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A few rules about pain management
How often to take pain medicine;
Fear of addiction; Side effects of pain medications; More medications that relieve pain; 8. Managing Other Symptoms; "I feel very short of breath, as if I just can't breathe"; "I just can't eat"; "What are bed sores and how can I prevent them?"; "I want to stay awake; there's so much yet to do"; "Sometimes I just don't feel like doing anything"; "I'm just so anxious about things. Sometimes I even feel panicked."; "Should I be worried about getting confused or just being 'out of it'?"
Are there forms my doctor needs to complete?

Sommario/riassunto

Handbook for Mortals is warmly addressed to all those who wish to approach the final years of life with greater awareness of what to expect and greater confidence about how to make the end of their lives a time of growth, comfort, and meaningful reflection. Written by Dr. Joanne Lynn and a team of experts, this book provides equal measures of practical information and wise counsel, from down-to-earth advice on how to talk to your doctor to inspiring quotes from such writers as Emily Dickinson, W. H. Auden, Jane Kenyon, and others.
