

Natural Help 4...

Sleep Disorders



What is Sleep Disorders?

Sleep is a vital ingredient needed for the body and mind to function. Most of our lives will be spent in slumber, re-charging our batteries for the day ahead. Regardless of the cause, interrupted or **poor quality sleep can be extremely problematic**. The brain which functions as the 'battery' of your body, needs adequate sleep to be able to perform it's many functions correctly.

This includes things from handling emotion to regulating physical necessities such as body temperature, heartbeat and breathing. When **quality of sleep is compromised** and inadequate, the body cannot perform at its best, and many of the body's systems are negatively affected.

Examples of [sleep disorders](#) include:

- Sleep apnea (intermittent breathing during sleep due to an obstructed airway)
- Snoring
- Night terrors
- Narcolepsy
- Somnambulism (sleepwalking)
- Nocturnal myoclonus (unusual movement during sleep)
- Enuresis (bedwetting)
- Bad dreams and nightmares

Insomnia, the common problem of not being able to fall asleep, is a symptom - not an illness – and may be **linked to a variety of disorders and conditions** such as depression, anxiety, stress or even hypoglycemia. Insomnia is also a common side effect linked to the use of certain prescription drugs such as antidepressants and stimulants.

Lack of sleep can lead to irritability and a lack of focus. Lack of focus means that certain activities can become greatly impaired. Everyday activities such as driving can become dangerous. Operating dangerous equipment can also lead to accidents when a person has been **deprived of achieving restful sleep**. For this reason, [sleep disorders](#) can sometimes have severe and devastating consequences at home and in the workplace.

Furthermore, a lack of sleep can exacerbate many other disorders. For example, a child with ADHD or ADD who has had several restless nights will be more likely to misbehave or demonstrate hyperactive behavior which is the body's way of coping with lack of sleep. This symptom is often cited in childhood ADD/ADHD.

Some sleep problems may disappear on their own, while others develop into more

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serious sleep disorders such as parasomnias, obstructive sleep apnea, narcolepsy, insomnia, sleep paralysis, snoring, and seasonal affective disorder if left untreated.

Diagnosing Sleep Disorders

Although lying awake night after night is difficult to miss, some people may not even be aware that they have a **sleep disorder**, especially **disorders like** sleep apnea. However, it is usually relatively easy to determine if you or your children suffer from a sleep disorder. Fatigue **and lack of** energy are usually the most prevalent signs that the body is not getting enough rest. You may notice that you or your child exhibits the following characteristics:

While awake:

- Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Frequent yawning (the brain trying to get more oxygen)
- Decreased speed at performing daily tasks
- Memory problems
- Lack of appetite

During sleep:

- Snoring
- Waking up often during the night
- Tossing and turning, feeling restless and unable to get 'comfortable'

Use of stimulant medications may create their own sleep problems. Stimulants are designed to do just that- stimulate. Stimulants then cause the brain and nervous system to work in overdrive, **increasing heartbeat and heightening senses** such as sight and sound. In this over-sensitive state, a person may try to fall asleep, but noises prove too distracting. This causes the brain to 'fight' its natural ability to become less active.

What Causes Sleep Disorders?

The existence underlying health conditions and symptoms can sometimes trigger **sleep disorders**. Common conditions that can cause **sleep disorders** include:

- Depression
- Pain
- Mood disorders
- Generalized anxiety disorder
- Alcohol withdrawal
- Thyrotoxicosis

Children who suffer from bad dreams and night terrors may not be **getting appropriate and restful sleep** and therefore develop a **sleep disorder**.

A diet that is high in caffeine, fat, or sugars may also affect sleep patterns and trigger **sleep disorders**.



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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.

Help for Sleep Disorders

Sleeping disorders are treated in a variety of ways, depending on the disorder. When insomnia **is linked to medication**, it may be necessary to change the medication or reduce the dosage.

Doctors may prescribe sleeping medication to cope with insomnia and to induce artificial sleep. Unfortunately many prescription sleeping medications are habit-forming and do not encourage the **re-establishment of sleep routines**, certain OTC drugs, including histamines, are also often used to induce drowsiness. However, their effectiveness decreases over time and there can be other unwanted side effects.

Natural Remedies

Natural remedies, especially herbs, have been used for thousands of years to **induce drowsiness and encourage peaceful sleep**. Even in today's world, many people use these natural alternatives. They do not contain stimulants and have the additional advantage of containing ingredients that actually help the brain to naturally make its transition into the peaceful phase of sleep!

Furthermore, they are completely safe, eliminating the need for sedative drugs like sleeping pills. Children often benefit from specific natural remedies that contain herbs such as Matricaria recutita and Passiflora incarnata – nature's very own sedatives!

Some herbs help to make you sleepy and can be taken when needed (e.g. Matricaria recutita, Valerian) while others work in the long term to **restore healthy sleep patterns** (e.g. St John's Wort). Remember that all natural remedies need to be in the correct therapeutic dosage to be effective. Be sure to source yours from a reputable company!

Bedtime Tips for Adults

Do:

- Exercise during the day since this will naturally relax muscles and tire the body
- Make dinner your lightest meal of the day
- Create a relaxing bedtime environment
- Make sure you sleep in pajamas that are appropriate for the temperature
- Go to bed at regular times each night

Don't:

- Stay up late or sleep too late in the mornings. This will upset your natural 'body clock'
- Drink caffeinated beverages
- Take stimulant medication before bed

Bedtime Tips for Children

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Do:

- Encourage exercise and stimulating activities during the day
- Create a soothing and relaxing bedtime environment
- Read light-hearted stories before bedtime (Make sure the story is not a frightening one!)
- Use natural remedies with calmative properties to induce a natural state of slumber

Don't:

- Let children watch television or play on the computer directly before bedtime.
- Give your children large amounts of food or liquid before bedtime. Digestive troubles and a full bladder can lead to bad dreams, restless sleep and bedwetting.
- Give your child medications containing stimulants right before 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) 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.



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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 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.

Six Good Reasons to choose Native Remedies as your trusted suppliers of herbal & homeopathic remedies:

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.

2) Native Remedies and our suppliers are registered with the FDA as accredited suppliers and manufacturers of health supplements. Our products are sold all over the world and are manufactured to strict international standards in a GMP accredited manufacturing plant.

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

This includes formulation, acquiring and testing of raw ingredients as well as final manufacturing. This gives us the confidence to say that when you are buying a Native Remedies product, you are buying the safest and the best! We know what goes into our remedies - which is why we know what you will get out of them!

4) Manufacturing is done strictly according to the principles of GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) and all raw ingredients undergo stringent testing before being approved by our registered manufacturing pharmacists.

5) We offer a free email [Ask Our Experts](#) service run by trained consultants ready to advise you on the best choice for your health.

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Serenite Plus: Natural sleep tonic for a restful night

SerenitePlus is an herbal formula specially formulated by a Clinical Psychologist for teenagers and adults. The natural ingredients are chosen for their soothing properties to **assist with occasional routine restlessness at night and to wind down naturally** after a busy day. Being in tincture form, Serenite Plus is quickly absorbed and gets to work almost immediately as a **natural sleep tonic to support the maintenance of night time harmony and rest.**

SerenitePlus has been used safely and effectively for many years. Using up-to-date scientific knowledge of natural sleep patterns, SerenitePlus is a new and improved herbal formula.

SerenitePlus may also be combined with [Serenite-LT](#) for added benefits.

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Serenite Jr. is a safe and effective herbal remedy specially formulated by our clinical psychologist to **promote junior night time harmony** and to assist parents in their task of naturally settling fussy little ones with occasional night time restlessness.

Serenite Jr. contains 100% natural herbal ingredients and can safely be used by all children and babies over the age of 6 months and is **gentle and non-addictive**. Together with consistent discipline, a regular routine and night time ritual and a loving home environment, Serenite Jr. can quickly help to **support healthy sleep patterns and restore peace to your home.**

Serenite Jr. is different because it is formulated especially for children and uses herbs in a natural tonic formula which is safe and effective. It is easy to administer in convenient drop form and may be used at night whenever needed. It may also be combined with our Triple Complex Sleep Tonic for every day use to promote ongoing sleep health.

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Serenite-LT: Natural remedy supports healthy sleep patterns and sustained peaceful, restful nights

Many of our customers are already familiar with Native Remedies' SerenitePlus, which has been used safely for **evening support of healthy sleep.**

Due to ongoing product research and customer demand, it became obvious that there was a definite need for a remedy which could provide **ongoing, long-term support** of the sleep cycle. This led to the development of Serenite-LT - a unique herbal remedy with added nutrients, specially formulated to naturally support the sleep cycle and maintain healthy sleep patterns.

Using up-to-date scientific knowledge of **natural sleep patterns**, Serenite-LT



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Bad Dream Sprinkles is a 100% natural remedy **formulated especially for toddlers and children by a Clinical Psychologist**. The remedy contains a combination of gentle yet effective herbal ingredients traditionally used to maintain night time comfort and **support healthy sleep patterns**. Bad Dream Sprinkles may be used in the middle of the night, as well as just before bedtime.

Safe and easy to administer, the pleasant tasting granules of Bad Dream Sprinkles are simply sprinkled on the tongue and rapidly absorbed in the mouth – **making them easy to administer** to young children. The granules are sweet tasting and fine enough to be taken even by babies and small children, many of whom come to associate the taste with comfort and security.

Like all Native Remedies products, Bad Dream Sprinkles has been developed with care by our practicing Clinical Psychologist and is manufactured according to the highest pharmaceutical standards. Individual ingredients are well-researched and have been specially chosen for their high safety profile in children's health.

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