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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 235 x 190 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.According to the International Classification of Headache Disorder, migraine is a common disabling primary headache disorder manifesting in attacks lasting 4 to 72 hours. Migraine headaches range from moderate to very severe and are sometimes debilitating. Episodic migraine affects 17 of women and 6 of men. Migraine frequency is divided into episodic and chronic. Episodic migraine is characterized by less than 15 migraine days and chronic migraine by 15 or more headache days per month. Sometimes migraine may be described as chronic simply because the attacks recur over long periods of time. Chronic migraine affects 1.4 to 2.2 of adults. All migraine types significantly affect the physical, psychological, and social well-being of patients, and can impose serious lifestyle restrictions. Each year lost work time and diminished productivity from migraine costs American employers \$225.8 billion. Forty percent of adults with episodic migraine and all patients with chronic migraine might benefit from preventive medication; yet, only about 12 of adults with frequent migraines take preventive medication. Preventive treatments aim to eliminate headache pain without intolerable harms. Often, however, some degree...



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