



What is Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder?

Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) is a condition associated with severe emotional symptoms such as depression, anxiety and irritability that develops before the onset of menstruation. Although these symptoms are similar to those of PMS, they are debilitating enough to **affect interpersonal relationships** as well as everyday activities. Symptoms will develop during the last week of the menstrual cycles and generally improve a few days after your period begins. It is estimated that at least 3 to 5% of menstruating women develop PMDD particularly those with a family history of mood disorders.

Symptoms and signs

At least five or more of the following symptoms and signs must occur for premenstrual dysphoric disorder to be present and these include:

- Feelings of hopelessness or sadness
- Suicidal thoughts
- Anxiety or tension
- Crying or feeling weepy
- Panic attacks
- Mood swings
- Irritability or anger
- Interpersonal conflicts
- Lack of interest in relationships and day-to-day activities
- Difficulty concentrating
- Food cravings or binge eating
- Low energy levels
- Fatigue and sleep disturbances

Physical symptoms such as breast tenderness bloating, headaches, cramping as well as muscle and joint pain may also be present.

What Causes Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder?

The exact cause of premenstrual dysphoric disorder has as yet not been established. Some researchers suggest that it may occur as a result of a **lack of serotonin**. Hormonal fluctuations of the levels of sex hormone such as progesterone, estrogen and testosterone during the menstrual cycle may also contribute to PMDD.

Diagnosing Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder



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Discussing your symptoms with your health practitioner may help to determine the diagnosis of PMDD. You will most likely be asked to **keep a diary or calendar to monitor your symptoms** and their duration. To rule out other conditions your medical history will be reviewed, a physical examination along with a pelvic exam and psychiatric evaluation performed.

Help for Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder

The symptoms of [premenstrual dysphoric disorder](#) may be alleviated by making certain adjustments to lifestyle. Eat a well balanced diet containing vegetables, fruit and whole grain and reduce your intake of salt, sugar, caffeine and alcohol. Make sure that you **exercise at least three to five times per week** and get enough sleep and rest as possible.

Keep a diary to monitor your symptoms – type of symptoms, severity and how often they occur. Various pain medications such as aspirin or ibuprofen are available to relieve menstrual cramps, breast soreness backaches or headaches. Use **nutritional supplements such as magnesium and calcium** as part of your daily regimen to reduce the severity of symptoms. If you suffer from water retention as a result of excessive weight gain, diuretics may also be prescribed. Women who experience severe bouts of depression may be prescribed antidepressants to treat PMDD.

Natural remedies

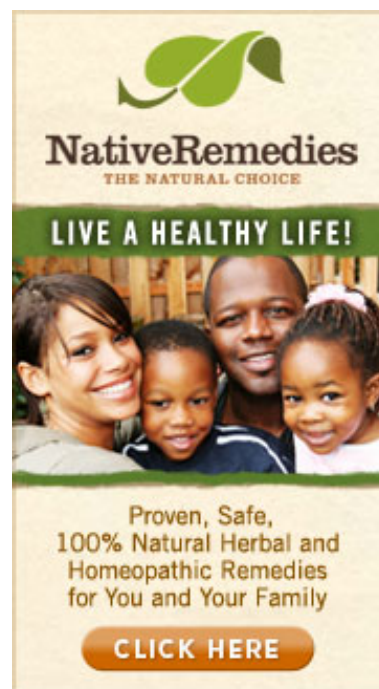
Natural remedies have proven to be highly effective in treating both the physical and emotional [symptoms of premenstrual dysphoric disorder](#). Treatments such as herbal and homeopathic remedies help to restore hormonal balance without the risk of side effects of conventional medications.

Carefully selected herbs such as *Foeniculum vulgare* (Sweet Fennel), *Pulsatilla vulgaris* (Pasque Flower) and *Melissa officinale* (Lemon Balm) promote a stable mood, hormonal balance, and **feelings of wellbeing** during the premenstrual period.

More Information on Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder

There are certain preventative measures that can help relieve the [symptoms of premenstrual dysphoric syndrome](#). These tips include:

- Incorporate more fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains and calcium into your daily diet
- Reduce your intake of salt and sugar in your diet
- Drink plenty of water – at least 6-8 glasses per day
- Avoid excessive use of stimulants such as caffeinated beverages, alcohol and tobacco
- Exercise regularly by walking, jogging, swimming or going to gym
- Take vitamin supplements which include magnesium, zinc, calcium, evening primrose oil and selenium
- Use a hot water or castor oil pack on your lower abdomen or back to relieve pain and lessen cramps



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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.

- Practice relaxation therapy with deep breathing exercises, through meditation, yoga or listening to soothing music
- Ensure that you get adequate amounts of sleep at that you follow healthy sleep routines
- Record your [menstrual symptoms](#) by keeping a journal
- Pamper yourself during your menstrual cycle by having an aromatherapy massage or relaxing bubble bath

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, 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

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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. Well informed and supportive practitioners will support patients who want to take responsibility for their own health.

Related Natural Remedies:

Melancholy Lift: Homeopathic remedy temporarily relieves feelings of melancholy, sadness, grief and weepiness

Melancholy Lift is a safe, non-addictive, FDA-registered natural remedy containing *100% homeopathic ingredients* especially selected to temporarily **relieve feelings of melancholy, sadness, grief and weepiness.**



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Melancholy Lift is taken internally and works quickly to **improve emotional balance and stable mood**. Presented in small dissolvable tablets, Melancholy Lift is easy to ingest and hassle-free with **no artificial colors or preservatives**.

All Native Remedies homeopathic products and biochemic tissue salts are manufactured in an FDA and GMP registered pharmaceutical facility under the supervision of qualified homeopaths and responsible pharmacists. Individual ingredients are listed in the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States (HPUS)

[Learn more about Melancholy Lift](#)

Mood Tonic: Optimizes nervous system health and promotes balanced mood and peacefulness

Triple Complex Mood Tonic is a safe, non-addictive, natural remedy containing *100% homeopathic ingredients* especially selected to temporarily **relieves irritability and sadness, and helps restore a balanced mood**.

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Femalite: Maintain normal emotional and hormonal balance during PMS

Femalite is formulated by our Clinical Psychologist to help **maintain stable mood and hormonal balance** before [menstruation](#), as well as provide a soothing effect for those common monthly ‘aches and pains’ during [menstruation](#) itself. It contains three well known, **soothing and effective herbal** ingredients - Fennel, Pulsatilla and Melissa.

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3) All our remedies are manufactured in an FDA registered pharmaceutical facility under close supervision.

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5) We offer a free email [Ask Our Experts](#) service run by trained consultants ready to advise you on the best choice for your health.

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