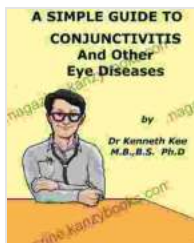


Your Complete Guide to Conjunctivitis and Other Eye Diseases

What is Conjunctivitis?

Conjunctivitis, also known as pink eye, is a common eye infection that causes inflammation of the conjunctiva, the clear membrane that covers the white part of the eye and lines the inside of the eyelid. It is usually caused by a virus or bacteria, and is highly contagious.



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Symptoms of Conjunctivitis

The symptoms of conjunctivitis can vary depending on the cause, but may include:

* Redness and irritation of the eye * Tearing * Discharge from the eye (clear, white, or yellow) * Itching or burning sensation * Sensitivity to light *

Blurred vision

Causes of Conjunctivitis

Conjunctivitis can be caused by a variety of factors, including:

* Viruses, such as the adenovirus or herpes virus * Bacteria, such as Staphylococcus aureus or Streptococcus pneumoniae * Allergies, such as hay fever or pet dander * Irritants, such as smoke, dust, or chlorine * Contact lenses

Treatment Options for Conjunctivitis

The treatment for conjunctivitis depends on the cause. For viral conjunctivitis, there is no specific cure, and the infection will usually clear up on its own within a few days or weeks. Bacterial conjunctivitis can be treated with antibiotic eye drops or ointments. Allergic conjunctivitis can be treated with antihistamines or steroid eye drops. Irritant conjunctivitis can be treated by removing the irritant and using artificial tears to soothe the eye.

Prevention of Conjunctivitis

There are several things you can do to help prevent conjunctivitis, including:

* Washing your hands frequently with soap and water * Avoiding touching your eyes * Not sharing towels or other personal items with someone who has conjunctivitis * Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces that may be contaminated with the virus or bacteria * Getting vaccinated against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), which can also cause conjunctivitis

Other Common Eye Diseases

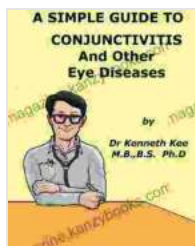
In addition to conjunctivitis, there are a number of other common eye diseases that can affect people of all ages. These include:

* **Cataracts**: A clouding of the lens of the eye, which can lead to blurred vision and other problems. * **Glaucoma**: A condition that damages the optic nerve, which can lead to blindness. * **Macular degeneration**: A condition that affects the macula, the central part of the retina, which can lead to loss of central vision. * **Diabetic retinopathy**: A condition that damages the blood vessels in the retina, which can lead to vision loss.

Importance of Eye Health

Eye health is essential for overall health and well-being. Regular eye exams can help to detect and treat eye diseases early on, before they cause serious problems. If you have any concerns about your eye health, be sure to see an ophthalmologist or optometrist for a comprehensive eye exam.

Conjunctivitis and other eye diseases are common health problems that can affect people of all ages. By understanding the symptoms, causes, and treatment options for these conditions, you can help to protect your vision and maintain good eye health.



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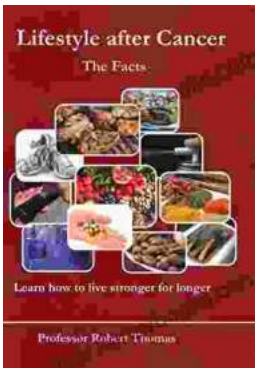
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