

Healthier Hospitals

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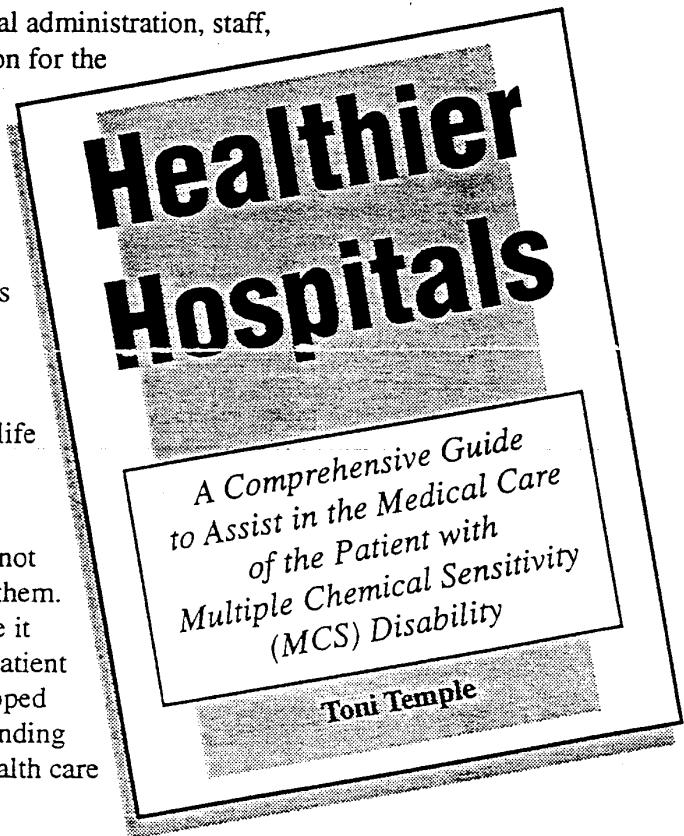
This book was produced primarily to educate hospital administration, staff, and medical personnel on proper care and consideration for the special needs of MCS patients.

The 28-page manual is the direct result of the combined efforts of author Toni Temple – an MCS victim – and two Greater Cleveland area hospitals, Metro Health Care Center and Southwest General Health Center. It is expected that it will improve access issues for those hospital patients who suffer from this widespread disability. Those with MCS may have sensitivities to common chemicals and can experience problems ranging from mild discomfort to severe and life threatening reactions.

This manual was written because the needs of MCS patients were not being met just because hospitals did not know what those needs were or how to accommodate them. This manual simplifies what can be done, how to make it work, and creates good will and benefits for both the patient and the medical facility at very little or no cost. It is hoped that this tool will help prevent any further misunderstanding of chemical sensitivity disability and provide better health care for those with MCS.

The book will be part of a national *Healthier Hospitals on the Horizon* campaign. Complimentary copies were distributed to all hospitals in the Greater Cleveland, Ohio area and sent to numerous MCS support groups throughout the United States. We encourage all MCS patients to educate their physicians and hospitals about their special disability needs which are covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For further information on the *Healthier Hospitals on the Horizon* campaign send a SASE to:
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