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Hepatitis C: The Silent Epidemic (Authoritative Guide)



Synopsis

Four million Americans have been stricken by Hepatitis C, and the numbers continue to grow. Covering every aspect of this serious liver disease, Dr. Fred Askari provides a clear and compassionate description of the complex medical issues that many doctors fail to adequately explain to their patients. Complete with a targeted resource list of support groups and organizations, Hepatitis C: The Silent Epidemic delivers the facts on the symptoms as well as up-to-the-minute news on drug and transplant treatment options.

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Customer Reviews

"Clear and compassionate.... An invaluable book for patients and their families." -- Howard J. Worman, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Anatomy, and Cell Biology, Columbia University

Editorial Reviews: "Hepatitis C is an illness with severe consequences that extend long beyond the active infection. This informative and well-written book provides comprehensive knowledge to the public about the disease so that it can be prevented or, if contracted, treated appropriately."

Tadataka Yamada, M.D. President, Health Care Services, SmithKline Beecham "Dr. Askari...has been able to explain complicated scientific and medical processes using terms and analogies that are readily understandable by the non-physician/scientist. This work will fill a large void for those who wish to learn more about hepatitis C." Bruce R. Bacon, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, Director, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Health Sciences Center, Saint Louis

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This is a very judgmental and horrible book. It was recommended on the CDC website. The information in this book is inaccurate. The portrayal of information about Hep C is based on a case person who is a drug addict and an alcoholic. Most Hep C sufferers acquired the disease as a result of a medical procedure. Hep C is a blood to blood transmission disease. The book is condescending and negative. If I had the funds, I would buy all available copies of this book and burn them. This book is a disservice to everyone. Shame on the author. [I am not condemning substance abusers. People are merely self-medicating and we are not helping them by making them criminals.]

This book reads like a conversation with a concerned, experienced and optimistic doctor! It describes Hepatitis C and its life threatening effects with the sincere intention of making the public "...aware of the potential danger lurking within the livers of so many unsuspecting Americans..." For those of us who may already be infected, it gives easy-to-use tables listing diagnostic tests, people who should be screened, treatment side effects, and more. In addition, there is understandable information about everything from the newest research to alcohol consumption, to nutrition, and even to "alternative medicine" discussion. If you have Hepatitis C, if you think you may have Hepatitis C, if you are thinking about getting a tattoo, this is the book you've been looking for!

I bought this book when it first came out in hardback. It was a brave and helpful book. Dr. Askari speaks plainly and with authority, offering explanations and illustrations that are easy to follow. Many years have passed, and although there is good information in this book, it is outdated. Dr. Askari did a great service by writing this book, and although there are newer and better books, he deserves recognition for his contribution.

This book let me finally understand where my doctor was coming from. I read the book three times, I found it so useful. Being able to understand both the potential dangers that lie ahead and how to avoid them has made me a stronger person as I confront this disease. I have read several other books on hepatitis C, and I liked this one the best. I really liked learning about the PEGYLATED Interferons as well as the safe use of alternative antioxidant treatments along with the ones my doctor is prescribing. This book seems really up to date. I am pumped about it.

A non-technical, easy to read approach. Short chapters cover the realm of topics and FAQ's. This may not be the only book you read if you want an in depth knowledge of the disease but it is excelent starter book. The information is current and timely. Timely information is important on this subject.

The author has done a wonderful job conveying a complex set of issues in a user friendly manner. This killer disease is the subject of intense research and it was good to get an up to date perspective on the topic. I would recommend it to anyone with an interest in being empowered on the subject.

Excellent! Up-to-date information in understandable terms! The new edition of Hepatitis C, The Silent Epidemic gives basic explanations and also features recent breakthroughs in the use of PEG Interferon treatments. This paperback brings valuable and hopeful news!

Very easy to read and understand. Illustrates symptoms and the latest treatments for this serious disease.

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