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**How Patients, Families, and Physicians  
Can Cope with Uncertainty**



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Medical Choices, Medical Chances Harold Bursztajn, Archie Brodsky, Richard I. Feinbloom, Robert M. Hamm, 2000  
Considered ahead of its time since the first publication in 1981 *Medical Choices Medical Chances* provides a telescope for viewing how developments in the fields of medical research medical technology and health care organization are likely to influence the doctor patient relationship in the 21st Century The book explores this intricate web of relationships among doctors patients and families and offers a new framework for mastering the emotional and intellectual challenges of uncertainty while at the same time providing tools for all concerned to regain control from managed care It is a must read for all those interested in medicine and where it is headed in the new millennium *Medical Choices, Medical Chances* Harold Bursztajn, 1981 Written for both patients and physicians this book suggests that medical decision making should be a shared responsibility between doctor and patient The authors expound the view that the medical profession should accept uncertainty and recognize that feelings are a concern of science **Medical Choices, Medical Chances**, 1981

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Gigerenzer we should rely on more understandable representations of risk such as absolute risks For example it is said that a mammography screening reduces the risk of breast cancer by 25 percent But in absolute risks that means that out of every 1 000 women who do not participate in screening 4 will die while out of 1 000 women who do 3 will die A 25 percent risk reduction sounds much more significant than a benefit that 1 out of 1 000 women will reap This eye opening book explains how we can overcome our ignorance of numbers and better understand the risks we may be taking with our money our health and our lives

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