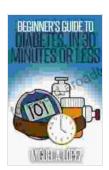
Beginner's Guide to Diabetes: Understanding and Managing in 30 Minutes or Less

Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects how your body turns food into energy. There are two main types of diabetes: type 1 and type 2.

- Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which your body's immune system attacks and destroys the cells in your pancreas that make insulin. Insulin is a hormone that helps glucose, or sugar, get from your blood into your cells. Without insulin, your blood sugar levels can get too high.
- Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body doesn't make enough insulin or doesn't use insulin well. This can also cause your blood sugar levels to get too high.

Diabetes can lead to a number of serious health problems, including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, and blindness. However, diabetes can be managed with a healthy lifestyle and medication.

The symptoms of diabetes can vary depending on the type of diabetes you have. However, some common symptoms include:



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- Increased thirst
- Frequent urination
- Unexplained weight loss
- Increased hunger
- Fatigue
- Blurred vision
- Slow-healing sores
- Frequent infections

The exact cause of diabetes is unknown, but it is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

- Genetic factors can increase your risk of developing diabetes. For example, if you have a close relative with diabetes, you are more likely to develop the condition yourself.
- Environmental factors can also play a role in the development of diabetes. These factors include:
 - Obesity
 - Physical inactivity

- Unhealthy diet
- Certain medications

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- Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which your body's immune system attacks and destroys the cells in your pancreas that make insulin. This type of diabetes usually develops in children and young adults.
- Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body doesn't make enough insulin or doesn't use insulin well. This type of diabetes usually develops in adults over the age of 45.

The goal of diabetes treatment is to keep your blood sugar levels under control. This can be done with a combination of lifestyle changes and medication.

- Lifestyle changes that can help manage diabetes include:
 - Eating a healthy diet
 - Getting regular exercise
 - Maintaining a healthy weight
 - Taking medication as prescribed
- Medications that can be used to treat diabetes include:
 - Insulin
 - Oral medications

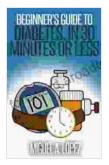
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Managing diabetes can be challenging, but it is possible. By following your doctor's instructions and making healthy lifestyle changes, you can keep your blood sugar levels under control and reduce your risk of developing serious complications.

Here are some tips for managing diabetes:

- Eat a healthy diet: A healthy diet for diabetes includes plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. It also includes lean protein and low-fat dairy products.
- **Get regular exercise:** Regular exercise can help lower your blood sugar levels and improve your overall health. Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise most days of the week.
- Maintain a healthy weight: If you are overweight or obese, losing weight can help improve your blood sugar control.
- Take medication as prescribed: If you are prescribed medication for diabetes, take it as directed.
- Monitor your blood sugar levels: Monitoring your blood sugar levels can help you make sure that they are under control.

Diabetes is a serious disease, but it can be managed with a healthy lifestyle and medication. By following your doctor's instructions and making healthy lifestyle changes, you can keep your blood sugar levels under control and reduce your risk of developing serious complications.



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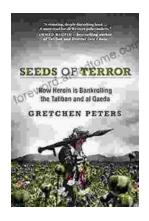


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