

Natural Help 4...

Fever



What is Fever?

An increase in [body temperature](#) is the body's natural way of fighting off illness and [infection](#) and it is something that every child will experience at some point. Seeing your little one with a **fever can be quite distressing** and it generally leaves them feeling restless, irritable and difficult to calm down.

While mild fevers are a **natural process and generally** not serious in adults, it is important to note that even a small increase in the [temperature](#) of infants and small children may indicate a serious underlying [infection](#). In addition, fevers in babies and young children can quickly become dangerous resulting in complications such as febrile seizures if left untreated.

Managing and lowering your child's fever is therefore important, however, it must be noted that the **cause of the fever** should always be discovered and treated as soon as possible.

Diagnosing a Fever

The body's normal [body temperature](#) is approximately 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit (37.0°C) and a fever is medically defined as a rectal [temperature](#) greater than 100.4°F or 38.0°C.

If you suspect that your child has a fever then the safest and most accurate way to take your [child's temperature](#) is orally or rectally with a digital thermometer. Oral readings are less accurate the younger the child and are inappropriate for children under 1 year old.

When **taking your child's temperature** rectally, coat the tip of the thermometer with petroleum jelly and insert the thermometer half an inch into the rectum, hold it still and allow the thermometer the required time before checking the [temperature](#).

Oral temperatures should be taken by placing the thermometer under the tongue. After use, always clean the thermometer in cool soapy water or with surgical alcohol.

Call your health care provider if your child has a [temperature](#) higher than 102 degrees that is not responding to medication or treatment. As babies are at **higher risk for complications**, it is always advisable to consult your child's pediatrician if your infant under 12 months has a fever above 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

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In most cases a fever is caused by an underlying illness or [infection](#). As [the immune system](#) fights off an [infection](#), it generates heat, which results in an increased [body temperature](#). In addition, the hypothalamus (that acts as the body's thermostat) increases the body's base-line [temperature](#).

This raised [body temperature](#) assists [the immune system](#) in ridding the body of illness as the viruses and bacteria that cause them thrive in **cooler environments and generally** cannot withstand [high temperature](#). The causes of a fever may range widely from common teething in infants and a bout of [flu](#), to more serious conditions such as pneumonia, glandular fever, sunburn and heatstroke.

They may even occur as a result of certain medications including some antibiotics, blood pressure medications, antidepressants, and anti-seizure drugs. It is therefore always important to monitor a fever and seek medical attention if it increases rapidly, or persists, so that a correct diagnosis can be achieved.

Help for Fever

Treating a fever will depend on the underlying cause as well as the severity of the fever. Some health care providers agree against trying to lower low-grade fevers as this interferes with [the immune system](#)'s natural response to fighting of viruses and bacteria. However, caution should always be taken when dealing with children and infants where fevers are potentially dangerous.

Conventional Treatment

There are a number of over the counter medications commonly used to reduce a fever. These include acetaminophen, ibuprofen and aspirin. It is important to note that aspirin should never be given to children, as it can cause serious side effects including the potentially fatal Reye's syndrome that causes brain inflammation and vomiting

Self-care treatment

Parents can help manage their [child's temperature](#) by using a cool compress and encouraging them to drink plenty of cool liquids. Young children and infants can get dehydrated very quickly from fevers so it is advisable to give them fluids that contain electrolytes.

Another method of lowering a fever is a lukewarm sponge bath, or a lukewarm bath. Make sure the water is not cold and take your child out of the bath and dry them quickly if they are shivering as shivering increases the [body temperature](#).

Lastly, make sure your child is getting plenty of rest. As fevers are generally the result of an underlying [infection](#), their bodies need more sleep and rest in order to fight off the viruses or bacteria causing it.

Natural Herbal and Homeopathic Remedies related to fever

Using herbal and homeopathic remedies is one method of naturally reducing a



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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.

child's fever gently and effectively without the risks often associated with over-the-counter medications. Herbal ingredients such as Yarrow and Meadowsweet have long histories of use in reducing fevers and relieving a number of symptoms that generally accompany a fever.

Another beneficial herb that can be used to help a feverish child is Passiflora incarnate which helps to **ease irritability**, anxiety and pain, while promoting slumber. As a fever is generally caused by an underlying illness or [infection](#), it is also useful to explore herbal ingredients that work to support [the immune system](#) such as Echinacea purpurea and Astragalus membranaceus.

Tips for managing a child's fever

- Make sure you monitor your child's fever closely. This can be done by checking your [child's temperature](#) at least every 4 hours until it has completely subsided.
- Guard against dehydration by ensuring your child drinks plenty of fluids and make sure these do not contain caffeine.
- A lukewarm bath or sponge bath will help to cool down a high fever but never use cold water or ice.
- Encourage plenty of bed rest as moving around raises [body temperature](#) even more. This can be tricky with children that get frustrated when confined to bed, so you may have to think creatively. Try quiet activities such as coloring, game books, books on tape and playing cards.
- Dress your child in light cotton pajamas so that body heat can escape and do not bundle your child up at bedtime.

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)

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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 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



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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:

KiddieCool: Soothes irritability and restlessness, and promotes the effectiveness of child's natural cooling methods

KiddieCool is a 100% safe and natural herbal remedy especially formulated to **maintain a normal temperature in children and soothe common fretfulness**. KiddieCool acts as a supportive tonic to maintain your child's natural regulatory processes, and also helps to promote healthy sleep patterns.

KiddieCool comes in a **convenient drop formula** that is mixed in water or juice, and is easy to measure and administer to children of all ages.

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FluGo is a natural flu remedy taken internally and presented in small dissolving tablets. It is easy to ingest and hassle-free with **no artificial colors or preservatives**. As a result, FluGo can make all the difference, without compromising health.

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1) All Native Remedies products are manufactured according to the highest pharmaceutical standards - using only the best quality raw ingredients from nature's medicine chest.

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

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