung Cancer: Causes, Treatment, and Prognosis

 In Khaled Hosseini’s novel *The Kite Runner*, Amir loses his precious father, or Baba, to lung cancer. Baba’s long-term smoking habit seemed almost foreshadowing of this event. Scientific reality teaches that there is a strong connection between cigarette smoking and occurrences of lung cancer. While treatment is sometimes a possibility, the prognosis in many lung cancer cases can be deadly.

 The majority of lung cancer cases are the result of smoking. Statistics indicate that eighty-five percent of lung cancer patients at Somewhere Cancer Center were long-term smokers (Smith 2). One patient said, “I smoked a pack a day for twenty years, and I’m paying for it now” (“Why Smoking Kills”).