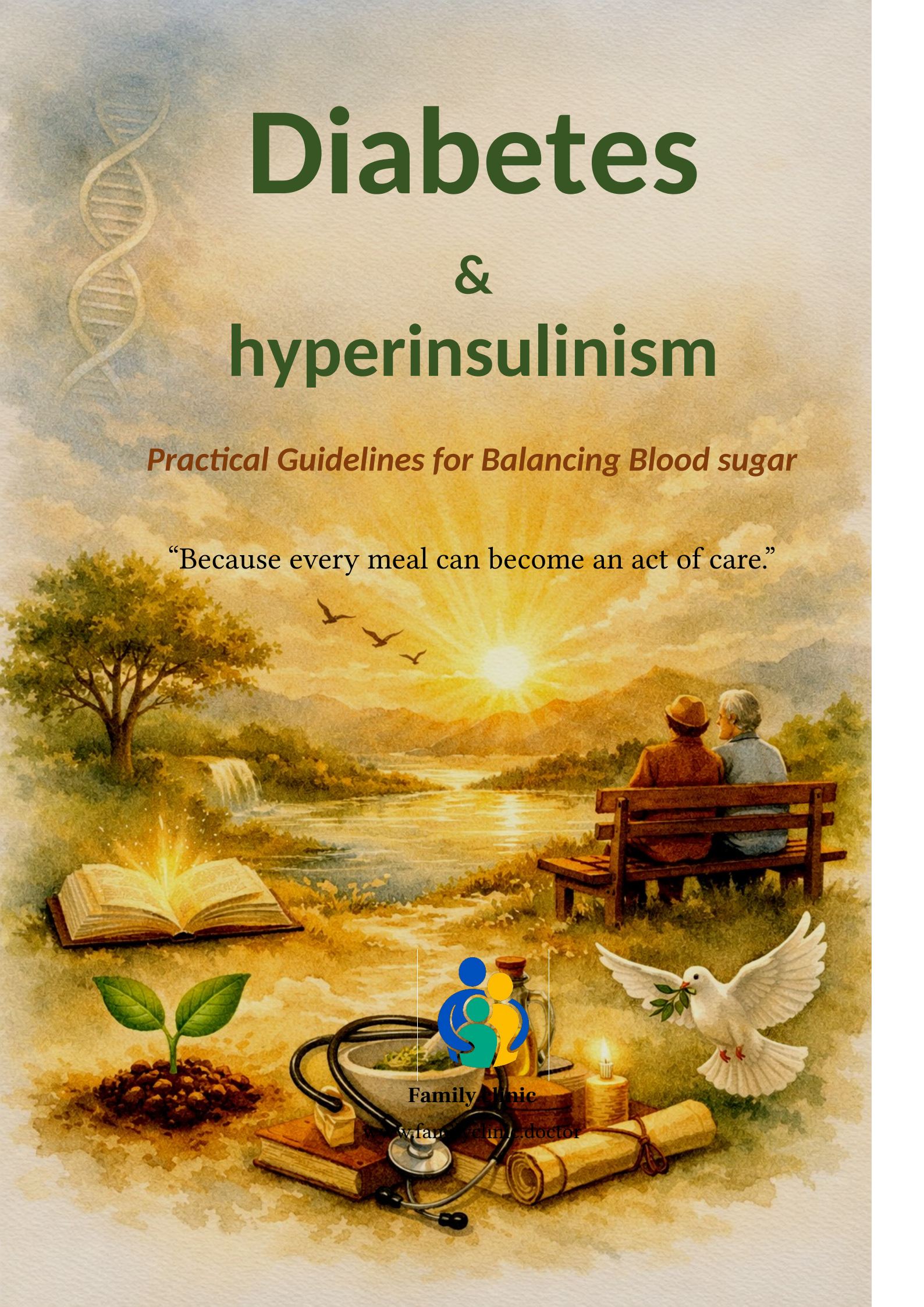


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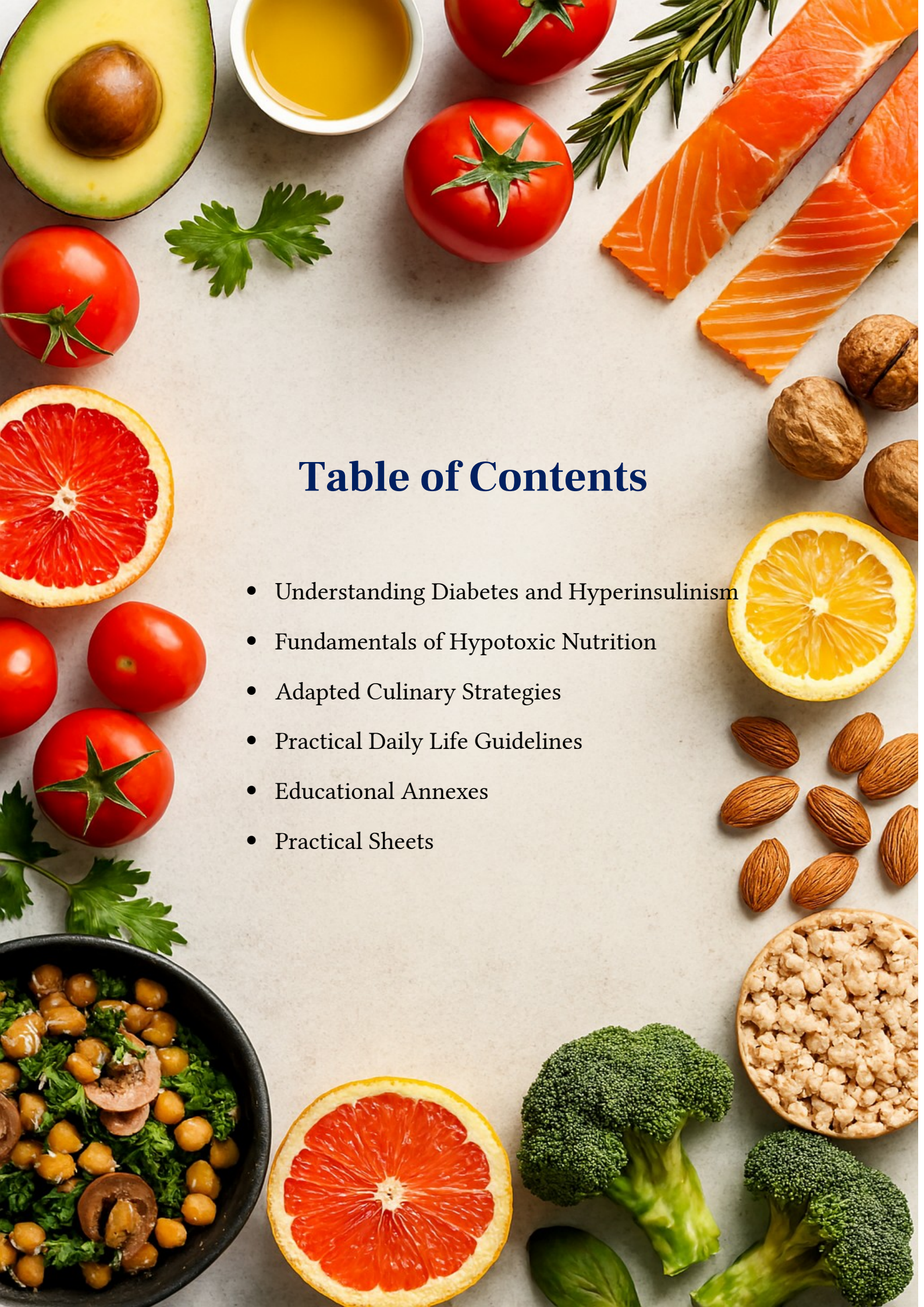
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# Préface

## **Cooking to Heal, Without Giving Up on Pleasure**

In this booklet, we have chosen to focus on diabetes and metabolic disorders linked to hyperinsulinism. These increasingly common conditions disrupt the lives of millions of people worldwide. They affect not only metabolism, but also energy, mood, and quality of life. Yet they should not be seen as an unavoidable fate. Understanding their mechanisms, learning how to manage them, and discovering accessible solutions is the first step toward regained autonomy.

Our approach is clear: to provide practical guidance, adapted recipes, and an accessible understanding of biological processes. Each page is designed to accompany patients in their daily lives, with simple, local, and culturally familiar solutions. We have favored ingredients available in regional markets, preparations inspired by Moroccan and Mediterranean cuisine, and advice that respects lifestyle habits while guiding them toward better health.

In continuity with our editorial work, we published the book *Cooking to Heal*. This work was born of a simple yet powerful conviction: food is not only a daily pleasure, it is also a tool of care, a silent ally in the fight against chronic disease. Each meal can become an act of prevention, each ingredient a vector of health, each culinary gesture a way to regain control of body and mind. This book laid the foundations of our approach: placing food at the heart of care and prevention, reconciling scientific rigor with gustatory delight.

This booklet is the fruit of interdisciplinary collaboration: physicians, nutritionists, patients, and storytellers joined their voices and knowledge. Together, we sought to transform science into narratives, constraints into opportunities, and meals into gestures of healing. Medical rigor blends here with human warmth, scientific precision with culinary creativity.

This booklet is not a static manual; it is meant to be a companion along the way. It invites each reader to experiment, adapt, and make the recipes and advice their own. It encourages viewing food not as restriction, but as liberation: liberation from excess, pain, and dependency, and an opening toward a more balanced life.

# Introduction

**Diabetes and Hyperinsulinism are silent diseases.** They develop gradually, often without visible symptoms, until the body cries out its imbalance. Faced with this challenge, nutrition becomes a gentle yet powerful weapon, capable of transforming daily life into a therapeutic strategy.

The hypotoxic approach we propose rests on three complementary pillars:

- **Eliminating dietary toxins:** gluten, dairy products, refined sugars, additives, and industrial excesses that fuel inflammation and disrupt metabolism.
- **Promoting protective foods:** fibers, plant proteins, healthy fats, and natural antioxidants from legumes, fresh fruits, seeds, and local oils.
- **Adapting recipes to local culture:** so that each patient can find in their market and kitchen the keys to health, without breaking with habits or culinary identity.

This booklet is not a rigid medical manual, but a guide to life. It does not replace therapeutic follow-up, but it complements care by giving patients the means to act every day. It offers accessible pedagogy, practical benchmarks, and recipes adapted to local realities.

Each chapter is designed as a step: understanding the disease, discovering the foundations of hypotoxic nutrition, learning adapted culinary strategies, then exploring practical recipes and lifestyle advice. Finally, educational annexes reinforce understanding and autonomy, offering simple tools to track progress and consolidate achievements.

Our ambition is clear: that each reader may say, upon closing this booklet, *“I understand my disease better, and I know how to cook to heal.”* This message is a promise of empowerment and hope. Nutrition then becomes a universal language: linking science and culture, prevention and pleasure, rigor and creativity.

Thus, this booklet continues the work of *Cooking to Heal* and the Family Clinic protocol, offering a concrete tool, culturally

# Understanding Diabetes and Hyperinsulinism

*“Diabetes and hyperinsulinism are not inevitable. By understanding the mechanisms and adapting one’s diet, everyone can regain control of blood sugar and protect their cells.”*

## What is Diabetes?

- **Definition:** A chronic disease characterized by a persistent elevation of blood glucose.
- **Main Types:**
  - *Type 1 Diabetes:* Absolute insulin deficiency (autoimmune disease).
  - *Type 2 Diabetes:* Cellular resistance to insulin, often linked to lifestyle.
- **Consequences:** Fatigue, excessive thirst, cardiovascular complications, nerve and kidney damage.

## Hyperinsulinism Explained

- **Definition:** Excess insulin secreted by the pancreas to compensate for cellular resistance.
- **Mechanism:** Cells become “deaf” to insulin signals; the pancreas produces more insulin to force glucose entry. This vicious cycle fuels fatigue and promotes fat storage.
- **Link with Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome:** Hyperinsulinism is often the first sign of a broader imbalance.

## Associated Metabolic Complications

- **Cardiovascular:** Hypertension, atherosclerosis.
- **Hepatic:** Steatosis (fatty liver).
- **Neurological:** Memory disorders, neuropathies.
- **Digestive:** Microbiota imbalance, bloating.

## The Central Role of Nutrition

- **High-GI foods** (white bread, refined sugar) → trigger glycemic spikes and worsen hyperinsulinism.

# The Foundations of Hypotoxic Nutrition

The Foundations of Hypotoxic Nutrition “Hypotoxic nutrition is not deprivation, it is rediscovery. It allows us to eat better, with simple, local, and protective ingredients.”

## What is Hypotoxic Nutrition?

- **Definition:** A diet that reduces dietary toxins and promotes protective nutrients.
- **Origin of the Term:** *Hypo* = less, *toxic* = harmful.
- **Objective:** To ease the work of the digestive system, reduce inflammation, and stabilize blood sugar.

## The Pillars of Hypotoxic Nutrition

- **Gluten-free:** To limit intestinal permeability and inflammatory reactions.
- **Dairy-free (animal products):** To reduce growth factors and digestive disorders.
- **Free of refined sugars:** To avoid glycemic spikes and hyperinsulinism.
- **Free of chemical additives:** To preserve the microbiota and liver health.

## Foods to Prioritize

- **Local legumes:** Chickpeas, lentils, white beans → rich in fiber and plant proteins.
- **Mild vegetables and roots:** Carrots, zucchini, sweet potato, turnip → moderate GI and easy to digest.
- **Low-sugar fruits:** Apple, citrus, berries → rich in antioxidants.
- **Quality vegetable oils:** Olive oil, walnut oil → rich in omega-9 and anti-inflammatory properties.
- **Seeds and nuts:** Almonds, flaxseed, sesame → provide fiber, healthy fats, and minerals.

## Glycemic Index and Glycemic Load

- **Glycemic Index (GI):** Measures the speed of glucose absorption after eating a food.
- High GI → white bread, white rice, sugar.
- Low GI → lentils, quinoa, green vegetables.

# Adapted Culinary Strategies

*“Cooking hypotoxically means learning to transform simple gestures into daily acts of care. Each seasoning, each method of cooking becomes an act of regulation and protection.”*

## Gentle Cooking and Nutrient Preservation

- **Why avoid aggressive cooking:** Frying, high-temperature grilling → formation of toxic compounds.
- **Recommended methods:**
  - Gentle steaming → preserves vitamins and minerals.
  - Slow simmering → ideal for root vegetables and legumes.
  - Low-temperature oven → for patties, gratins, and hypotoxic biscuits.

## Functional Seasonings

- Lemon → alkalizing, aids digestion, regulates blood sugar.
- Ginger → anti-inflammatory, stimulates metabolism.
- Cumin & coriander → digestive, balance legume dishes.
- Mint & parsley → refreshing, rich in antioxidants.
- Turmeric + black pepper → powerful anti-inflammatory synergy.

## Bread Substitutes

- **Why replace white bread:** High glycemic index, promotes spikes in blood sugar.
- **Local hypotoxic alternatives:**
  - Chickpea patties → rich in protein, gluten-free.
  - Crepes made with coconut or buckwheat flour → digestible and filling.
  - Seed bread → mix of flax, sesame, chia, without refined flour.
- **Practical tip:** Prepare in large batches and freeze in portions.

## Compatible Hypotoxic Desserts

- Plant-based creams → sweet potato, carrot, coconut.
- Unsweetened compotes → apple, pear, citrus, with cinnamon or ginger.
- Hypotoxic biscuits → chickpea flour, olive oil, dried fruits.

# Educational Annexes

*“Annexes are your quick reference points. They allow you to check, compare, and choose your foods with full autonomy.”*

## Glossary of Medical and Nutritional Terms

- **Hyperinsulinism:** Excess insulin in the blood, often linked to cellular resistance.
- **Insulin resistance:** Decreased sensitivity of cells to insulin.
- **Glycemia:** Blood sugar level.
- **Hypoglycemia:** Excessive drop in blood sugar.
- **Glycemic Index (GI):** Speed at which a food raises blood sugar.
- **Glycemic Load (GL):** Real impact of a food on blood sugar (GI + quantity).
- **HbA1c:** Reflection of average blood sugar over 2–3 months.
- **Dietary fibers:** Slow glucose absorption and improve satiety.
- **Plant proteins:** Chickpeas, lentils, beans, quinoa.
- **Quality lipids:** Vegetable oils rich in omega-3 and omega-9.
- **Antioxidants:** Protective molecules found in colorful fruits and vegetables.
- **Hypotoxigenic nutrition:** A dietary approach free of gluten, dairy products, refined sugars, and additives.

## Glycemic Index Table of Common Foods

| Category           | Low GI ( $\leq 55$ )           | Medium GI (56–69)        | High GI ( $\geq 70$ )   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cereals & Legumes  | Quinoa, lentils, chickpeas     | Brown rice, sweet potato | White bread, white rice |
| Vegetables         | Broccoli, zucchini, raw carrot | Cooked carrot, beetroot  | Potato                  |
| Fruits             | Apple, citrus, berries         | Ripe banana              | Watermelon, dried dates |
| Processed Products | Chickpea patties               | Buckwheat bread          | Pastries, sodas         |