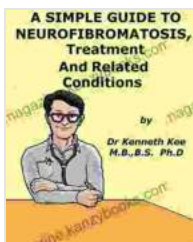


The Simple Guide to Neurofibromatosis: Treatment and Related Diseases

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a group of genetic disorders that affect the nervous system. NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body. These tumors can cause a variety of symptoms, including pain, disfigurement, and neurological problems.

There are three main types of NF:

- **NF1** is the most common type of NF. It affects about 1 in 3,000 people. NF1 causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body. These tumors can cause a variety of symptoms, including:



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- Café-au-lait spots (light brown birthmarks)

- Freckling in the armpits and groin
 - Lisch nodules (small bumps on the iris of the eye)
 - Optic gliomas (tumors of the optic nerve)
 - Learning disabilities
 - Behavioral problems
 - Seizures
- **NF2** is a less common type of NF. It affects about 1 in 25,000 people. NF2 causes tumors to grow on the Schwann cells, which are the cells that cover the nerves. These tumors can cause a variety of symptoms, including:
 - Hearing loss
 - Tinnitus (ringing in the ears)
 - Facial paralysis
 - Weakness and numbness in the arms and legs
 - Difficulty swallowing
 - Balance problems
- **Schwannomatosis** is a rare type of NF. It affects about 1 in 40,000 people. Schwannomatosis causes tumors to grow on the Schwann cells, but these tumors are usually not cancerous. Schwannomatosis can cause a variety of symptoms, including:
 - Numbness and weakness in the arms and legs
 - Pain

- Disfigurement
- Difficulty walking

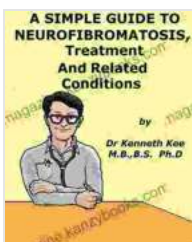
NF is usually diagnosed based on a physical examination and a review of the patient's medical history. In some cases, genetic testing may be used to confirm the diagnosis.

There is no cure for NF, but there are a variety of treatments that can help to manage the symptoms. Treatment options may include:

- **Surgery** to remove tumors
- **Radiation therapy** to shrink tumors
- **Chemotherapy** to kill tumor cells
- **Targeted therapy** to block the growth of tumor cells
- **Clinical trials** to test new treatments

There are a number of support groups and organizations that can provide information and support to people with NF and their families. These groups can help people to connect with others who are going through similar experiences, learn about new treatments, and find financial assistance.

NF is a complex and challenging condition, but there is hope. With the right treatment and support, people with NF can live full and productive lives.



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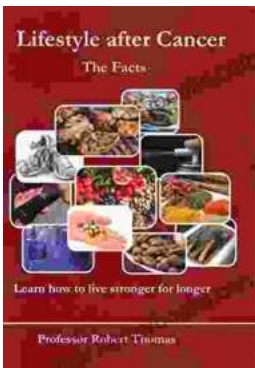
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