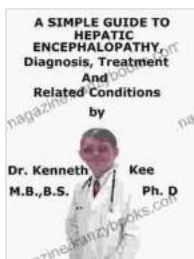


Simple Guide to Hepatic Encephalopathy: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Related Conditions

Hepatic encephalopathy is a serious condition that can affect people with liver disease. It is caused by a build-up of toxins in the blood that can damage the brain. Hepatic encephalopathy can range from mild to severe, and can even be fatal if not treated.



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Causes of Hepatic Encephalopathy

The most common cause of hepatic encephalopathy is cirrhosis of the liver. Cirrhosis is a condition in which the liver is scarred and damaged. This damage can lead to a build-up of toxins in the blood, which can then cause hepatic encephalopathy.

Other causes of hepatic encephalopathy include:

- Acute liver failure

- Chronic hepatitis
- Ascites (fluid accumulation in the abdomen)
- Varices (enlarged veins in the esophagus or stomach)
- TIPS (transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt)
- MELD (Model for End-Stage Liver Disease)
- Child-Pugh score

Symptoms of Hepatic Encephalopathy

The symptoms of hepatic encephalopathy can vary depending on the severity of the condition. Mild hepatic encephalopathy may cause:

- Confusion
- Forgetfulness
- Difficulty concentrating
- Mood swings
- Sleep problems

Severe hepatic encephalopathy can cause:

- Coma
- Seizures
- Death

Diagnosis of Hepatic Encephalopathy

Hepatic encephalopathy is diagnosed based on the patient's symptoms and a physical examination. The doctor may also Free Download blood tests to check for liver function and rule out other conditions.

Treatment of Hepatic Encephalopathy

The treatment of hepatic encephalopathy depends on the severity of the condition. Mild hepatic encephalopathy can be treated with:

- Lactulose enemas
- Laxatives
- Antibiotics

Severe hepatic encephalopathy may require hospitalization and treatment with:

- Intravenous fluids
- Electrolytes
- Blood transfusions
- Liver transplant

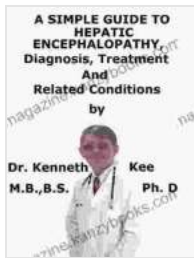
Related Conditions

Hepatic encephalopathy is often associated with other conditions, including:

- Ascites
- Varices

- TIPS
- MELD
- Child-Pugh score

Hepatic encephalopathy is a serious condition that can affect people with liver disease. The condition can range from mild to severe, and can even be fatal if not treated. Early diagnosis and treatment are important to prevent serious complications.



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