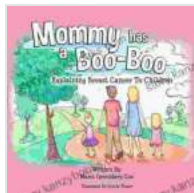


Explaining Breast Cancer to Children: A Journey of Love and Understanding



Mommy Has a Boo-Boo: Explaining Breast Cancer to Children by Marci Greenberg Cox

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Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States. It is a serious disease, but it is important to remember that it is treatable. When breast cancer is diagnosed and treated early, the chances of survival are very good.

Talking to children about breast cancer can be a difficult task. Parents and caregivers may not know how to start the conversation, or they may be worried about frightening or upsetting their children. However, it is important to talk to children about breast cancer in an age-appropriate way. Children need to know what breast cancer is, how it is treated, and how it can affect their lives.

Explaining Breast Cancer to Children: A Journey of Love and Understanding is a comprehensive resource for parents and caregivers who need to talk to children about breast cancer. The book is written by a

breast cancer survivor and mother of two young children, and it offers age-appropriate information about breast cancer, its treatment, and its impact on families.

What is Breast Cancer?

Breast cancer is a type of cancer that starts in the breast. It can occur in both men and women, but it is more common in women. Breast cancer occurs when cells in the breast begin to grow out of control. These cells can form a lump or mass in the breast.

There are different types of breast cancer. Some types of breast cancer are more common than others. The most common type of breast cancer is called ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS). DCIS is a type of breast cancer that starts in the milk ducts. It is usually curable if it is treated early.

Other types of breast cancer include:

* Invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC) * Invasive lobular carcinoma (ILC) *
Inflammatory breast cancer * Paget's disease of the breast

How is Breast Cancer Treated?

The treatment for breast cancer depends on the type of breast cancer and the stage of the disease. Treatment options may include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and hormone therapy.

* Surgery is the most common treatment for breast cancer. Surgery can be used to remove the tumor and some of the surrounding tissue. *

Chemotherapy is a type of medication that is used to kill cancer cells.

Chemotherapy can be given intravenously (through a vein) or orally (by

mouth). * Radiation therapy is a type of treatment that uses high-energy rays to kill cancer cells. Radiation therapy can be given externally (from a machine outside the body) or internally (from radioactive seeds that are placed inside the body). * Hormone therapy is a type of treatment that is used to block the effects of hormones that can promote the growth of breast cancer cells. Hormone therapy can be given in the form of pills, injections, or implants.

How Can I Talk to My Child About Breast Cancer?

Talking to children about breast cancer can be a difficult task. However, it is important to remember that children are resilient and they can handle more information than you may think. When talking to your child about breast cancer, it is important to be honest and age-appropriate.

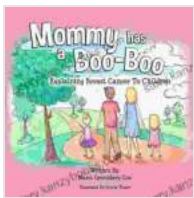
Here are some tips for talking to your child about breast cancer:

* Start by asking your child what they know about breast cancer. This will help you to gauge their understanding of the disease and to tailor your conversation accordingly. * Use simple language that your child can understand. Avoid using medical jargon or technical terms. * Be honest with your child about breast cancer. Let them know that it is a serious disease, but it is also treatable. * Explain to your child what breast cancer treatment involves. Let them know that treatment can be difficult, but it is also necessary. * Reassure your child that you are there for them. Let them know that you will answer their questions and support them through their journey.

Talking to children about breast cancer can be a difficult task, but it is important to remember that children are resilient and they can handle more

information than you may think. When talking to your child about breast cancer, it is important to be honest, age-appropriate, and reassuring.

Explaining Breast Cancer to Children: A Journey of Love and Understanding is a valuable resource for parents and caregivers who need to talk to children about breast cancer. The book offers age-appropriate information about breast cancer, its treatment, and its impact on families. It is a must-read for anyone who is looking for a comprehensive guide to talking to children about breast cancer.



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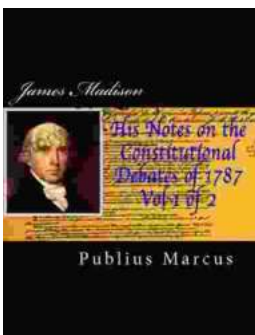
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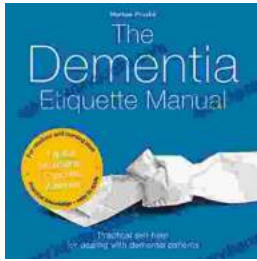
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