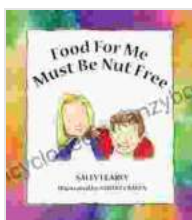


Food For Me Must Be Nut Free

A Comprehensive Guide to Living with Nut Allergies Safely and Healthily

Nut allergies are a serious and potentially life-threatening condition that can affect people of all ages. For those with nut allergies, even a small amount of nut protein can cause a severe allergic reaction, known as anaphylaxis. Symptoms of anaphylaxis can include difficulty breathing, swelling of the throat, hives, and dizziness. In severe cases, anaphylaxis can be fatal.

There is no cure for nut allergies, but they can be managed. The best way to manage a nut allergy is to avoid nuts completely. This means reading food labels carefully, avoiding foods that may contain nuts, and being aware of potential cross-contamination. It is also important to carry an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen) in case of an allergic reaction.



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How to Avoid Nuts

The best way to avoid nuts is to read food labels carefully. All food labels in the United States are required to list any ingredients that contain nuts. Look for the words "nuts," "peanuts," "almonds," "cashews," "hazelnuts," "macadamia nuts," "pecans," "pistachios," and "walnuts" on food labels. If a food label does not list any nuts, it is still important to be aware of potential cross-contamination.

Cross-contamination can occur when food is processed or packaged on the same equipment that is used to process or package nuts. Even if a food label does not list any nuts, it is possible that the food may have come into contact with nuts during processing or packaging. To avoid cross-contamination, it is important to buy foods from reputable manufacturers and to wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly before eating them.

It is also important to be aware of potential hidden sources of nuts. Nuts can be used as an ingredient in a variety of foods, including baked goods, candy, ice cream, and salad dressings. Nuts can also be used as a garnish or topping on foods. When eating out, it is important to ask about the ingredients in any dish that you are considering. If you are not sure whether a dish contains nuts, it is best to avoid it.

Managing Reactions

If you have a nut allergy, it is important to know how to manage an allergic reaction. Symptoms of an allergic reaction can include difficulty breathing, swelling of the throat, hives, and dizziness. In severe cases, anaphylaxis can be fatal.

If you experience any symptoms of an allergic reaction, it is important to seek medical attention immediately. While you are waiting for medical help to arrive, you can take the following steps to help manage your reaction:

- Sit down or lie down and elevate your feet.
- Loosen any tight clothing around your neck or chest.
- Take an antihistamine, such as Benadryl or Claritin.
- If you have an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen), use it as directed by your doctor.

Epinephrine is the only medication that can stop an anaphylactic reaction. It is important to carry an epinephrine auto-injector with you at all times in case of an allergic reaction.

Finding Safe Foods

Living with a nut allergy can be challenging, but it is possible to find safe foods to eat. There are many foods that are naturally nut-free, including fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, and poultry. There are also a number of nut-free products available in stores, such as bread, pasta, cereal, and snacks.

When looking for nut-free foods, it is important to read food labels carefully. Look for the words "nuts," "peanuts," "almonds," "cashews," "hazelnuts," "macadamia nuts," "pecans," "pistachios," and "walnuts" on food labels. If a food label does not list any nuts, it is still important to be aware of potential cross-contamination.

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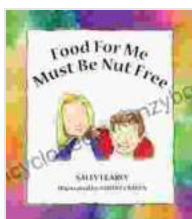
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Living with a nut allergy can be challenging, but it is possible to live a safe and healthy life. With proper management, people with nut allergies can avoid allergic reactions and enjoy a full and active life.

If you have a nut allergy, it is important to:

- Read food labels carefully.
- Avoid foods that may contain nuts.
- Be aware of potential cross-contamination.
- Carry an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen) in case of an allergic reaction.
- Talk to your doctor about managing your nut allergy.
- See a registered dietitian to help you create a nut-free diet.

With proper management, you can live a safe and healthy life with a nut allergy.



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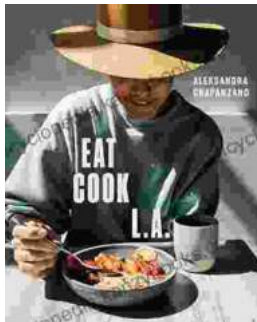
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