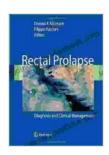
Rectal Prolapse: Diagnosis and Clinical Management

Rectal prolapse is a condition that occurs when the rectum, the last part of the large intestine, protrudes from the anus. This can be a very uncomfortable and embarrassing condition, and it can lead to a number of other health problems.



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The exact cause of rectal prolapse is unknown, but it is thought to be caused by a combination of factors, including:

- Weak pelvic floor muscles
- Chronic straining during bowel movements
- Obesity
- Childbirth
- Aging

Rectal prolapse can occur in both men and women, but it is more common in women. It is also more common in people who are overweight or obese.

Symptoms of Rectal Prolapse

The symptoms of rectal prolapse can vary depending on the severity of the condition. In mild cases, you may only experience a feeling of fullness or pressure in your rectum. In more severe cases, the rectum may protrude from the anus, especially when you are straining during a bowel movement.

Other symptoms of rectal prolapse can include:

- Bleeding from the rectum
- Pain or discomfort in the rectum
- Difficulty with bowel movements
- Incontinence of stool

Diagnosis of Rectal Prolapse

Rectal prolapse is diagnosed based on a physical examination. Your doctor will ask you about your symptoms and medical history. They will then perform a physical examination to look for signs of rectal prolapse. In some cases, your doctor may order an imaging test, such as an X-ray or MRI, to confirm the diagnosis.

Clinical Management of Rectal Prolapse

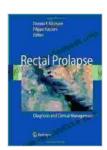
The treatment for rectal prolapse depends on the severity of the condition. In mild cases, your doctor may recommend lifestyle changes, such as:

Losing weight

- Eating a high-fiber diet
- Exercising regularly to strengthen your pelvic floor muscles
- Avoiding straining during bowel movements

In more severe cases, your doctor may recommend surgery to repair the rectal prolapse. Surgery is typically only recommended if lifestyle changes have not been successful.

Rectal prolapse is a condition that can be very uncomfortable and embarrassing, but it can be treated with lifestyle changes or surgery. If you are experiencing symptoms of rectal prolapse, it is important to see your doctor for a diagnosis and treatment.



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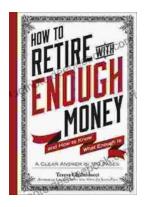
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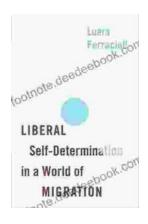
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