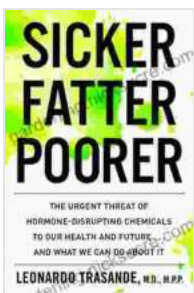


The Urgent Threat of Hormone Disrupting Chemicals to Our Health and Future

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We need to take action to reduce our exposure to EDCs. Here are some things you can do:

- Choose products that are free of EDCs.
- Eat a healthy diet that includes plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
- Get regular exercise.
- Avoid smoking and excessive alcohol consumption.
- Get enough sleep.

By taking these steps, you can help to reduce your exposure to EDCs and protect your health.

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How are we exposed to hormone disrupting chemicals?

We are exposed to EDCs through a variety of sources, including:

- Food: EDCs can leach into food from packaging and processing equipment.
- Water: EDCs can contaminate water sources from industrial discharge and agricultural runoff.
- Air: EDCs can be released into the air from industrial emissions and vehicle exhaust.
- Skincare products: EDCs can be found in a variety of skincare products, including cosmetics, lotions, and sunscreens.
- Household products: EDCs can be found in a variety of household products, including cleaning products, detergents, and air fresheners.

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How can we reduce our exposure to hormone disrupting chemicals?

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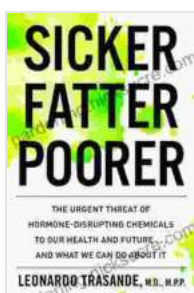
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