



NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE (NAFLD)

A LOW CARBOHYDRATE APPROACH

REFERENCE HANDOUT

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GENERAL RESOURCES - IMPLEMENTATION (& POSSIBLE MEDICATION REDUCTION)

Clinical Guidelines. [Society of Metabolic Health Practitioners](#). Hite et al

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