



## What is Tonsillitis?

**Tonsillitis** refers to the inflammation of the pharyngeal tonsils and is the primary cause of sore throats. Your tonsils are a pair of small almond-shaped organs located on each side of your throat, behind and above the tongue. They function together with another set of organs called the adenoids. Although the **adenoids are similar to the tonsils**, they can be found in the upper portion of the throat behind the nose and cannot be seen.

The tonsils and adenoids are seen as the first line of defense against respiratory infections that enter the body through the nose, mouth and throat. The **inflammation of the tonsils** may involve other areas of the back of the throat including the adenoids and the lingual tonsils (areas of tonsil tissue at the back of the tongue).

## Diagnosing Tonsillitis

**Tonsillitis** is most common in children but seldom occurs in children younger than two years of age. **Tonsillitis** caused by the Streptococcus species of bacteria typically occurs in children between the ages of 5 and 15 years. **Viral tonsillitis** is more common in children under the age of 5 years. Occasionally, an **abscess can develop as a complication of tonsillitis**. Abscess development is usually found in young adults but does occasionally occur in children.

There are several **types of tonsillitis** such as acute, recurrent, chronic, and peritonsillar abscesses.

## Signs and Symptoms of Tonsillitis

The symptoms and **signs of tonsillitis** include:

- Mild or severe sore throat that may develop gradually or suddenly
- Difficulty swallowing food
- Pain
- Fever
- Headache
- Enlarged, tender glands in the jaw and neck
- Loss of voice (laryngitis)
- Earache
- General aches and pain
- Foul smelling breath (halitosis)

## What Causes Tonsillitis?



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**Tonsillitis** occurs when bacteria and viruses enter the body through the nose or mouth. The tonsils are part of the **immune system** and **protect against germs by producing antibodies**. These antibodies play an important role in the body's **immune system** by attacking bacteria and viruses. However, during this process of protecting the body, the tonsils and adenoids may also become inflamed or infected.

Common **viruses and bacteria that can cause tonsillitis** include the herpes simplex virus (also responsible for cold sores), Streptococcus pyogenes (GABHS) and Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), cytomegalovirus, adenovirus, and the measles virus. Most cases of **bacterial tonsillitis** are caused by GABHS (group A Beta Haemolytic Streptococci).

Your doctor will perform a thorough examination of your ears, nose and throat. The back of the throat and tonsils will be checked for **signs of infection such as inflammation, redness or pus**. A throat swab may be performed if the tonsils are infected and there are signs of strep throat.

This test will indicate whether streptococcal bacteria are present. If **tonsillitis** is left untreated, it may lead to the development of an abscess in the tonsils or surrounding tissue. The same Streptococcal **bacteria that can cause tonsillitis** can also result in kidney inflammation (nephritis) or rheumatic fever.

## Help for Tonsillitis

The **treatment of tonsillitis** usually depends on the type of infection that causes **tonsillitis**. If **tonsillitis** is caused by a viral infection, home treatment is usually all that is required. Drink plenty of liquids such as soup or tea to soothe the throat.

Gargling with salt water will also help to get rid of the infection. Medications such as Tylenol and ibuprofen will **help to minimize fever and pain**. Remember to never give children under the age of 12 years aspirin, as it poses potential life-threatening consequences.

## Medical Treatment

For **tonsillitis** that is caused by a bacterial infection, the conventional medical treatment involves the use of antibiotics. For antibiotics to be effective, it is important to complete the entire treatment to avoid the risk of recurring infection. The normal course of antibiotics is 5 – 10 days. A tonsillectomy (surgical removal of tonsils) may be required in **very severe cases of tonsillitis**, if your child has more than seven episodes of **tonsillitis** in one year, if the swollen tonsils affect breathing or swallowing or if an abscess develops, then a tonsillectomy may be recommended.

However, bear in mind that the **tonsils serve an important purpose in the body** as the first 'soldiers' of defense against infection. Removal of the tonsils should be a last resort as this will leave the throat open to further infection. It is now recognized that routine tonsillectomy is not always the best choice for children and is now seen as a controversial procedure unless used as a very last resort.



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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.

# Natural Remedies

There are effective natural remedies that can also help to support and **maintain throat and tonsil health**, boost immune functioning and fight tonsil infection when it occurs. Herbal and homeopathic remedies contain carefully selected ingredients that are gentle on the body's system, without harsh risks of unwanted side effects or addiction.

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## More Information on Tonsillitis

### Prevention is best

There are some helpful ways to combat infections such as [tonsillitis](#) and they include:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with warm water and soap to prevent the spread of germs.
- Eat healthy, balanced meals that include all the food groups.
- Drink plenty of water to rid the body's system of unwanted toxins and detox every once in a while.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue to prevent germs from spreading.
- Do not share personal items such as toothbrushes, drinking glasses or eating utensils with others.
- Avoid close contact with those who are infected with [tonsillitis](#).
- Increase your intake of vitamins to [strengthen your immune system](#).
- Avoid smoking, as this increases the [risk of developing tonsillitis](#), or stop smoking naturally if you are a smoker.

## 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



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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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