



What is the Female Reproductive System?

The reproductive system of women is situated in the pelvis and **consists of a series of organs** that work together to make menstruation, conception, pregnancy and birth possible.

The female reproductive system consists of **internal and external structures**. The internal reproductive organs include the vagina, uterus, ovaries and fallopian tubes. The external reproductive organs include the labia majora, labia minora, Bartholin's glands and clitoris.

Internal reproductive organs:

- **The vagina** is a muscular tube-like structure that is approximately 3 to 5 inches long and connects with the uterus at the cervix. It serves as the point of entry for the penis during sexual intercourse, acts as the pathway through which a baby during childbirth and is also the passageway for menstrual blood to leave the body during the menstrual cycle. The walls of the vagina are lined with mucous membranes which keep it moist and protected. These walls also have the ability to expand and contract which allows the baby to be pushed out during labor
- The uterus is a hollow, upside down pear-shaped organ with thick muscular walls. It is about 3 inches long and 2 inches wide. It is often referred to as the womb and is where the baby grows and develops inside the mother. The uterus expands and grows with the fetus during pregnancy while women who are not pregnant will shed their endometrium lining once a month if an egg has not been fertilized.
- **The ovaries** are two small, oval-shaped organs located on either side of the uterus. Each ovary is approximately 1 1/2 to 2 inches in size in an adult woman. Ovaries produce, store and release eggs into the fallopian tubes during ovulation. They also produce female sex hormones, estrogen and progesterone which are essential for reproduction.
- **The fallopian tubes** are two narrow-shaped tubes that are attached to the upper part of the uterus. They are often referred to as the uterine tube or oviducts. These tubes are approximately 4 inches long and open up very close to the ovaries. They play a very important role in conception, and fertilization of an egg by sperm. The fallopian tubes act as passageways for the egg cells or ova to be transported from the ovaries to the uterus.
- **The external part of the female reproductive organs** is collectively known as the vulva and is situated between the legs and in front of the anus. It consists of the labia majora, labia minora, clitoris and the glands of Bartholin. It covers the opening to the vagina and other reproductive organs.
- **The labia majora** or "large lips" are two fleshy folds of skin that surround and protect the other external reproductive organs. They contain sebaceous glands, the outer sides are covered with pigmented skin and after puberty,

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course hair develops.

- **The labia minora** or “small lips” are two smaller folds of skin located inside the labia majora and surround the vagina. The skin contains sebaceous and oil glands, and is smooth, pink and moist.
- **The two Bartholin’s glands** are located on each side of the vaginal opening and secrete a mucous. Each gland is approximately 0.4 inches in diameter but slowly start to decrease in size when you reach your thirties.
- **The clitoris** is located above the entrance of the vagina and consists of erectile tissue, muscles, ligaments, glands, nerves and blood vessels. Its primary function is to bring pleasure to a woman and create orgasms.

The functions of the female reproductive system include:

- Produce female egg cells (ova)
- Enable sexual intercourse
- Provide a suitable environment for fertilization of the egg and sperm
- Protect and nourish the baby during the period of gestation
- Enable childbirth

What Causes Female Reproductive System Disorders?

There are several problems that may affect the reproductive system and these include:

- Dysmenorrhea
- Menorrhagia
- Oligomenorrhea
- Amenorrhea
- Urinary tract infection
- Yeast infection
- Cystitis
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Toxic shock syndrome
- Vulvovaginitis
- Endometriosis
- Pelvic prolapse
- PCOS
- Pelvic inflammatory disease
- Uterine fibroids
- Ectopic pregnancy
- Ovarian cysts
- Ovarian tumors
- Cervical cancer
- Uterine or ovarian cancer

Help for Female Reproductive System Disorders

More natural approaches have also proven useful in maintaining and **supporting the female reproductive system** as well treating their symptoms. Treatments such as herbal and homeopathic remedies are gentle on the body’s system without any harsh side effects.



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All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

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.

A powerful Chinese tonic herb, Angelica Sinesis maintains **balanced hormone levels during menstruation** and menopause while Foeniculum vulgare (Sweet Fennel), Pulsatilla vulgaris (Pasque Flower) and Melissa officinale (Lemon Balm) helps to maintain a stable mood before and during menstruation. In addition, Vitex agnus-castus castus (Chasteberry), Cimicifuga racemosa (Black Cohosh) and Eleutherococcus senticosus (Siberian Ginseng) promotes fertility and reproductive functioning.

More Information on Female Reproductive System Disorders

In order to keep your reproductive system healthy, follow these useful tips:

- Proper nutrition is important for the development and proper performance of the reproductive system – eat a healthy, well balanced diet that contains all the essential vitamins, minerals and nutrients
- Exercise regularly to maintain overall health and wellbeing
- Maintain a healthy weight as being underweight or overweight can affect fertility
- Practice safe sex by choosing your partner carefully, maintaining a monogamous relationship and always using a condom
- Visit your gynecologist regularly for pap smears
- Practice good hygiene habits by washing the genital area daily, before and after sexual intercourse and changing tampons and sanitary towels regularly
- Ease menstrual symptoms by applying a hot water bottle to the pelvic and back areas
- Reduce stress by meditating, practicing deep breathing exercises or doing yoga
- Stop smoking as it reduces your chances of conception and is generally bad for overall health
- Reduce your intake of alcohol and caffeine as it can make you less fertile

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.

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

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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 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



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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.

Related Natural Remedies:

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