



What is a Sports Injury?

Sports injuries are a **common occurrence in professional sports** as well as in leisure time sporting activities. Athletes and sports enthusiasts many times endure intense training programs in order to perform at an optimal level.

When **athletes sustain an injury**, many times they find themselves unprepared for the physical and mental setbacks that come with the recovery process.

Diagnosing a Sports Injury

It is important to have the injury diagnosed properly. First aid and treatment should be performed immediately after the injury occurs to ensure that you have more chance of a full and complete recovery.

When treating soft tissue injuries for instance, the R.I.C.E.R method is the most effective. This type of treatment involves (R) rest, (I) ice, (C) compression, (E) elevation and (R) referral for appropriate medical treatment.

The **aim of treatment is to allow the injury to heal** as quickly as possible with minimum consequences. Often the affected area may be painful and uncomfortable, leaving the person immobilized and unable to train.

Painkillers or anti-inflammatories may be prescribed to **reduce pain and swelling**. In more severe episodes where ligaments are torn, surgery may be required.

If you have injured a lower limb, it may be necessary to **use support mechanisms** such as walking on crutches, a lightweight cast or an ankle brace.

What Causes a Sports Injury?

Various types of injuries **result from overusing a part of the body** when participating in a certain activity. The most common type of sports injury is a soft tissue injury which includes sprains, strains, tears and bruises which affect muscles, tendons, ligaments and joints.

Athletes commonly experience sprained ankles, hamstring tears, pulled calf muscles, fractures, whiplash or strained shoulder ligaments.

Many athletes ignore their sports injuries, and sometimes a slight muscle twinge can develop into a tear or ruptured ligament causing recurring injuries. Some injuries may be quite severe and athletes may find themselves out of action

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for a while – rehabilitation is necessary to ensure a speedy recovery.

Help for a Sports Injury

There are many natural and holistic alternatives available for treating sport related injuries. Treatments such as herbal and homeopathic remedies **provide a gentle alternative** without the harmful side effects of allopathic medicine.

These remedies contain ingredients such as Arnica D6 which have powerful [anti-inflammatory](#) and tissue healing properties while Filipendula almaria is an herb which has been used for centuries by herbalists as a **natural treatment for pain**.


Magnesium phosphoricum D6 is a biochemic tissue salt found naturally in the body and is also an **effective muscle relaxant**.

Other ingredients include Symphytum officinale (also known as comfrey) encourage **bone, cartilage and muscle cells to grow** while Matricaria recutita C6h as **soothing, [anti-inflammatory](#) and pain relieving properties**.

Recovering from a Sports Injury


Recovery from a sports related injury can sometimes be a long process but there are various ways to help you get back into the game:

- Nutrition can speed-up recovery - by increasing your intake of macronutrients (carbohydrates, fats and protein), micronutrients (vitamins and minerals) and hydration strategies you can provide the necessary building blocks for healing.
- Keep yourself hydrated by drinking plenty of water and fluids
- Run cold water over your legs after a training session to help reduce fluid build-up or edema.
- Use contrast therapy – after you have placed cold water or ice on your legs, take a hot shower and repeat this process several times.
- Try to get as much sleep and rest as possible as it promotes healing and recovery.
- Regular massages and stretching exercises will also help to keep muscles supple.
- Swim regularly as it helps remove waste products and extra fluids that build up in the legs.
- During recovery, try to run on soft surfaces such as grass which help to reduce post training soreness.
- During the recovery period, you should get as much rest as possible until your doctor recommends that you are ready for light training. A sports rehabilitation specialist or physiotherapist will assist with strengthening exercises which increase the strength and flexibility of the body. Swimming, gym work, and massage are also excellent ways to help with recovery and maintain fitness levels.
- While the physical injuries may heal, the psychological scars may take even longer to heal. When a sportsperson is injured, he or she may have difficulty accepting the career setback. They may also be fearful that if they participate and are in the same situation again, they may risk repeat injury.
- To overcome psychological scars and [phobias](#), you can seek help from a sports therapist. By accepting the injury, setting achievable goals, and



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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.

through mental stamina and determination, progress can be made in your recovery. The support and encouragement of family and friends can make a huge difference to the injured athlete's mental state and is important for a successful recovery.

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 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

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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.

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