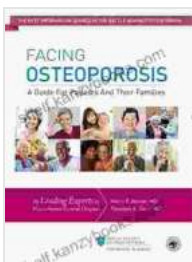
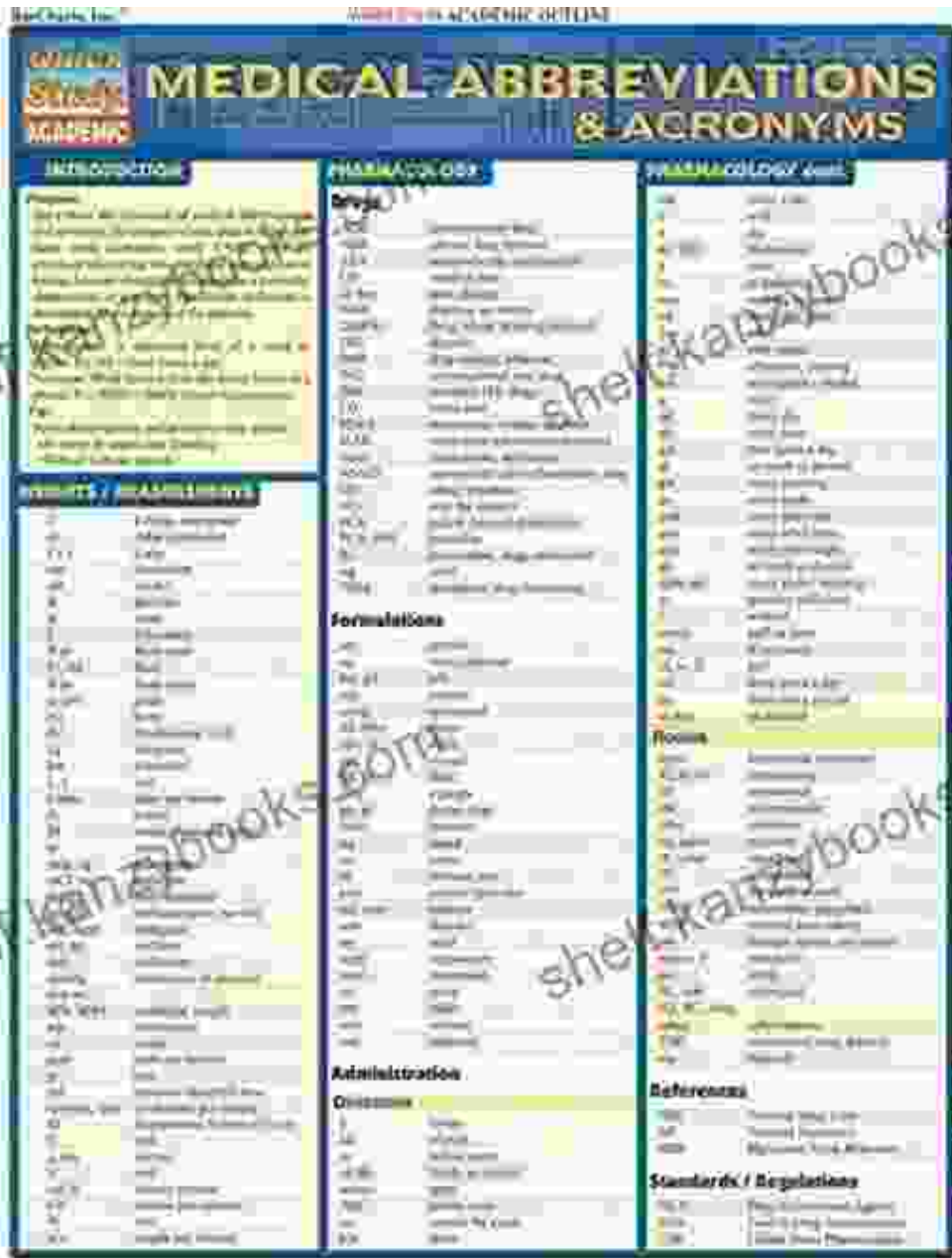


# **A Comprehensive Guide for Patients and Their Loved Ones: Empowering You Throughout Your Healthcare Journey**

Navigating the healthcare system can be a daunting task for both patients and their families. With this comprehensive guide, we aim to provide you with the necessary knowledge and resources to empower you throughout your healthcare journey. This indispensable companion offers an in-depth look at:

- Understanding medical terms and procedures
- Managing doctor appointments and medications
- Advocating for your rights and needs
- Accessing financial assistance and community resources
- Providing emotional support and guidance

## **Chapter 1: Deciphering the Medical Maze**



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This chapter breaks down complex medical terms and concepts into easy-to-understand language. You'll learn about:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Medical abbreviations and acronyms
- Common diagnoses and treatment options
- Medical research and clinical trials

## **Chapter 2: Navigating Doctor Appointments**

# Appointments

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Empower yourself with strategies for:

- Preparing for appointments
- Asking the right questions
- Understanding treatment plans
- Getting second opinions

## Chapter 3: Managing Medications and Treatments

Drug	Side effects	Dosage forms	Dosages
Paracetamol	Hypersensitivity skin reactions: Skin rashes, pruritus and angioedema Neutropenia, thrombocytopenia Nephrotoxicity Hepatotoxicity	Tablets Suppositories Intravenous Solution	Tg 6 hourly Maximum: 4g per day
Ibuprofen	<b>GIT:</b> Gastric erosion, peptic ulceration <b>Hypersensitivity reactions:</b> Skin rashes, pruritus and angioedema Renal toxicity	Tablets Topical Patch Topical Gel Oral Syrup	300-400 mg 6-8 hourly
Indometacin	<b>CNS effects:</b> Dizziness, drowsiness, mental confusion, headache Less than 10% to patients Dermatitides	Capsules	25-50 mg 4-8 hourly
Ketoprofen	<b>GIT:</b> Gastric erosion, peptic ulceration <b>Hypersensitivity reactions:</b> Skin rashes, pruritus and angioedema Renal toxicity	Tablets	300 mg daily with meals
Diclofenac	<b>GIT:</b> Gastric erosion, peptic ulceration <b>Hypersensitivity reactions:</b> Skin rashes, pruritus and angioedema Renal toxicity	Tablets Intramuscular Injection Topical Gel Suppositories Topical Patch	<b>Oral:</b> 25-50 mg 8 hourly, to maximum: 150 mg/day <b>Intramuscular:</b> 75 mg 12 hourly, maximum of 150mg/day for 2 days only <b>Suppositories:</b> 100 mg daily at night
Flonidacem	<b>GIT:</b> Gastric erosion, peptic ulceration <b>Hypersensitivity reactions:</b> Skin rashes, pruritus and angioedema Renal toxicity	Tablets Topical Gel	40mg daily, for the first two days then 20mg daily for up to 14 days
Mefenamic	<b>GIT:</b> Gastric erosion, peptic ulceration <b>Hypersensitivity reactions:</b> Skin rashes, pruritus and angioedema Renal toxicity	Tablets	500mg initially then 250mg 4 hourly Maximum: 1g/day
Mefenamic Pain	Stomach aches, GIT, nausea, vomiting, constipation, heartburn CNS: dizziness	Oral Syrup Tablets	500mg 2 hourly for a maximum of 5 days
Defecolol	Weakness, shortness breath, chest pain, visual and balance impairment, slurred speech, tarry stools	Tablets Capsules	100-200mg 2 hourly Maximum: 400mg/day
Etoricoxib	<b>GIT:</b> Nausea, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, flatulence Stevens Johnson Syndrome <b>Hypersensitivity reactions:</b> Toxic epidermal necrolysis Renal toxicity	Tablets Capsules	60-90 mg daily
Meloxicam	Weakness, shortness breath, chest pain, visual and balance impairment, slurred speech, tarry stools	Tablets Capsules Suppositories Intramuscular	<b>Oral:</b> 7.5-15mg daily <b>Rectal:</b> 15mg daily <b>IM:</b> 7.5-15mg daily for up to 3 days. For elderly dose at 7.5mg daily maximum.

This chapter provides guidance on:

- Knowing your medications
- Managing side effects
- Adhering to treatment schedules

- Coordinating with pharmacies

## Chapter 4: Advocating for Your Rights and Needs

**Patient Advocate Toolkit**  
**SU2C Resources Toolkit**

*This Toolkit provides materials to SU2C Patient Advocates that educate them about SU2C and offer pertinent information to support them in their role. The SU2C Patient Advocate Toolkit is a live link that will be updated on an ongoing basis. For any questions, please email Frederick Johnson at FJohnson@SU2C.org*

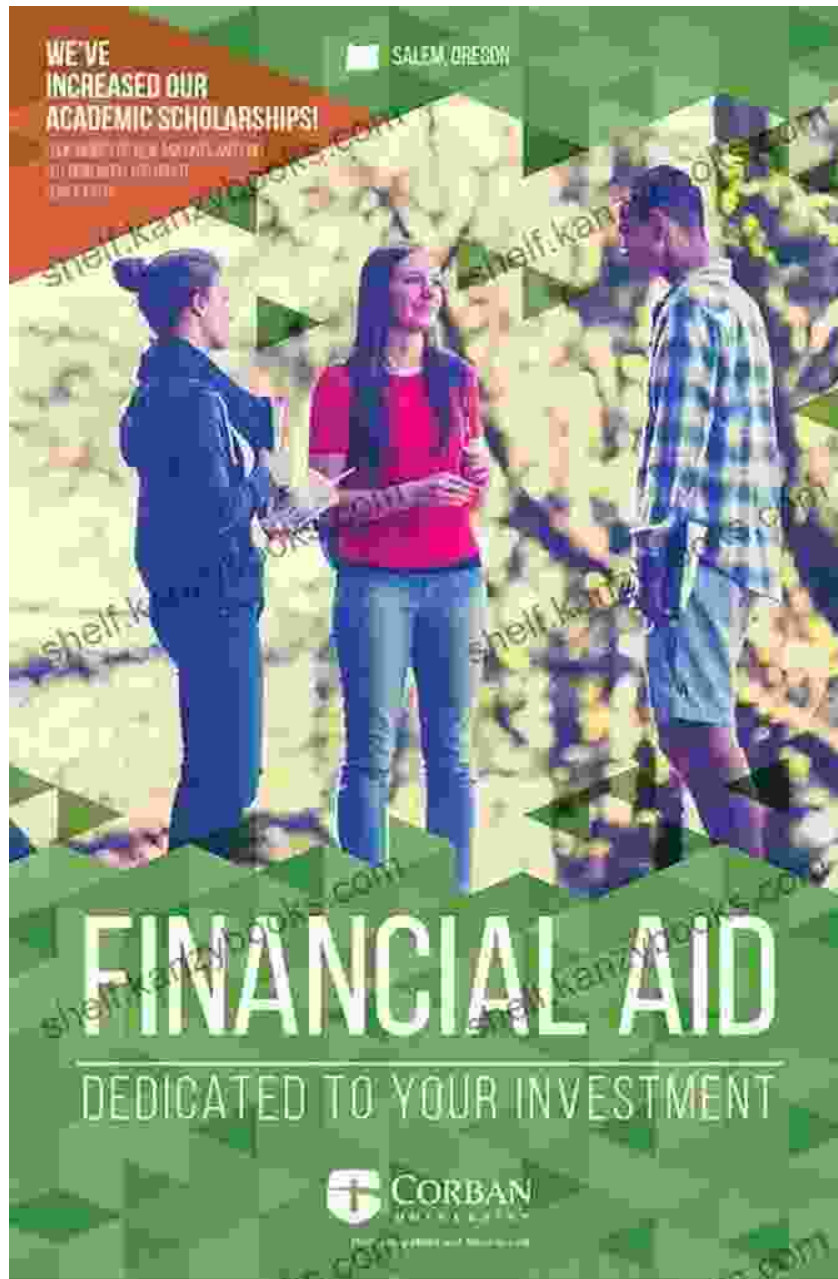
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Become an effective advocate for your health by learning about:

- Patient rights and responsibilities
- Communicating effectively with healthcare providers

- Resolving conflicts and grievances
- Participating in decision-making

## Chapter 5: Accessing Financial Assistance and Community Resources



Explore various options for:

- Health insurance coverage
- Government assistance programs
- Nonprofit organizations
- Crowdfunding and fundraising

## **Chapter 6: Providing Emotional Support and Guidance**



This chapter addresses the emotional challenges faced by patients and their families, offering guidance on:

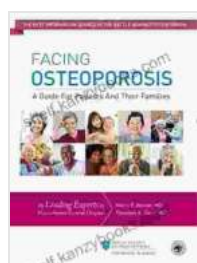
- Coping with stress and anxiety
- Communicating with loved ones



- Finding support groups and resources
- Maintaining a positive outlook

This comprehensive guide is an invaluable resource for patients and their families, empowering them with the knowledge and skills to navigate the complexities of the healthcare system. By providing clear explanations, practical strategies, and a wealth of information, this book aims to alleviate anxiety, improve communication, and enhance the overall well-being of those affected by illness.

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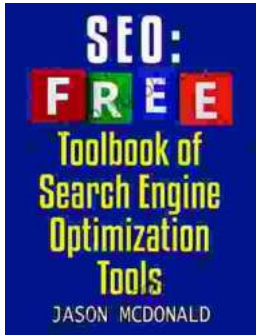
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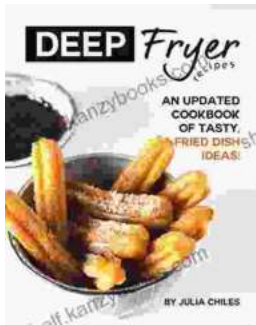
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