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Myth 8: Focusing on the Pain May Be a Distraction from Treating the Cancer; Myth 9: People Should Be Able to "Tough it Out"; Myth 10: Pain Medications Cause Unpleasant Side Effects; The Importance of Communication; Communicating with Your Health Care Team; Communicating with Caregivers; Barriers to Communication; Language Barriers; Cultural Background; Pain Is Subjective; Limited Knowledge and Time; When to Seek Additional Help; CHAPTER 4 Describing and Measuring Your Pain; The "Language" of Pain; Talking about Your Pain; Talking with Family Members and Caregivers about Pain  
Talking with Your Health Care Team about Pain How Pain Is Measured; The Initial Pain Assessment; Preparing for a Pain Assessment; When the Person with Cancer Is Unable to Discuss Pain; Tools for Rating Your Pain; Numeric Scales; Word Scales; The Faces Scale; Color Scales; The Brief Pain Inventory; What to Do after the Initial Pain Assessment; Your Pain Treatment Plan; Communicating about Pain and Pain Relief; The Pain Log; Assessment for Recurrence of Pain; CHAPTER 5 Pain Relief through Medication; Determining Pain Medication(s) Appropriate for You  
Types of Medications Used to Control Cancer Pain

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Sommario/riassunto

Effective pain management enables people with cancer to live the lives they want to lead to eat, sleep, spend time with loved ones, work, pursue hobbies and this helpful guide explains the many pain-relief options available, including medicines and other methods. Readers will discover how to achieve acceptable pain control and how to understand the optimal balance between pain relief and the potential side effects of pain medications. The book addresses step-by-step ways to describe pain and communicate pain-relief needs; common barriers to pain relief and how to overcome them; and practical tips and strategies for coping with side effects of pain medication.

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