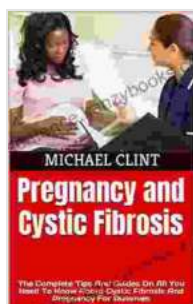


The Complete Guide to Cystic Fibrosis

What is cystic fibrosis?

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disorder that affects the lungs, digestive system, and other organs. It is caused by a mutation in the CFTR gene, which leads to the production of thick, sticky mucus that can clog the airways and digestive tract.



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CF is a life-threatening condition, but with proper treatment and management, people with CF can live long and full lives.

Symptoms of cystic fibrosis

The symptoms of CF can vary depending on the severity of the condition. Some of the most common symptoms include:

* Persistent cough * Wheezing * Shortness of breath * Chest pain * Fatigue
* Weight loss * Poor growth * Diarrhea * Constipation * Salty-tasting skin *
Frequent infections

Diagnosis of cystic fibrosis

CF is diagnosed with a sweat test. This test measures the amount of chloride in a person's sweat. People with CF have higher levels of chloride in their sweat than people without CF.

Other tests that may be used to diagnose CF include:

* Genetic testing * Chest X-ray * Lung function tests

Treatment of cystic fibrosis

There is no cure for CF, but there are a number of treatments that can help to improve the symptoms and prevent complications. These treatments include:

* Medications to thin the mucus and improve lung function * Antibiotics to prevent and treat infections * Nutritional supplements to help with weight gain and growth * Exercise to help improve lung function and overall health

Management of cystic fibrosis

In addition to medical treatment, there are a number of things that people with CF can do to manage their condition. These include:

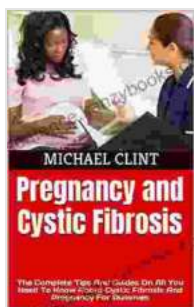
* Getting regular checkups * Taking medications as prescribed * Exercising regularly * Eating a healthy diet * Getting enough sleep * Avoiding secondhand smoke

Outlook for people with cystic fibrosis

The outlook for people with CF has improved significantly over the past few decades. With proper treatment and management, most people with CF can live long and full lives.

The average life expectancy for people with CF is now in the mid-30s. However, some people with CF may live into their 50s or even 60s.

Cystic fibrosis is a challenging condition, but with proper treatment and management, people with CF can live long and full lives. This comprehensive guide provides everything you need to know about CF, from its symptoms and diagnosis to its treatment and management.



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