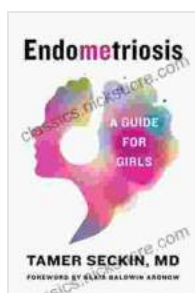


Endometriosis: A Guide for Girls

What is Endometriosis?

Endometriosis is a condition in which tissue that normally lines the uterus (called the endometrium) grows outside of the uterus. This can cause pain, infertility, and other problems.



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Endometriosis is a common condition, affecting up to 10% of women of reproductive age. It is most often diagnosed in women between the ages of 25 and 40.

Symptoms of Endometriosis

The most common symptom of endometriosis is pain. This pain can be felt in the lower abdomen, back, or pelvis. It is often worse during menstruation, but it can also occur at other times of the month.

Other symptoms of endometriosis can include:

* Heavy or irregular periods * Painful intercourse * Painful bowel movements or urination * Infertility * Fatigue * Bloating * Diarrhea or constipation

Diagnosis of Endometriosis

Endometriosis can be diagnosed through a physical exam and a pelvic ultrasound. A laparoscopy, a surgical procedure in which a small incision is made in the abdomen to view the pelvic organs, can also be used to diagnose endometriosis.

Treatment of Endometriosis

There is no cure for endometriosis, but there are a number of treatments that can help to manage the symptoms. These treatments include:

* Medication: Medications can be used to relieve pain, reduce inflammation, and stop the growth of endometrial tissue. * Surgery: Surgery can be used to remove endometrial implants and scar tissue. * Complementary therapies: Complementary therapies, such as acupuncture, yoga, and massage, can help to relieve pain and improve overall well-being.

Outlook for Endometriosis

The outlook for endometriosis depends on the severity of the condition. Some women with endometriosis may experience only mild symptoms that do not require treatment. Others may have more severe symptoms that require medication, surgery, or other treatments.

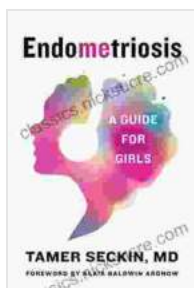
Endometriosis can also affect fertility. About 30% of women with endometriosis have difficulty getting pregnant. However, there are a

number of fertility treatments that can help women with endometriosis to conceive.

If you think you might have endometriosis, it is important to see a doctor right away. Early diagnosis and treatment can help to improve your symptoms and outlook.

Additional Resources

* The Endometriosis Foundation of America: <https://www.endofound.org/> *
The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists:
<https://www.acog.org/> * The National Institutes of Health:
<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/> * The Mayo Clinic: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/>

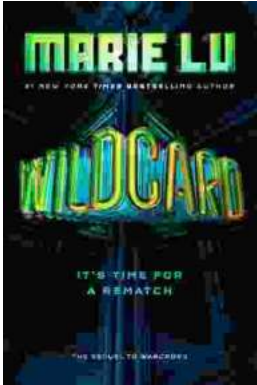


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