

Medicine in film stills

Terminal Cancer Patients on Movie Posters (II)



First half of 20th century (USA)
American poster

Technical details

Title: *An Act of Murder*

Country: USA

Year: 1948

Director: Michael Gordon

Music: Daniele Amfitheatrof

Screenwriter: Michael Blankfort and Ernst Lothar (novel).

Cast: Fredric March, Edmond O'Brien, Florence Eldridge, Geraldine Brooks, Stanley Ridges, John McIntire, Frederic Tozere, Will Wright, Virginia Brissac, Francis McDonald and Mary Servoss.

Color: Black and White

Runtime: 91 minutes

Genre: Drama

Production Companies: Universal International Pictures (UI).

Comment: Catherine Cooke (Florence Eldridge) has a terminal brain tumour.



End of 19th century (Sweden)
American Poster

Technical details

Title: *Cries and Whispers*

Original Title: *Viskningar och rop*

Country: Sweden

Year: 1972

Director: Ingmar Bergman

Screenwriter: Ingmar Bergman

Cast: Harriet Andersson, Kari Sylwan, Ingrid Thilin, Liv Ullmann, Anders Ek, Inga Gill, Erland Josephson, Henning Moritzen and Georg Årlin.

Color: Color

Runtime: 106 minutes

Genre: Drama

Production Companies: Cinematograph AB and Svenska Filminstitutet (SFI).

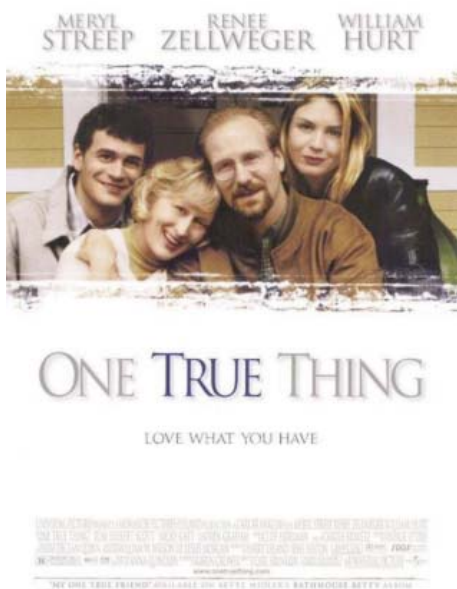
Comment: Agnes (Harriet Andersson) dies of cervical cancer.



Filming period (USA)
American poster

Technical details

Title: *Promises in the Dark*
Country: USA
Year: 1979
Director: Jerome Hellman
Music: Leonard Rosenman
Screenwriter: Loring Mandel
Cast: Marsha Mason, Ned Beatty, Susan Clark, Michael Brandon, Kathleen Beller, Paul Clemens, Donald Moffat, Philip Sterling, Bonnie Bartlett, James Noble, Arthur Rosenberg and Peggy McCay.
Color: Color
Runtime: 118 minutes
Genre: Drama
Production Companies: Jerome Hellman Productions and Orion Pictures Corporation.
Comment: Buffy (Elizabeth) Keonig (Kathleen Beller) has terminal osteosarcoma.



Filming period (USA)
American Poster

Technical details

Title: *One True Thing*
Country: USA
Year: 1998
Director: Carl Franklin
Music: Cliff Eidelman
Screenwriter: Karen Croner and Anna Quindlen (novel).
Cast: Meryl Streep, Renée Zellweger, William Hurt, Tom Everett Scott, Nicky Katt, Lauren Graham, Nicky Katt, James Eckhouse, Patrick Breen, Gerrit Graham, David Byron, Stephen Peabody, Lizbeth MacKay and Mary Catherine Wright.
Color: Color
Runtime: 127 minutes
Genre: Drama
Production Companies: Monarch Pictures, Ufland and Universal Pictures.
Comment: Kate Gulden (Meryl Streep) (left centre) has non-specific terminal cancer.



Filming period (USA)
American poster

Technical details

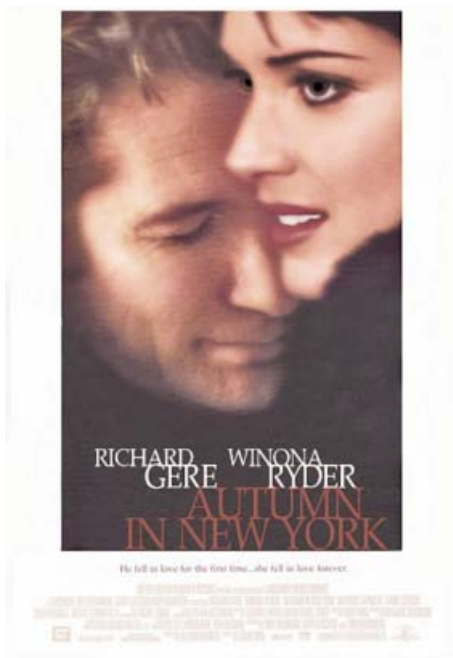
Title: *Stepmom*
Country: USA
Year: 1998
Director: Chris Columbus
Music: John Williams
Screenwriter: Gigi Levangie, Jessie Nelson, Steven Rogers, Karen Leigh Hopkins and Ronald Bass.
Cast: Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon, Ed Harris, Jena Malone, Liam Aiken, Lynn Whitfield, Darrell Larson, Mary Louise Wilson, Andre B. Blake, Russel Harper, Jack Tagle and Lu Celania Sierra.
Color: Color
Runtime: 124 minutes
Genre: Drama, Comedy
Production Companies: 1492 Pictures, Columbia Pictures Corporation, Shoelace Productions and TriStar Pictures.
Comment: Jacky Harrison (Susan Sarandon) has non-specific terminal cancer.



Filming period and 50 years previously
(Australia, Belgium)
American poster

Technical details

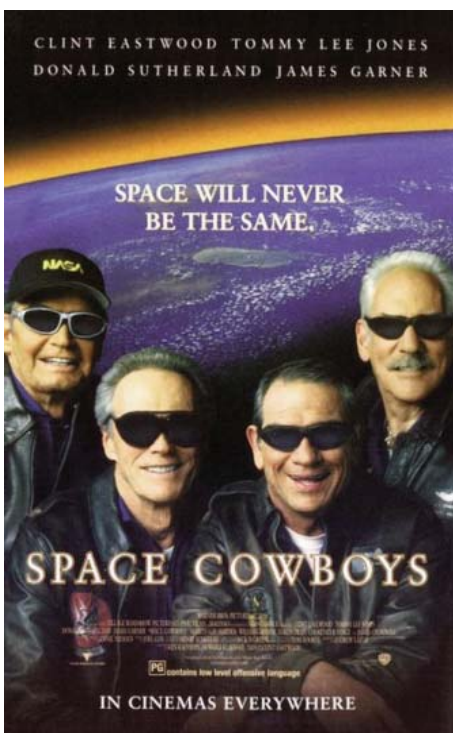
Title: *Innocence*
Country: Australia y Belgium
Year: 2000
Director: Paul Cox
Music: Paul Grabowsky
Screenwriter: Paul Cox
Cast: Julia Blake, Charles 'Bud' Tingwell, Terry Norris, Robert Menzies, Marta Dusseldorp, Kristien Van Pellicom, Kenny Aernouts, Chris Haywood, Norman Kaye, Joey Kennedy and Liz Windsor.
Color: Color
Runtime: 94 minutes
Genre: Drama, Romance
Production Companies: CinéTé, Film Victoria, Fireworks Pictures, Het Fonds in Vladden, Illumination Films, International Film Festival Ghent, New Oz Productions, Showtime Australia, South Australian Film Corporation and Strand.
Comment: Andreas Borg (Charles "Bud" Tingwell) (seen as young man at left) has non-specific terminal cancer and refuses treatment.



Filming period (Vancouver, Canada)
American poster

Technical details

Title: *Autumn in New York*
Country: USA
Year: 2000
Director: Joan Chen
Music: Gabriel Yared
Screenwriter: Allison Burnett
Cast: Richard Gere, Winona Ryder, Anthony Lapaglia, Elaine Stritch, Vera Farmiga, Sherry Stringfield, Jill Hennessy, J.K. Simmons, Sam Trammell, Mary Beth Hurt, Kali Rocha and Steven Randazzo.
Color: Color
Runtime: 103 minutes
Genre: Drama, Romance
Production Companies: Lakeshore Entertainment y United Artists.
Comment: Charlotte Fielding (Winona Ryder) (right) as a neuroblastoma that eventually kills her.



Filming period (USA)
American poster

Technical details

Title: *Space Cowboys*
Country: USA
Year: 2000
Director: Clint Eastwood
Music: Clint Eastwood and Lennie Niehaus.
Screenwriter: Ken Kaufman and Howard Klausner.
Cast: Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland, James Garner, James Cromwell, Marcia Gay Harden, William Devane, Loren Dean, Courtney B. Vance, Barbara Babcock and Rade Serbedzija.
Color: Color
Runtime: 130 minutes
Genre: Drama, Comedy, Adventure and Sci-Fi.
Production Companies: Clipsal Films, Mad Chance, Malpaso Productions, Village Roadshow Pictures and Warner Bros Pictures.
Comment: Hawk Hawkins (Tommy Lee Jones) (centre-right) has terminal pancreatic cancer.

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