



## What Causes Ichthyosis?

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Factors that may contribute to the [cause of ichthyosis](#) includes:

- Inherited forms of [ichthyosis](#) occur as a result of a genetic mutation that is passed down from one generation to the next or that occurs spontaneously – sometimes only one person within a family is affected
- Certain soaps and lotions containing fragrances
- Use of household detergents and chemicals
- Cold weather

## Diagnosing Ichthyosis

Your doctor or dermatologist can diagnose [ichthyosis](#) by **examining your skin and the characteristic scales**. Certain factors such as your family history of [ichthyosis](#), the age when it first started and the presence of other [skin disorders](#) are also taken into consideration. Other tests such as a skin biopsy where a small piece of skin is removed and examined under a microscope may also help to confirm the diagnosis.

## Help for Ichthyosis

The primary aim of treatment is to manage this condition by **caring for the skin properly and consulting your dermatologist** regularly. Medicines such as creams or lotions that contain alpha hydroxyl acids (lactic and glycolic) increase moisture, control scaling and promote shedding may be prescribed.

Retinoids may also be prescribed in severe cases to **reduce the production of skin cells**. If a skin infection or body odor develops, antibiotics can help but have some harsh side effects such as eye and lip inflammation, hair loss, bone spurs and birth defects during pregnancy.

## Natural remedies

Herbal treatments and natural remedies are an excellent option for [skin disorders](#). A combination of herbs and biochemic tissue salts supports skin health and functioning, and also promote cell renewal. Herbs such as Galium aperiene (Cleavers) and Trifolium pratense (red clover) help the body to **naturally purify**

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**and detoxify.** Tissue salts such as Natrium muriaticum, Kalium muriaticum and Kalium sulphate help to maintain skin health and promote well-hydrated skin.

## Tips to help cope with ichthyosis

- Apply water soluble creams and moisturizers (Lanolin, mineral oil, and petrolatum) several times a day to your skin
- Soak daily in a warm (not hot) bath for much needed moisture and so that the water can soften and loosen dry skin
- Select mild, unscented skin products to reduce irritation
- Use a pumice stone, and exfoliating gel to remove skin
- Limit your contact with irritants such as household cleansers, detergents, aftershave lotions, soap, gasoline, turpentine and other solvents
- Wear clothes made of cotton or cotton blend as wool and synthetic fabrics can irritate the skin
- Use a humidifier for increased moisture
- Wear sunscreen everyday with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher on all skin that will be exposed even in winter
- Avoid activities that makes you hot and sweaty
- Wear plastic gloves on your hands when working

## 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 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,



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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.

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 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.

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