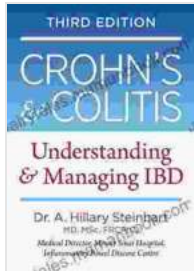


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Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is a chronic condition that affects the digestive tract. It is characterized by inflammation of the digestive tract, which can lead to a variety of symptoms, including abdominal pain, diarrhea, weight loss, and fatigue.

There are two main types of IBD: Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Crohn's disease can affect any part of the digestive tract, from the mouth to the anus. Ulcerative colitis only affects the colon and rectum.

IBD is a serious condition, but it can be managed with medication and lifestyle changes. With proper treatment, people with IBD can live full and active lives.

Symptoms of IBD

The symptoms of IBD can vary depending on the type of IBD you have and the severity of your condition. Some of the most common symptoms include:

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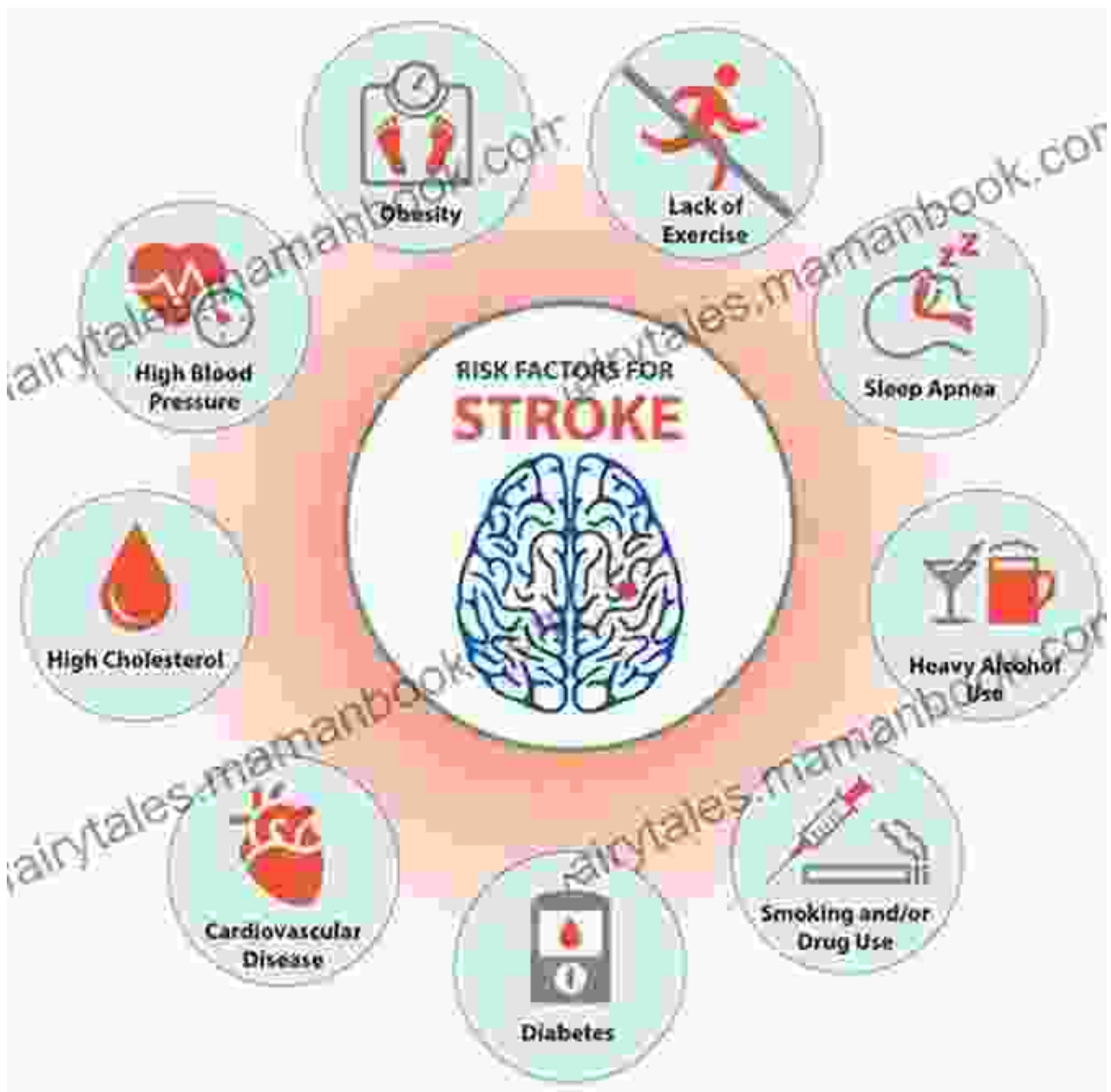


Abdominal pain * Diarrhea * Weight loss * Fatigue * Blood in the stool *
Fever * Night sweats

Causes of IBD

The exact cause of IBD is unknown, but it is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Some of the risk factors for IBD include:

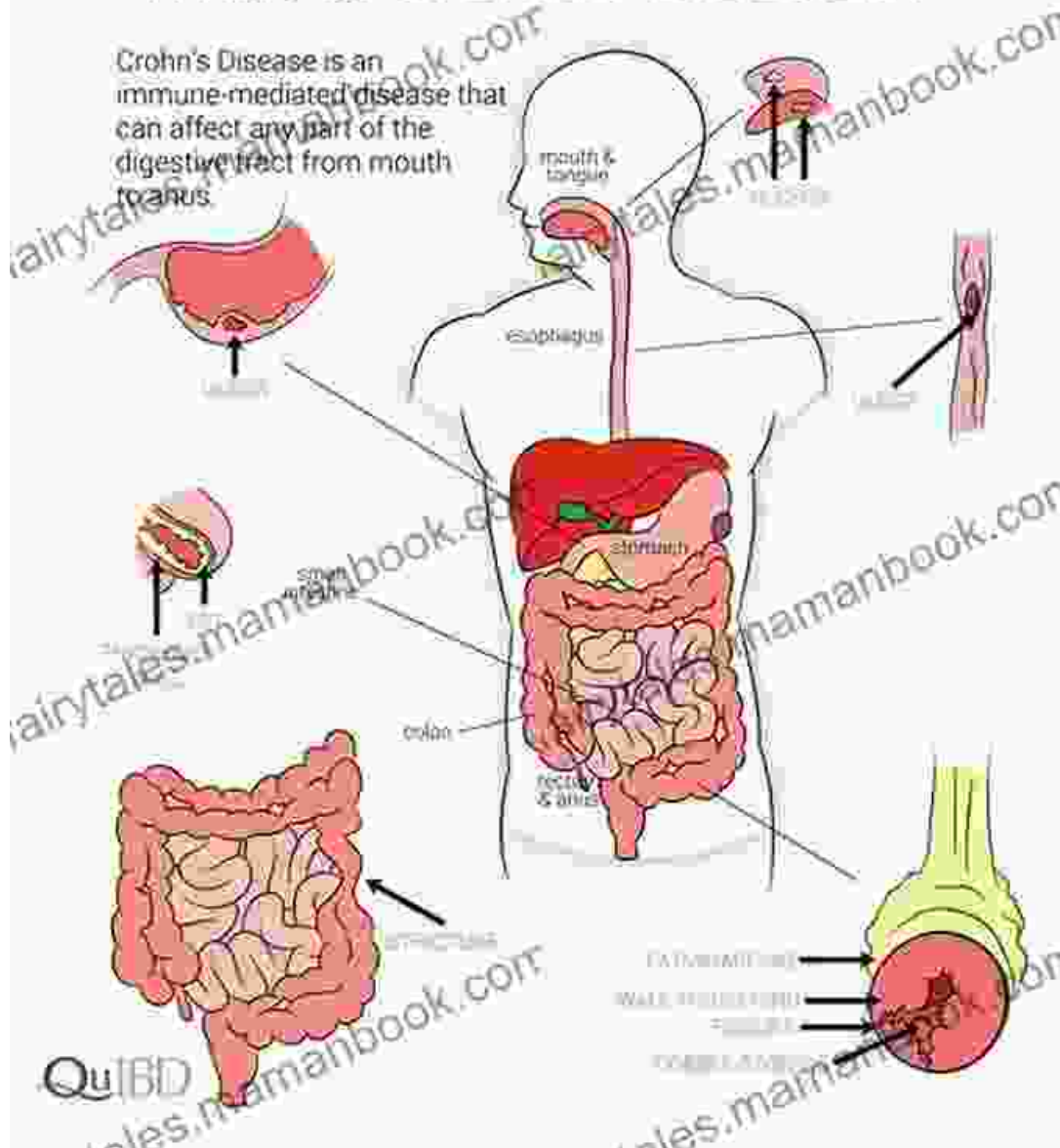
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Family history of IBD *

What is Crohn's Disease?

Crohn's Disease is an immune-mediated disease that can affect any part of the digestive tract from mouth to anus.



Smoking * Certain medications * Diet * Stress

Diagnosis of IBD

IBD can be diagnosed based on your symptoms, a physical exam, and a variety of tests, including:

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Blood test * Stool test * Endoscopy * Colonoscopy

Treatment of IBD

There is no cure for IBD, but there are a variety of treatments that can help manage the condition and improve your quality of life. Some of the most common treatments for IBD include:

* Medication * Surgery * Lifestyle changes

Medication

There are a variety of medications that can be used to treat IBD, including:

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Anti-inflammatory drugs * Immunosuppressants * Biologics

Surgery

Surgery may be necessary to treat IBD if medications are not effective or if you have a severe complication of IBD, such as a perforation or obstruction.

Lifestyle changes

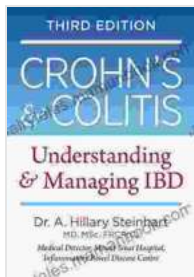
There are a number of lifestyle changes that can help manage IBD, including:

* Eating a healthy diet * Getting regular exercise * Managing stress *
Quitting smoking

Outlook for IBD

The outlook for IBD varies depending on the type of IBD you have and the severity of your condition. With proper treatment, most people with IBD can live full and active lives.

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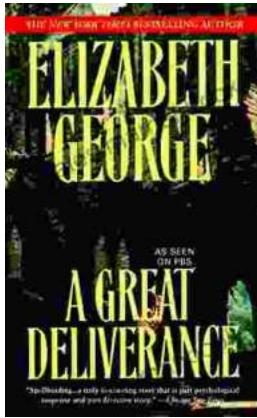
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