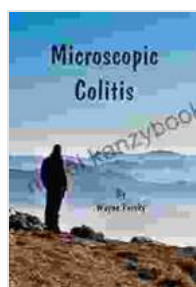


Microscopic Colitis: A Comprehensive Guide to Understanding and Managing the Condition

Microscopic colitis is a type of inflammatory bowel disease that affects the large intestine (colon). It is characterized by chronic diarrhea, abdominal pain, and weight loss. Microscopic colitis is often difficult to diagnose, as it can only be seen with a microscope. However, with proper diagnosis and treatment, most people with microscopic colitis can live a normal life.

Causes of Microscopic Colitis

The exact cause of microscopic colitis is unknown. However, it is thought to be related to an autoimmune disorder, in which the body's immune system attacks its own tissues. Other risk factors for microscopic colitis include:



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* Age: Microscopic colitis is most common in people over the age of 60. *

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certain medications, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) * Certain medical conditions, such as celiac disease and thyroid disease

Symptoms of Microscopic Colitis

The most common symptom of microscopic colitis is chronic diarrhea. Other symptoms may include:

- * Abdominal pain
- * Weight loss
- * Fatigue
- * Bloating
- * Nausea and vomiting
- * Urgency to defecate

Diagnosis of Microscopic Colitis

Microscopic colitis is diagnosed with a colonoscopy. During a colonoscopy, a doctor inserts a thin, flexible tube with a camera on the end into the rectum and colon. The doctor can then look for signs of inflammation and take biopsies of the colon tissue to examine under a microscope.

Treatment of Microscopic Colitis

There is no cure for microscopic colitis, but the condition can be managed with medication and lifestyle changes. Medications that are used to treat microscopic colitis include:

- * Anti-inflammatory drugs
- * Immunosuppressants
- * Antibiotics
- * Bile acid sequestrants

Lifestyle changes that can help to manage microscopic colitis include:

- * Eating a healthy diet
- * Getting regular exercise
- * Managing stress
- * Avoiding smoking
- * Limiting alcohol intake

Prognosis of Microscopic Colitis

Most people with microscopic colitis can live a normal life with proper treatment. However, the condition can be frustrating and embarrassing. It is important to work with a doctor to find the best treatment plan for you.

Microscopic colitis is a chronic condition that can cause significant symptoms. However, with proper diagnosis and treatment, most people with microscopic colitis can live a normal life. If you are experiencing symptoms of microscopic colitis, talk to your doctor today.

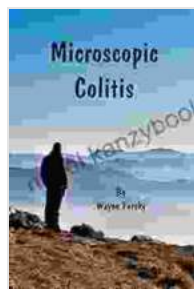
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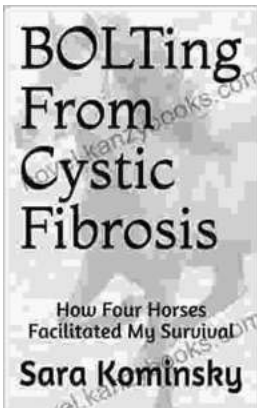
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