

Natural Help 4...

Adrenal Gland Disorders



What are Adrenal Glands?

The **adrenal glands** are two small, triangular-shaped **endocrine glands** located on top of the kidneys. They are orange in color and covered in a connective tissue capsule that is hidden in a layer of fat. These glands are made up of two parts – the **adrenal cortex** (outside) and the **adrenal medulla** (inside).

The **adrenal glands** work together with the pituitary gland and hypothalamus in the brain to produce a number of different hormones. These hormones are **key components for your health** and **vitality**.

They are responsible for the **functioning of every tissue, organ and gland** in the body, as well as affecting the way we think. **Adrenal glands** maintain metabolic processes by managing blood sugar levels and regulating inflammation as well as the balance of salt and water.

The primary function of the adrenals is to **assist your body in dealing with all forms of stress** including physical, emotional and psychological **stress**. Many circumstances cause an individual to feel stressed - ranging from illness, injury, **feeling overworked**, under pressure, having too little sleep (insomnia), a family quarrel or financial problems. When one has a low adrenal function, the body struggles to adapt to these stresses.

Causes of Adrenal Gland Disorders

Adrenal gland disorders occur when the body **produces either too much or too little of the adrenal hormones**. There are various types of **adrenal gland disorders**, some with different effects and symptoms.

Types of Adrenal Gland Disorders

- **Cushing's Syndrome** - Cushing's syndrome is caused when the body produces more cortisol than it needs. The high level of hydrocortisone may be due to an **adrenal gland tumor**, enlargement of both **adrenal glands** due to a pituitary tumor secreting excessive stimulatory hormones or it can be secondary to taking corticosteroid drugs for a long period of time.
- **Addison's Disease** - Addison's disease is a rare disorder caused by a deficiency of hydrocortisone and aldosterone. This disease is usually caused by an autoimmune disorder as a result of the immune system attacking the **adrenal gland**. It progresses slowly, and acute episodes called Addisonian crises are brought about by injury, infection or other stresses.

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- **Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia** - Congenital adrenal hyperplasia is a genetic disorder. There are six major variants but each involves a missing enzyme in the pathway of cortisol production. The body produces increasingly more stimulatory hormones to try to increase the production of cortisol but, because this pathway cannot be completed, the stimulus is mistakenly directed into over-producing the androgenic hormones.
- **Adrenal Virilism** - Adrenal virilism is usually genetic, but in rare cases adrenal virilism is caused by an [adrenal gland](#) tumor. It is the development or premature development of male secondary sexual characteristics as a result of the male sex hormones (androgens) being excessively produced by the [adrenal gland](#). This disorder can occur before birth and can lead to sexual abnormalities in newborns. It may also occur in girls and women later in life.
- **Pituitary Tumors** - The pituitary gland is located in the brain and assists with regulating the activity of the [adrenal glands](#) as well as most of the other glands in the body. Benign (non-cancerous) tumors may grow on the pituitary gland restricting the release of the stimulatory hormones or occasionally the tumor may secrete excessive amounts of stimulatory hormones.
- **Adrenal Gland Cancer** - Adrenal gland cancer is rare and occurs in the endocrine tissue of the adrenals. It can affect any group, but mostly affects young adults. A cancer that occurs in the adrenal cortex is called an adrenocortical carcinoma and brings about symptoms that include high blood pressure, diabetes, weight gain, weakening of the bones and excess body hair. A cancer in the adrenal medulla is called a pheochromocytoma and may cause high blood pressure, palpitations, headaches, and excessive perspiration.
- **Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD)** - Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) is rare genetic disorder characterized by symptoms that include progressive adrenal gland dysfunction and a loss of myelin – the fatty substance that insulates and surrounds the nerve cells in the brain. This is generally a severe childhood disease affecting only boys as a result of the genetic defect being sex linked recessive (carried on the X chromosome). It is a progressive disorder that leads to complete disability or death.

Help for Adrenal Gland Disorders

[Adrenal gland disorders](#) can be life threatening conditions and treatment is aimed at restoring the [adrenal glands health](#) so they are producing **normal levels of corticosteroid hormones**. Treatment usually depends on the specific disorder or the specific cause of the disorder.

Using a combination of treatment options such as conventional medicine, complementary therapy and **natural remedies can also be effective** in treating an [adrenal gland health](#) disorder.

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Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist



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.

Conventional Medicine

Depending on the cause, medication may need to be taken for the rest of the patient's life and in certain circumstances surgery may be required.

- Depending on the patient's condition, corticosteroids such as prednisone may be taken orally or intravenously
- Fludrocortisone may also be administered to restore the body's level of sodium and potassium
- Surgery
- Radiation therapy
- Microsurgery

Natural Approach

Holistic and **natural remedies can be highly effective** when used in combination with other treatments. These remedies manage to address the symptoms of the **[adrenal gland health](#)** disorder as well as the individual's overall health and wellbeing.

Herbal and homeopathic remedies are gentle, yet effective **without the harmful side effects** of conventional medicine. A combination of herbs such as Borago officinalis (Borage), Eleutherococcus senticosus (Siberian Ginseng) and Astragalus membranaceus (Huang Qi) can be used to support the functioning of the **[adrenal glands](#)** and help to assist the body to fight the stress of modern day living.

Consult a homeopath or naturopath for a remedy specific to your needs.

Roles of the Adrenal Medulla and Adrenal Cortex

Adrenal medulla

The adrenal medulla is the inner region of the gland which is responsible for producing hormones called epinephrine and norepinephrine (adrenaline and noradrenaline). These hormones play an important role in the way we respond to stress and regulate a number of different body functions.

Epinephrine (also called adrenaline)

- Facilitates the flow of blood to the brain and muscles
- Increases the heart rate and encourages heart contractions
- Helps muscles to relax
- Helps to convert glycogen to glucose in the liver

Norepinephrine (also called noradrenaline)

- Has strong vasoconstrictive effects thereby increasing blood pressure.

Adrenal cortex

The adrenal cortex is the outer region of the gland and produces corticosteroid hormones, androgens and aldosterone

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Corticosteroid hormones

- Consists of hydrocortisone and corticosterone hormones.
- The hydrocortisone hormone controls how the body uses fats, proteins and carbohydrates, while the corticosterone hormone represses inflammatory responses in the body and affects the immune system.

Aldosterone hormone

By controlling the amount of sodium excreted into the urine Aldosterone is the main hormone responsible for fluid and electrolyte balance which in turn is an integral part of maintaining blood pressure and blood volume.

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



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

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

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The formula remains true to the **whole spectrum method** of herbal extraction, ensuring the bio-availability and balance of all the active ingredients contained in the remedy. This method of manufacture also significantly reduces the likelihood of side effects and maintains all active ingredients in perfect balance – exactly as nature intended!

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The formula remains true to the **whole spectrum method** of herbal extraction, ensuring the bio-availability and balance of all the active ingredients contained in the remedy. This method of manufacture also significantly **reduces the likelihood of side effects** and maintains all active ingredients in perfect balance – exactly as nature intended!

In combination with a healthy lifestyle and diet, MindSoothe supports the healthy functioning of the brain and nervous system, thereby helping **emotional wellbeing and maintaining mood and routine equilibrium.**

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With the increasing popularity of aromatherapy, reflexology, color & crystal therapy and a return to a more holistic lifestyle, people have begun searching for ways to earn more money; expand their skills; improve the health of themselves, friends & family; and increase their knowledge of alternative medicine.

The Alternative Healing Academy has developed several new courses in the holistic health care field for those who would like the opportunity to learn a healing modality at their own pace and in their own homes.

A Doctor of Reflexology with The Alternative Healing Academy is teaching classes with curriculum very similar to the Reflexology Practitioner Course and the Basic Aromatherapy at her local community college.

Our holistic health courses were developed by professionals in the Holistic Health Care field trained in the following modalities: Aromatherapy, Advanced/Master Aromatherapy, Reiki, Tuning Fork Therapy, Color and Crystal Therapy, Homeopathy, Herbalism, and Advanced Reflexology.

Furthermore, since we at the Alternative Healing Academy also realize that not everyone wants to make alternative medicine a career choice, we also offer [basic courses](#) as well as several [Mini Courses](#) which will teach you the skills you need to help improve the health and quality of life for yourself, your family and your friends.

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Common Questions Asked About Holistic Health Distance Learning Courses:

What is Certification?



Most schools will offer an exam that tests the student's knowledge of the material taught in the respective course. Upon successful completion of this exam, a Certificate or Diploma will be issued by the school attesting that the student has successfully met the requirements as specified by that school. The only governmental recognition of Aromatherapy in North America is the occupational title designation granted to the BCAA under the Societies Act of British Columbia.

What is a Certified Aromatherapist or Reflexologist?

Most prospective students want to know whether taking our courses will lead to their becoming 'Certified' in that healing modality, thereby leading to the title of Certified Aromatherapist, Certified Reflexologist or Certified Color/Crystal Therapist. The answer to this really depends on what you mean by 'Certified.' We believe it can be misleading to purport that completing a course in a healing modality such as reflexology, aromatherapy or color/crystal therapy will lead to a designation of 'Certified' Therapist. These are not official

title designations nor are they ones which are recognized by any country's governmental body. All that these titles mean is that this is what an Individual Instructor, School or Institution decided to put on the Diploma it awards those who successfully complete their course.

What is an accredited course in Aromatherapy or Reflexology?

The answer to this will depend on who you are asking. At the present time, British Columbia is the only government to recognize Aromatherapy as a distinct profession and has granted Occupational Title Protection to the members of the BCAA (British Columbia Alliance of Aromatherapy) with the exclusive right for its members to call themselves Registered Aromatherapists (R.A.).

At this time, neither Reflexology nor Color/Crystal Therapy have such occupational designations in any country although one prominent Reflexology school in Colorado, The Modern Institute of Reflexology, has gained occupational designation for their institution in that state. MIR has been designated by the Colorado State Division of Private Occupational Schools - Dept. of Higher Education as an approved school. Our Reflexologist who developed the reflexology modules for our courses was trained at MIR as a Certified Reflexologist, a Master Reflexologist and a Dr. of Reflexology.

In the United States, the NAHA (National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy) has put into place their Approved Standards for Aromatherapy Training. The Alternative Healing Academy's Advanced Aromatherapy course meets and exceeds these standards and we are in the application process of becoming an approved program through the NAHA.

In Canada, there are a number of different Associations including the BCAPA (British Columbia Association of Practicing Aromatherapists) and the CFA (Canadian Federation of Aromatherapists). Time will tell if one authoritative body or association becomes the standard by which to judge and govern the educational offerings of these alternative healing modalities.

It has to be noted that NO form of aromatherapy "certification" is currently recognized in the USA by anyone other than those in the trade, nor is aromatherapy (or essential oils in the aromatherapy trade) regulated by any governmental body.

Some information about the courses we offer:

1) You can receive the course in one of two ways: A cd with the modules and tests in PDF format can be shipped to you; or, The modules can be emailed to you three at a time. Each time you complete the tests for the current three modules, a new set of three modules will be emailed to you.

2) All modules are clearly explained, are in pdf format and fully

illustrated.

3) The Advanced Aromatherapy Practitioner and the Advanced Reflexology Practitioner courses are designed to meet the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy (NAHA) guidelines.

4) A tutor will be available via email to answer any questions you may have.

You will be contacted after purchase to find out how you would like your course delivered. All tests for the course can be either emailed or snail-mailed to The Alternative Healing Academy.

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"I'm done! Going through the final and the case studies and having such amazing experiences and opportunities to help people, I truly feel blessed and honored to have had the intense education that came with this course. I discovered in me a new ability to serve others, not only through education but through the power of healing that comes with the use of essential oils. I am continuing to train personally with Alexandria Brighton and have begun work toward opening an aromatherapy practice. Thank you so much for your patience and knowledge. Most of all thank you for this new way of living and enjoying Life."

-A. Lindquist - Advanced Aromatherapy Practitioner

"I am finding the course great. It is written very well so even people like me can understand the human body a whole lot better. I just hope that I can remember it all. I don't think I have a chance of remembering the names of everything in the muscular system or the movement system. But, I do have more of an understanding of how everything works now. I find it just amazing. Thanks Heaps."

-M. Oliver - Basic Anatomy & Physiology

"This information is great that you are teaching. I would really like to talk my oldest daughter into taking your course. It really goes into detail which is very informative."

-Debbie F. - Basic Reflexology

"Seven years ago I started to see a reflexologist for migraines and sinus problems. I was amazed that I finally found relief without medication. I decided this year to search out a course in reflexology so I could help family and friends and show them the benefits of reflexology. I researched various courses on the internet and decided to go with the basic course through the Alternative Healing Academy. I was impressed with course material and the ease of receiving the course material."

"I was given an choice of having a CD sent to me or to receiving and sending back the assignments through email. I choose email. I received 3 lessons at a time that I could read and study on my own time frame and return the lessons when I was done. Everything was sent in a very timely manner and communication was open and quick. If I needed help, I knew it was only a click away and the response time was very quick. The techniques used also came in a video mode in the email that I could replay as much as I needed to."

"I felt I learned a lot and am able to help myself and others. Being able to log 20 hours of treatment time and writing the case histories for the final exam was extremely rewarding and helpful. I would recommend this course to others interested in reflexology because the course material was very informative and complete and written in easy to understand language."

-Jean Russell - Basic Reflexology Course

"I'm so excited about (the Advanced Aromatherapy course) and I'm particularly excited about the possibility of making custom blends for people! I hadn't anticipated having that opportunity when I took the course so I'm excited to have everything done! I'm very excited to have finished. I really enjoyed this course and really appreciate all the work you've put into it! This has been a fabulous jumping off point for me and I'm so glad I took it."

"p.s. I know the boys are much slower at the Reflexology, but my son is loving the classes."

-Megan P. - Advanced Aromatherapy Course

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