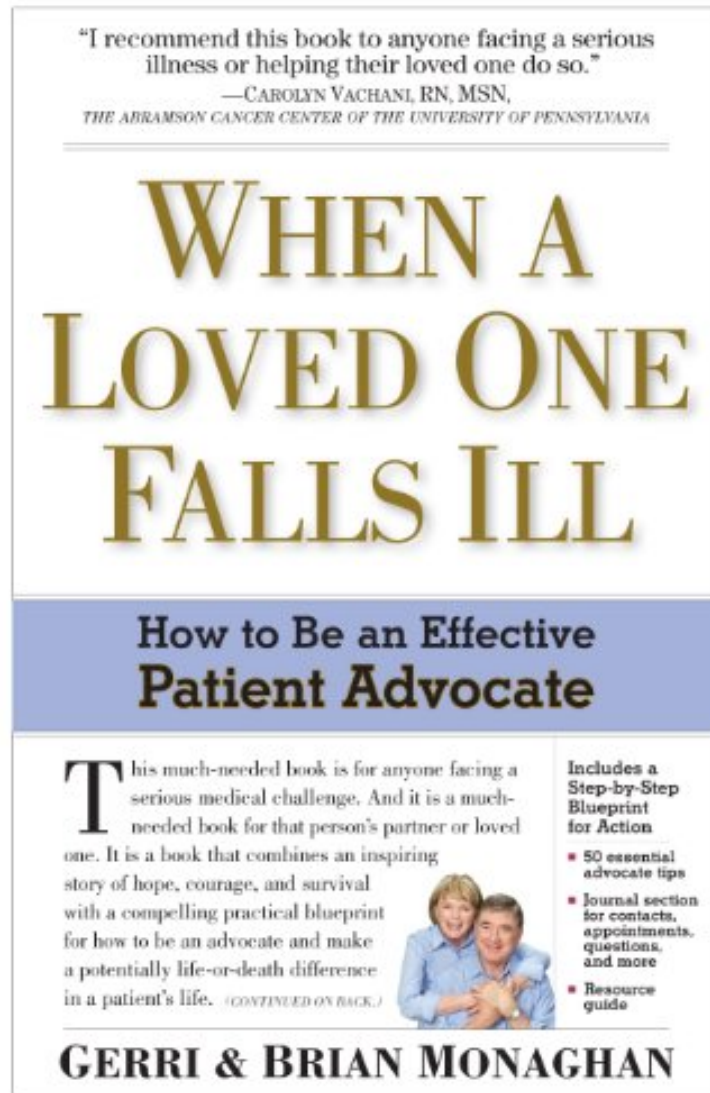


When a Loved One Falls Ill: How to Be an Effective Patient Advocate

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Brian Monaghan, Gerri Monaghan : When a Loved One Falls Ill: How to Be an Effective Patient Advocate before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised When a Loved One Falls Ill: How to Be an Effective Patient Advocate:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great book for people with unlimited flexibility of time and financeBy Chris VinsonAs wife , who purchased this book, and having experienced my husband's recent (and

ongoing, he is still in the Hosp.) health emergencies... I have been and am still his 'advocate'...but have a few opinions I find popping up as I read (when I have the moment). I'll say 1st off, on 12/21/16, my husband felt 'off'. We thought, as did his Dr that it was diabetes related (type 2, husb. on meds, blood sugar was at comfortable levels?)..but we persisted, as it just seemed odd that the right side of his body was becoming 'clumsy'. 12/22/16 had MRI. 12/23/16, was advised to see a Neurologist at 7:45 am....large brain tumor was seen. Made arrangements for Op asap...1/3/17. But, life throws curves, 12/27/16 a stomach ache turned into a nightmare by evening-ambulanced to ER and my daughter and I sat up all night w/him until a catscan showed a partially ruptured lower intestine and colon. So of to UCSF we went, and nothing has been the same since! As of now, he is healing from that op, a 9 hr Brain tumor removal op, had blood clot issues, so a few procedures for that- most of the tumor was removed but found to have fused into some of his skull...which they addressed, but it had grown unsafely close to an artery.... so they had leave a little still in him. Radiation is suggested, but not chemo, as he had 2 major ops, and needs to regain some strength. All that said- I say if you suddenly are handed cards you never thought you would be dealt, of a loved one, this book is wonderful and has many resources in it too. BUT- some of it leaves a few things out: if you have children and no family near, some suggestions are impossible. Kids have school, need to eat too, and need transportation, and some folks (like us) have family- but in other states, so its difficult. Kids need you as much as your spouse, its a huge shock when dad (in our case) suddenly isn't the go go go work work work, laughing happy dad they knew, only a week before. In our case, SF is extremely expensive to stay long term in a hotel one feels safe having ones kids with them- a calm neighborhood. Walking a lot at night when a health crisis hits, happens; and ours happened to BE holiday time. So lodging is full anyway- because of holidays. It is a blessing to be able to be with your loved one 24/7, but for those SELF EMPLOYED, and living 2 hrs North of the Hosp., some people cannot be there day and night. I found many helpful tips in this book, but as everyone has their own unique health experience- ours happened to be overwhelming and no time to prepare. The subject of children (incl. teens and young Adults), finances, travel, self employment etc seems was not an issue much for the authors? I am glad they had some flexibility, but keep in mind if you are going through a medical crisis with a loved one; some of your ponderings about hanging in there for your loved AND your kids and work and limited finances etc , may not be addressed here. Still a great resource, so worth the purchase of the bk. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By patricia Wonderful book for someone going through this traumatic situation. Have sent it to many friends. The authors have very beautifully and appropriately described the trauma one feels. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must have for every caregiver. By Karen L. Jackson This book is written in such a manner as to take away some of the harsh reality of life. Much comfort can be gained from reading this.

The much-needed book for anyone with a loved one facing a serious illness. It is the book that's a bible for how to make the potentially life-or-death decisions that every medical advocate, and every patient, must grapple with especially now, as health care becomes ever more complicated. It is the practical blueprint for how to be a successful medical advocate. When Gerri Monaghan's husband, Brian, then a fifty-nine-year-old lawyer at the top of his game, got the news that all of us dread a diagnosis of brain tumors caused by Stage IV melanoma with a prognosis of three to six months to live she knew that this was a challenge the two of them would fight together. Brian brought his enormous courage, attitude, and reserves of humor, and Gerri, with dogged determination, stood up again and again for what they needed tirelessly researching options, reaching out to friends, family, and anyone who could help, resisting the status quo, and always thinking in terms of we. Together they tell their story, back and forth, punctuated throughout by Gerri's top 50 tips for how to be an advocate: #1 Trust your intuition. #6 Create a battle plan. #15 Get copies of records. #26 Make doctors speak in a language that you understand. #33 Don't schedule surgery during the holidays. #49 Remember, this is not a dress rehearsal.

An interesting, different, upbeat, and funny book about dealing with a terrible disease. The lesson-taking charge of one's care, questioning authority, making hard decisions yourself rather than relying on others, the need for advocates, and keeping your sense of humor are universal. The writing is first-rate. Dr. Richard Murphy, President and CEO (retired), the Salk Institute From the Back Cover In 1998, Brian Monaghan, a fifty-nine-year-old trial lawyer at the top of his game, received the worst kind of news Stage IV cancer with a prognosis of three to six months to live. That night, Brian and his wife Gerri, made a pact: We are going to love and laugh and fight this. And we are going to win. This is how they did it. When a Loved One Falls Ill includes Gerri Monaghan's 50 tips, from Get copies of records (#15) to Always think in terms of we (#50), plus a bound-in Advocates Notebook, a place to keep track of the patient's medical history, hospitalizations, medications, doctors appointments, and important phone numbers. And even some of Brian Monaghan's favorite jokes for those moments when laughter is truly the best medicine.