

## 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).

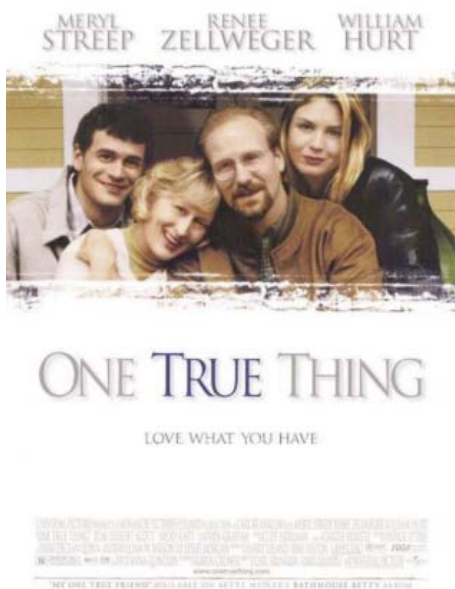
**Comment:** Agnes (Harriet Andersson) dies of cervical cancer.



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

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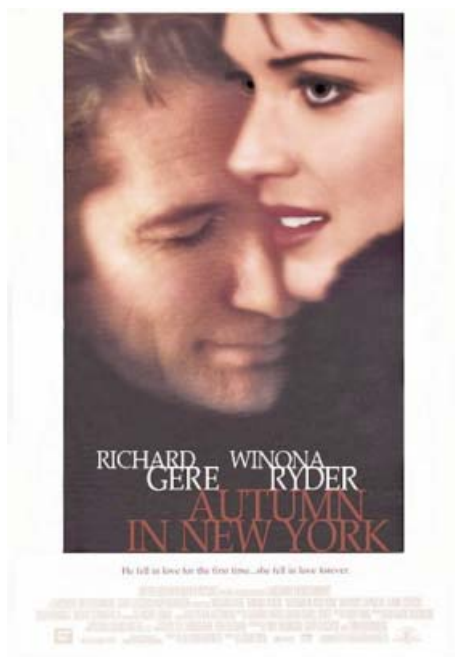
**Title:** *Stepmom*  
**Country:** USA  
**Year:** 1998  
**Director:** Chris Columbus  
**Music:** John Williams  
**Screenwriter:** Gigi Levangie, Jessie Nelson, Steven Rogers, Karen Leigh Hopkins and Ronald Bass.  
**Cast:** Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon, Ed Harris, Jena Malone, Liam Aiken, Lynn 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.

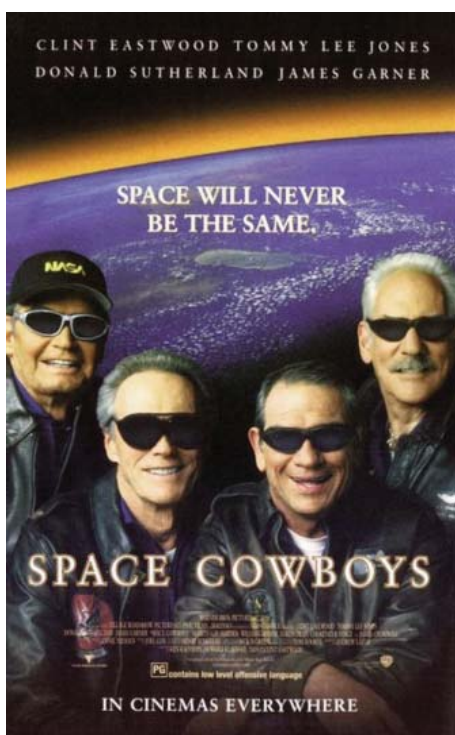
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**Runtime:** 103 minutes

**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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