



What is Dermatitis?

Dermatitis is a common skin condition characterized by inflammation of the skin – the **skin usually becomes swollen**, red and itchy. It occurs in many forms with several causes, some forms of **dermatitis** are known while others remain unknown. This skin condition is not serious but can cause much discomfort if not treated properly.

The various **types of dermatitis** include:

- **Contact dermatitis** develops as a rash as a result of direct contact with irritants or allergens repeatedly
- Neurodermatitis is an itchy skin condition which involves a certain area of the skin
- Seborrheic dermatitis is a scalp condition that causes dandruff
- Stasis dermatitis is a skin condition that occurs as a result of an accumulation of fluid under the skin of the legs
- Atopic dermatitis is a chronic itchy rash that comes and goes. It is also referred to as eczema or atopic eczema
- Perioral dermatitis is a bumpy rash that develops around the mouth or nose

The common symptoms and signs of dermatitis include:

- Itching
- Redness
- Swelling
- Skin lesions

Diagnosing Dermatitis

The **diagnosis of dermatitis** is based on your symptoms as well as medical history. Certain tests may be ordered to identify the substance causing the **allergic response** and these include:

- Biopsy
- Patch testing

What causes Dermatitis?

Each **type of dermatitis** has a different cause and they include:

- **Contact dermatitis**



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This [type of dermatitis](#) occurs as a result of direct contact with irritants such as cleaning products, detergents, laundry soap powder or soaps. It may also be caused by contact with allergens such as cosmetics, perfumes, jewelry, certain metals, rubber, weeds or grass.

- **Neurodermatitis**

Neurodermatitis is caused when a specific area of your skin itches and you scratch or rub your skin repeatedly. It may be linked to other skin conditions such as eczema, dry skin or psoriasis. It usually occurs on the back of your neck, forearm or arm, wrist and ankles.

- **Seborrheic dermatitis**

Seborrheic dermatitis develops as a result of an overproduction of oil glands usually on the scalp. People with oily hair or skin are commonly affected by this condition. When this condition affects infants, it is known as cradle cap. It is also associated with people who suffer from neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease or experience stress.

- **Stasis dermatitis**

Stasis dermatitis occurs as a result of poor circulation and varicose veins – when the leg veins fail to transport blood to heart as effectively as before and a buildup of fluid accumulates in the lower legs causing them to swell. It can also develop into a rash and break out into sores (stasis ulcers).

- **Atopic dermatitis**

Atopic dermatitis can be caused by allergies, asthma or hay fever. It has also been known to be caused by stress. This condition usually begins in infancy through childhood but tends to lessen in adulthood.

- **Perioral dermatitis**


Perioral dermatitis may be caused by moisturizers, make-up, dental products or topical corticosteroids. It may be a type of skin disorder such as adult acne, rosacea or seborrheic dermatitis which develops in a rash around the mouth or nose.

Help for Dermatitis

Treatment options vary depending on the [type of dermatitis](#) involved. One of the primary objectives of treatment is to help you to stop **scratching and irritating your skin** – this can usually be achieved by covering the affected area with a bandage or dressing. To treat [contact dermatitis](#), hydrocortisone or other steroidal creams are applied with or without wet dressings.


Neurodermatitis is also treated with hydrocortisone creams together with wet dressings and in some cases anti-depressants or anti-anxiety medication may be administered to provide relief. For **seborrheic dermatitis**, medicated shampoos containing tar or salicylic acid are generally recommended.

For stasis dermatitis, wearing elastic support hose may help correct the **fluid that**



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Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

accumulates in your legs or ankles for long periods. In more serious cases, varicose vein surgery may be required. If you suffer from **atopic dermatitis**, you may be prescribed antihistamines or light therapy may be recommended. For perioral dermatitis, antibiotics and a corticosteroid cream is prescribed.

Natural and holistic treatments have proven to be highly effective in **reducing the symptoms of dermatitis** when conventional medicine has not helped. Treatments such as herbal and homeopathic remedies are safe and gentle to use and support overall skin health.

Carefully selected ingredients such as Vitamin E oil is a powerful anti-oxidant which **protects the skin against inflammation** and maintains hydration while Mentha piperita oil acts as an anti-inflammatory, relieves pain and soothes the skin. Other effective ingredients used to [treat dermatitis](#) include Bulbinella frutescens tr., Aloe ferox tr., Glycyrrhiza glabra tr. and Melia azadirachta tr.

Tips to manage dermatitis

- Follow these helpful tips to manage and [cope with dermatitis](#):
- Eat a healthy, well balanced diet and avoid foods that may cause allergic reactions
- Add oatmeal or baking soda to a cool bath of water to soothe your skin
- Keep your skin moisturized and moist daily to heal inflamed skin
- Avoid contact with things that may irritate your skin such as household detergents or cleansers
- Wear cotton clothing to avoid irritating the skin
- Avoid activities that can cause you to become too hot or sweaty
- Avoid saunas, steam and hot baths
- Cover the affected area with bandages or dressings to prevent excessive scratching
- Avoid rubbing or scratching the affected area
- Wear gloves if your hands will be exposed to anything that irritates your skin – working in water or when going outside during winter
- Use unscented, mild laundry detergents when clothes or bed linen
- Learn to reduce by practicing relaxation techniques

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is ‘better’ than the other, many responsible doctors (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

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Natural medicine has often been frowned on by conventional doctors, especially by those who did not have sufficient knowledge of these medicines. However, it is encouraging to note that some medical schools are now beginning to re-introduce it into their course work, thereby providing doctors with a wider range of treatment options from which to choose. In many countries, especially in Europe, India and China, natural and homeopathic medicines are commonly prescribed by conventional doctors and represent a significant part of the total annual drug sales.

Naturopathy is a branch of medicine (just as allopathy is a branch of medicine) which operates according to the underlying philosophy that the body has an innate capacity to heal itself. While natural medicines are often called 'alternative' or 'complimentary' medicines, they are, in fact, a unique and independent form of medicine in their own right, well able to treat a variety of conditions. Perhaps the term 'holistic' medicine is more apt, given the broad range of treatment options and approaches which are to be found within the practice of natural medicine, which encompasses many different disciplines, including herbalism, homeopathy, iridology, osteopathy, chiropractic, therapeutic massage techniques, aromatherapy, acupuncture and many, many more.

Most naturopaths will use a variety of treatment modalities in order to treat their patients in a holistic way to support health, relieve symptoms and prevent future disease. In fact, even the World Health Organization defines health as being "... more than simply the absence of illness. It is the active state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being." This is a wonderfully clear description of holistic or natural medicine, which strives to support health (thereby relieving or preventing symptoms), rather than simply eliminating disease.

Although allopathic medicine certainly has a role to play and has made a tremendous contribution to medical science during the past century, there is a growing perception that it is not the only answer and that, in many cases, holistic medicine can accomplish just as much, if not more – without the risk of side effects, addiction and sacrifice to health so commonly associated with pharmaceutical drugs. Contrary to common perception, and provided that they are manufactured in the correct way, natural medicines can work quickly and safely to promote healing.

In many cases, they can succeed where pharmaceutical drugs have failed. Despite frequent reports that they are 'unproven' and 'untested', the opposite is true. Natural medicines have a long history of usage and there is a wealth of empirical evidence to support their effectiveness and safety. In addition, active clinical research is carried out by many academic hospitals and universities to support the extensive traditional and empirical evidence behind natural medicines.

It is also important to know that, like any medicine, herbal and homeopathic medicines must be manufactured in the correct way, following acceptable procedures and manufacturing methods to ensure maximum effectiveness and safety. Due to the recent rise in popularity of natural remedies, many companies have sprung up to take advantage of the market. Unfortunately not all of them are equipped to manufacture to the correct standards, often resulting in a flood of inferior (and sometimes even unsafe) remedies onto the market – and giving natural remedies a bad name.

Even some pharmaceutical companies have rushed to claim their market share by producing so-called 'standardized' extracts of herbs and offering these as superior to the tried and tested methods of naturopathic manufacturing. Nothing could be



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further from the truth. While 'standardized' extracts may offer benefit of easy consistency of dosage (and cheaper more efficient production lines), they have grave disadvantages. These include an increase in side effects as the medicines produced in this manner lose the natural protective properties of the herbs. In some cases, these side effects have proved fatal – as was seen in the liver toxicity associated with standardized extracts of kava kava, a herb previously safely used for generations without any known side effects.

Most naturopaths recommend what is called the Full Spectrum Method of extraction – which retains the benefits of ALL the active ingredients within the herb as opposed to isolating only one – thereby providing a more complete treatment as well as superior protection against side effects.

Whatever your choice, always choose wisely. Research what is best for you. If you have a chronic or life threatening condition, don't make changes without first discussing them with your doctor in order that your condition may be monitored. Well informed and supportive practitioners will support patients who want to take responsibility for their own health.

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