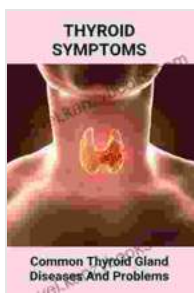


# Common Thyroid Gland Diseases and Problems

The thyroid gland is a small, butterfly-shaped gland located in the front of the neck. It produces hormones that regulate metabolism, growth, and development. When the thyroid gland doesn't produce enough hormones (hypothyroidism) or produces too much hormones (hyperthyroidism), it can cause a variety of symptoms.

## Hypothyroidism

Hypothyroidism is a condition in which the thyroid gland doesn't produce enough hormones. This can cause a variety of symptoms, including:



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- Fatigue
- Weight gain
- Constipation

- Dry skin
- Brittle hair
- Cold intolerance
- Heavy menstrual periods
- Infertility

Hypothyroidism is usually treated with thyroid hormone replacement medication. This medication can help to relieve symptoms and restore normal thyroid function.

## **Hyperthyroidism**

Hyperthyroidism is a condition in which the thyroid gland produces too much hormones. This can cause a variety of symptoms, including:

- Weight loss
- Increased appetite
- Diarrhea
- Sweating
- Heat intolerance
- Rapid heart rate
- Anxiety
- Insomnia

Hyperthyroidism is usually treated with anti-thyroid medication, radioactive iodine, or surgery. These treatments can help to reduce thyroid hormone

levels and relieve symptoms.

## **Thyroid Nodules**

Thyroid nodules are lumps or growths in the thyroid gland. Most thyroid nodules are benign (non-cancerous). However, some thyroid nodules can be cancerous.

Thyroid nodules are usually found during a physical exam or an ultrasound of the thyroid gland. If a thyroid nodule is found, your doctor may recommend a biopsy to determine if it is cancerous.

Treatment for thyroid nodules depends on the size, location, and type of nodule. Some thyroid nodules may not require any treatment. Others may need to be treated with medication, radioactive iodine, or surgery.

## **Thyroid Cancer**

Thyroid cancer is a cancer that starts in the thyroid gland. Thyroid cancer is relatively rare, but it is the most common type of cancer in women.

Most thyroid cancers are curable if they are found and treated early.

Symptoms of thyroid cancer can include:

- A lump or swelling in the neck
- Hoarseness
- Difficulty swallowing
- Pain in the neck
- Swollen lymph nodes in the neck

Treatment for thyroid cancer depends on the stage of the cancer and the patient's overall health. Treatment may include surgery, radioactive iodine, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy.

## **Thyroiditis**

Thyroiditis is an inflammation of the thyroid gland. Thyroiditis can be caused by a variety of factors, including infections, autoimmune disorders, and medications.

Symptoms of thyroiditis can include:

- Pain in the neck
- Swelling in the neck
- Fever
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Weight gain
- Constipation

Treatment for thyroiditis depends on the cause of the inflammation. Treatment may include antibiotics, anti-inflammatory medications, or thyroid hormone replacement medication.

## **Thyroid Surgery**

Thyroid surgery may be necessary to treat a variety of thyroid conditions, including thyroid cancer, thyroid nodules, and Graves' disease.

Thyroid surgery is usually performed by an ear, nose, and throat (ENT) surgeon. The surgery is performed through a small incision in the neck.

The risks of thyroid surgery include:

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Nerve damage
- Hypothyroidism

Most people who have thyroid surgery recover well. However, it is important to follow your doctor's instructions carefully after surgery to minimize the risks of complications.

## **Thyroid Medication**

Thyroid medication is used to treat a variety of thyroid conditions, including hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, and thyroid cancer.

There are two main types of thyroid medication:

- **Levothyroxine (Synthroid, Levothroid, Unithroid)** is a synthetic form of thyroid hormone. It is used to treat hypothyroidism.
- **Propylthiouracil (PTU) and methimazole (Tapazole)** are anti-thyroid medications. They are used to treat hyperthyroidism.

Thyroid medication is usually taken once a day. It is important to take your medication exactly as prescribed by your doctor. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. Do not double your dose.

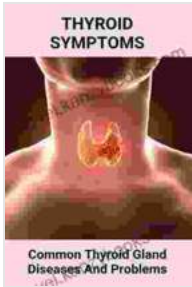
Side effects of thyroid medication can include:

- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Constipation
- Weight gain
- Weight loss
- Increased heart rate
- Decreased heart rate
- Insomnia
- Drowsiness

If you experience any side effects from thyroid medication, talk to your doctor. Your doctor may be able to adjust your dosage or switch you to a different type of thyroid medication.

Thyroid gland diseases and problems are common. However, they can be successfully treated with medication, surgery, or radioactive iodine. If you have any symptoms of a thyroid condition, see your doctor for evaluation.

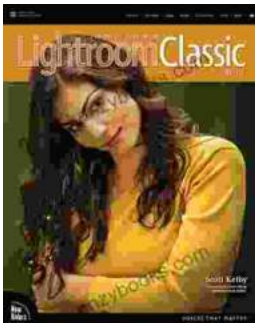
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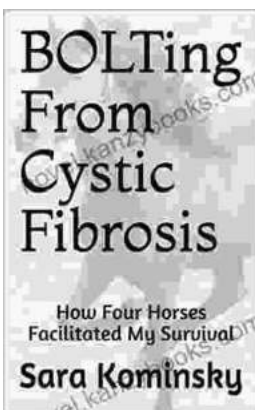
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