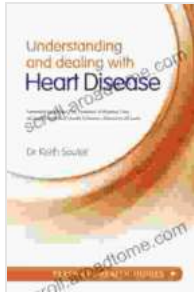


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What is heart disease?

Heart disease is a general term for conditions that affect the heart and blood vessels. It is the leading cause of death worldwide, and it is estimated that over 17 million people die from heart disease each year.

There are many different types of heart disease, but the most common is coronary artery disease (CAD). CAD occurs when the arteries that supply blood to the heart become narrowed or blocked. This can lead to a heart attack, which occurs when the blood supply to the heart is suddenly cut off.

Other types of heart disease include:

* Heart failure: This occurs when the heart is unable to pump enough blood to meet the body's needs. * Arrhythmia: This is a heart rhythm disorder that can cause the heart to beat too fast, too slow, or irregularly. * Congenital heart defects: These are heart defects that are present at birth.

What are the symptoms of heart disease?

The symptoms of heart disease can vary depending on the type of heart disease. However, some common symptoms include:

* Chest pain or discomfort * Shortness of breath * Fatigue * Lightheadedness or dizziness * Pain in the neck, jaw, back, or arms * Nausea or vomiting

What are the risk factors for heart disease?

There are many risk factors for heart disease, including:

* High blood pressure * High cholesterol * Diabetes * Smoking * Obesity * Physical inactivity * Family history of heart disease

How is heart disease diagnosed?

Heart disease is diagnosed through a physical exam, a medical history, and several tests. These tests may include:

* Blood tests * Cholesterol tests * Electrocardiogram (ECG) * Echocardiogram * Cardiac catheterization

How is heart disease treated?

The treatment for heart disease depends on the type of heart disease and its severity. Treatment options may include:

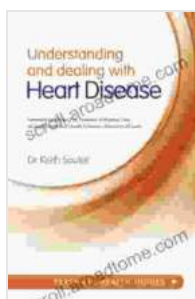
* Medications * Surgery * Lifestyle changes

How can heart disease be prevented?

There are many things you can do to prevent heart disease, including:

* Eating a healthy diet * Maintaining a healthy weight * Getting regular exercise * Quitting smoking * Managing blood pressure and cholesterol * Getting enough sleep * Managing stress

Heart disease is a serious condition, but it can be prevented and treated. By understanding the risk factors, symptoms, and treatment options for heart disease, you can take steps to protect your heart and live a long and healthy life.



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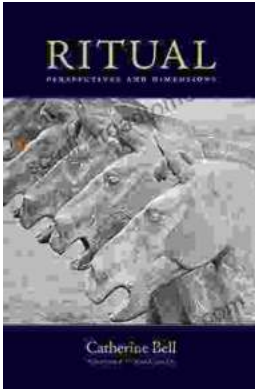
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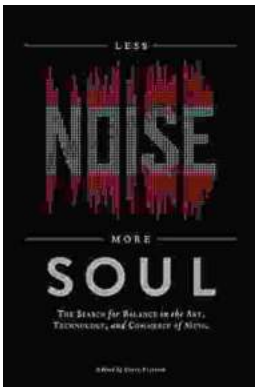
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