

# Natural Help 4...

## Shock



### What is Shock?

The medical term shock refers to the organs and tissues of the body not receiving a sufficient flow of blood. As a result of the imbalance of oxygen supply and demand, a build up of waste products occurs and can cause damage to the organs. This type of shock is **known as physiological shock and can result in collapse, coma or even death** if it is not treated immediately.

Often when people hear disturbing news about a loved one or have endured a traumatic experience, they also suffer from shock. This type of shock is usually referred to as **psychological shock and occurs after a physically or emotionally harrowing incident**. The state of mind is affected and in more severe cases, professional help may be required.

Treating shock immediately in the case of physiological shock can be life-saving. Treating symptoms of shock associated conditions immediately will prevent organ damage and death. In addition, incorporating healthy changes into your life can make a major difference in the way your body reacts to and deals with physiological shock symptoms.

### Diagnosing Shock

The most common symptoms of shock include:

- An extremely low blood pressure
- Fast but weak pulse
- Dizziness, faintness or light-headedness
- Feeling weak or nauseous
- Moist, clammy skin
- Profuse sweating
- Unconsciousness
- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Feeling anxious, agitated or confused
- Chest pain
- Blue lips and fingernails

### What Causes Shock?

There are multiple causes of shock and symptoms depending on which type of shock you are dealing with.

### Causes of Physiological Shock

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Physiological (circulatory) **shock** can be caused by any condition that reduces the blood flow.

There are various types of physiological **shock and symptoms** include:

- **Cardiogenic shock** occurs when the heart is severely damaged by heart attack or heart failure.
- **Hypovolemic shock** occurs when the total volume of blood in the body drops below normal such as severe external or internal bleeding, dehydration, diabetes insipidus, kidney failure, extensive burns, or inflammation of the pancreas.
- **Hemorrhagic shock** occurs as a result of hemorrhage due to physical trauma – e.g. motor vehicle collisions or penetrating injuries such as gunshots or knife wounds.
- **Neurogenic shock** occurs specifically from trauma that leads to spinal cord injuries.
- **Septic shock** occurs when bacterial infection causes toxic **shock** syndrome and blood pressure drops. Damage to the lungs causing acute respiratory distress syndrome can occur as can liver failure, kidney failure and coma.
- **Anaphylactic shock** is caused by severe allergic reactions to things such as bee and wasp stings, nuts, shellfish, eggs, latex and certain medications, including penicillin.

## Causes of Psychological Shock

- Receiving disturbing news such as the death of loved one
- Being involved in a traumatic event such as a car accident, or being the victim of crime

Psychological **shock** can disrupt your life, leaving you engrossed and preoccupied with the event or news that caused the **shock**. The individual may also have difficulty coping with day to day functioning such as personal relationships and work.

If the psychological **shock symptoms** do not improve and continue to persist, leaving the individual unable to return to normal life, post-traumatic stress disorder may have developed.

The individual with psychological **shock symptoms** may be affected in the following ways:

- **Intrusion** - the individual fixates on the event and news by playing it over and over again in his or her mind
- **Avoidance** – the individual withdraws from normal activities and may resort to alcohol and drugs to numb the pain
- **Increased arousal** – the individual feels ill-tempered and angry

## Help for Shock

When someone goes into **shock**, treatment is needed immediately. **Treating shock** with the following guidelines to make a difference:



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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.

- Call a doctor or emergency services for medical help immediately.
- Check the person's rate of breathing and circulation every 5 minutes. If the person is experiencing trouble breathing, begin CPR.
- Lay the person flat on the back and raise the legs about 25 cm to help restore the blood pressure. If the person is conscious but has trouble breathing, place him or her in a sitting position.
- Administer first aid treatment to wounds, injuries or illnesses.
- Loosen tight clothing and keep person warm and comfortable.
- Do not give the person food or liquids to prevent inhalation of vomit.

Emergency treatment would involve the person in [shock](#) being hospitalized. To treat him or her effectively, [treating shock](#) will include:

- Temperature control such as cooling blankets or warming devices.
- Give fluids and blood intravenously to improve the blood flow.
- Extra oxygen is administered either by a tube in the nose, a face mask, or an endotracheal tube and ventilator. A ventilator is used if the patient has trouble breathing.
- To deal with underlying conditions such as heart problems, drugs are administered or surgery may be performed. Bacterial infections will be treated with antibiotics.

If physiological [shock](#) is left untreated, it is usually fatal. Depending on the severity of the condition associated with [shock and symptoms](#), some people do recover while others may need long-term care.

## Natural Treatments for Physiological Shock

**Physiological [signs of shock](#) always requires emergency medical treatment.** This type of [shock](#) is best treated by a medical doctor or homeopath who would be able to do the necessary diagnostic tests and commence treatment aimed at stabilizing the patient.

On the way to the emergency room, Flower Essences or homeopathic remedies like Aconite which are specifically chosen to treat acute conditions can help to stabilize the individual. However, no other medication, including herbal remedies, should be taken prior to medical examination in the case of a seriously and acutely ill person suffering from symptoms of physiological [shock](#).

Once the patient with physiological [signs of shock](#) has been stabilized and treatment begun, there are a number of restorative and immune strengthening herbal remedies which can be used to support healing and recovery.

These herbs include Indian gooseberry (Phyllanthus emblica), Echinacea, Astragalus, Sweet basil (Ocimum sanctum), Tamarisk (Tinospora cordifolia) and Ginseng (Panax ginseng). Remember to consult your doctor before taking any herbal remedies, especially if you've lost a lot of blood or are also taking prescription medication.

## Natural treatments for Psychological Shock

There are natural and holistic treatments to reduce the symptoms of psychological

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**signs of shock** and promote emotional recovery. Herbal and homeopathic remedies are 100% safe, natural and effective, and provide excellent relief for the person who has experienced a traumatic encounter.

There are no sedating or harmful side effects like so many of the prescription drugs administered today. Herbal ingredients may include Chamomilla, Passiflora Incarnata (Passion Flower), Scutellaria Laterifolia (Scullcap) as well as Lavender to help in [staying calm](#) and to induce a peaceful state of mind.

Homeopathic remedies for psychological [shock](#) include Aconite, Belladonna and Arnica. Flower remedies are also very beneficial. Consult a doctor, homeopath or naturopath if you need help.

## Preventing Physiological Shock

Physiological [Shock](#) can be prevented by being aware of some of the physiological causes and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. These preventative strategies include:

- Wear seatbelts and adhere to speeding limits because neurogenic [shock](#) is often as a result of motor vehicle accidents which lead to spinal injuries.
- Reduce your risk of heart disease by following a healthy diet, exercising regularly, stop smoking and taking the appropriate medication to control [symptoms of shock](#).
- Carry an epinephrine pen if you suffer from allergies.
- Learn basic first aid.

## 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



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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.

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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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