

Naturopathic Medicine Welcome Package

This package has been designed to assist you through the process of achieving your personal wellness goals. Please read carefully <u>and bring a completed hard copy</u> of the *Health History Form* (pages 7-12) to your first visit.

Welcome to the first day of the rest of your life! Personal wellness is a lifestyle choice.

Thank you for considering Naturopathic Medicine. You may be reaching out to improve energy and vitality, recover from a specific illness or health concern, seek out natural alternatives or ways to complement your current prescriptions/treatments, prevent disease, and/or bring the body back into balance. Whatever your reason is be prepared for a journey that can change your life for the better, *permanently*.

A Naturopath works to seek out the *root cause* of your symptoms using therapies that support the healing power of the body and nature that do not suppress your symptoms.

My intention is to guide you on your healing journey so that you can live life to your fullest potential

SERVICES

My services include: clinical nutrition, homeopathic medicine, herbal medicine, acupuncture, vitamin and mineral therapies, lifestyle counseling, hydrotherapy, drainage and detoxification.

Naturopathic Medicine can benefit the whole family. I treat all ages, including: infants, children, teens, adults and seniors.

Please follow me for regular health tips, articles, recipes on:

Twitter: @drlisaweeksND

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DrLisaWeeksNaturopathicDoctor

LinkedIn: ca.linkedin.com/pub/lisa-weeks/5/aa4/a40/

If, after several visits, you are happy with my services, please feel free to refer your friends, family members and co-workers to come and see me. I am currently accepting new patients.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why would someone go and see a naturopathic doctor?

- a. You are sick of feeling sick
- b. You want to complement your existing medical treatments
- c. You know you don't feel 100% but are unsure why
- d. You want a simple yet effective exercise and nutrition plan
- e. You want to prevent disease and be proactive about your health
- f. You have a specific health goal that you want to achieve.

2. What Conditions Can Benefit From Naturopathic Medicine?

- **a. Digestive:** Diarrhea, constipation, gas, bloating, heartburn, IBS, Crohn's, Colitis, hemorrhoids, fissures
- b. **Immune**: Autoimmune, illnesses, allergies
- c. Skin: Eczema/dermatitis, psoriasis, acne, unexplained skin rashes
- d. Pain: Arthritis, injuries, strains, sprains, headaches, migraines, stress-related
- e. **Hormonal Imbalances:** PMS, menopause, andropause, stress, thyroid, infertility (males and females)
- f. Sleep Disorders
- g. Fatigue
- h. **Mood Disorders:** Depression, Anxiety/Stress
- i. **Pediatric Health:** Immune Support, Skin Conditions, Digestive Issues, Sleep Disorders, ADHD/ADD
- j. Disease Prevention and health optimization

3. How can Naturopathic Medicine help me if I am already healthy?

a. Much like a car gives us warning signs when the oil needs to be changed or the engine needs to be serviced, our own bodies give us warning signs before things start to overtly shutdown or malfunction. Naturopathic Medicine recognizes these symptoms and *determines the underlying cause of disease*, treating the problem before it becomes more serious.

4. How is a Naturopathic Doctor Trained?

a. Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) must complete at least 3 years of pre-medical sciences in University before applying to and completing the four-year full-time Naturopathic Medicine program from one of five accredited Naturopathic Colleges in North America. The Naturopathic program includes over 4200 hours of classroom training, over 1200 hours of supervised clinical training and studies in bio-medical sciences, naturopathic sciences, clinical sciences and clinical education. NDs complete additional licensing exams as required by provincial regulatory boards and are required to obtain yearly continuing medical education credits to maintain licensure. There are four accredited Naturopathic schools in the United States and two in Canada that offer approved naturopathic medical education.

5. What Can I Expect During A Visit to a Naturopathic Doctor?

a. In the first visit, your Naturopathic Doctor will take an in-depth history, perform a physical examination and use information from laboratory tests to make an assessment and diagnosis. The first visit lasts 1.5 hours. Recommendations and lifestyle changes will be prescribed in the

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first visit, along with homework (like a diet diary or a temperature chart). The second visits usually occurs within 2 weeks from the first visit, with subsequent follow-up appointments scheduled monthly after that, spreading out the visits as the treatment plan progresses. Follow-up visits can last from 30-45 minutes. If a course of acupuncture is recommended, a series of 4-5 weekly appointments may be scheduled. These visits usually last 30 minutes.

- b. If you are suffering from an acute illness, like a cold, flu, sore throat, headache or infection, you can book in for a phone appointment, skype appointment or a short visit. Naturopathic therapies can help you recover quicker and can reduce the chance that you will need antibiotics or medications.
- c. Seasonal visits can also be scheduled. Detoxification programs can be prescribed in the fall and spring, preventative measures can be made in the spring/summer to treat allergies, and immuneboosting vitamins, herbs and lifestyle techniques can be prescribed in the fall/winter to prevent and treat illnesses.
- d. It is recommended that you schedule a yearly physical exam and blood/lab test review with your Naturopathic Doctor. NDs can order blood tests for patients or can get an authorized faxed copy of results from your Medical Doctor.

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Appointment Booking

• You can reach be my email (<u>lisaweeks.nd@gmail.com</u>) or by phone (647-667-2209) to schedule an appointment

NATUROPATHIC FEES

*As of Feb 12, 2014, NDs are no longer required to charge HST on Naturopathic visits.

HST still applies to supplement sales and lab tests

ADULTS:		
Initial Consultation:	90 minutes	\$190
Second Visit:	60 minutes	\$140
Subsequent Visits:	45 minutes	\$100
Subsequent Visits:	60 minutes	\$140
Subsequent Visits:	30 minutes	\$75
KIDS < 12		
Initial Consultation:	60 minutes	\$160
Second Visit:	45-60 minutes	\$140
Subsequent Visits:	30-45 minutes	\$100
ACUPUNCTURE		
Initial Consultation:	90 minutes	\$190
Sub. Acupuncture:	30 minutes	\$75
Sub. Acupuncture	45 minutes	\$100
Sub. Acupuncture package:	4 x 30 min	\$280

Payment

 I accept cash, cheque or email transfer for Naturopathic visits, NOT credit/debit. Cheques can be made payable to "Lisa Weeks". Email transfers can be made to <u>lisaweeks.nd@gmail.com</u>.

24 Hour Cancellation Policy

I have a policy of 24-hrs notice. If I do not receive 24-hrs notice of cancellation, you will be invoiced for the full appointment fee. Please respect my time and let me know if you can't make an appointment.

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INTRODUCTION TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

Your Naturopathic Doctor can draw from a wide range of therapies, and will develop a treatment plan specially designed for you. The most common modalities, which may be used individually or in combination, are described below:

Herbal (Botanical) Medicine

Medicines derived from plants have been used for centuries in the treatment and prevention of disease. They are increasingly becoming the subject of a growing number of clinical research studies. While the active ingredients of some plant medicines are extremely powerful, they are safe and highly effective when administered by a trained Naturopathic Doctor. Your naturopathic doctor may use more than one at a time, since in many cases the healing effects of these remedies in combination are greater than the sum of their individual actions.

Homeopathic Medicine

Originally developed during the 18th century by the physician Samuel Hahnemann, this unique form of medicine is used widely by medical practitioners in Europe but is just beginning to take hold in North America.

Homeopathic medicine uses very dilute amounts of botanical, mineral or other substances to treat specific ailments. If a homeopathic remedy is indicated, your naturopathic doctor will select the appropriate formulation from the thousands of homeopathic remedies available, based on your total symptom picture.

Clinical Nutrition

There is an intrinsic relationship between nutrition and wellness. Naturopathic doctors deal with a wide range of problems relating to poor nutrition, including factors that interfere with the body's absorption and utilization of vitamins and minerals. They can also diagnose and treat numerous conditions that result from nutrient deficiencies. Your Naturopathic Doctor will evaluate your nutritional status, determine any food sensitivities or reactions, and make individualized recommendations to optimize health and overall wellbeing.

Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture

Chinese pulse and tongue diagnosis, acupuncture and the use of Eastern botanical medicines comprise Asian Medicine, a system of health care that has been used effectively for thousands of years in Asia, but which has only been introduced to North America in the 20th century. Naturopathic doctors are trained in using needle acupuncture and Eastern botanicals as a traditional part of naturopathic practice. Acupuncture has been tested clinically in the treatment of chronic pain and headaches, infertility, stress/anxiety and in overcoming additions to nicotine, caffeine and many drugs.

Hydrotherapy and Physical Medicine

Hydrotherapy, or stimulation of the blood vessels or lymph vessels with hot and cold water, is also prescribed to patients extensively. Naturopathic doctors are trained in the assessment and

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treatment of musculoskeletal disorders such as joint pain, back pain, neck pain, muscle tension, injuries, strains and sprains.

Lifestyle Counseling

The foundations of health are clean air, clean water, exercise, healthy foods and freedom from excess stress. Naturopathic Doctors are committed to educating and guiding their patients in making powerful positive lifestyle changes to achieve optimal health. Whatever your diagnosis, you can expect to receive some lifestyle counseling every time you visit a Naturopathic Doctor, since prevention is worth a pound of cure! Daily healthy habits add up to contribute to your success. Reducing stress and negative emotions will positively influence health outcomes.

Additional Naturopathic Services

(Fees apply: not covered by OHIP)

Online Naturopathic Dispensary

I offer an online Naturopathic dispensary for you to purchase your vitamins, herbs and supplements. This saves you time and money (prices are competitive with local health food stores). Shipping takes approximately 3-4 days.

https://healthwavehq.ca/welcome/lweeks

Nebulized Glutathione

A non-invasive, effective inhalation therapy used for upper and lower respiratory tract infections, bronchitis, allergies, the common cold, lung repair after quitting smoking, chronic mucous/congestion and COPD. An essential part of any detoxification plan as glutathione is a powerful detoxifying agent.

B12 Injections

An intramuscular injection in your upper arm or buttocks to boost energy levels, replace deficiencies, reduce numbness and tingling, and support memory, mood and concentration.

Pascoleucyn Injections

A safe and effective natural immune booster to be given in the fall and winter to prevent illnesses and to help you recover quicker. With over 60 years of use, this intramuscular injection provides broad-spectrum support against viruses and bacteria. Contains Echinacea and homeopathic remedies to boost immune system function.

Acupuncture

Naturopathic Doctors complete over 300 hours of acupuncture training as part of their Naturopathic Medical degree. Small, sterile, non-reusable needles as inserted into specific points on the body to reduce headaches, pain and muscle tension, increase fertility, reduce nausea, facilitate healing, reduce stress and rebalance the body.

Lab testing

An important part of your Naturopathic assessment: includes blood, urine and stool testing to determine food sensitivities (IgG), male/female/thyroid and stress hormone levels, nutrient deficiencies, digestive disorders and parasites.

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Adult Naturopathic Health History Form LISA WEEKS HBSc., ND

Name:		Date:	
Date of birth:	(D/M/Y)	Age:	Sex: M / F
Address:			
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HEALTH HISTORY			
How would you describe you	or overall state of health? (circle one)	

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Good

Very good

Excellent

Very poor

Poor

Fair

List any serious medical conditions,	diagnoses and/or illnesses:	(including type and year of
occurrence).		

Condition/Diagnosis/Illness	Month/Year	How does this still affect you?

List any accidents, injuries, surgeries and/or hospitalizations (including type and year of occurrence).

Accident/Surgery/Hospitalization	Month/Year	How does this still affect you?

Have you ever seen a Naturopathic Doctor before? Y/N If yes, for what reason?
If yes, for what reason?
What other treatments have you used, or are currently using (both conventional a alternative; ie. Chiropractic, Physiotherapy, Massage, etc.)

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Amalgam (mercury) fillings?	Y / N If yes, how many?
Root Canal? Y/N	If ves. how many?

Periodontal disease? Y/N Grind your teeth at night? Y/N Sleep apnea? Y/N

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO YOU?

N = now P = past X = never

Cancer	Anemia	Hay fever	Emphysema	Palpitations
Chills	Dizziness	Nose bleeds	Pleurisy	Rheumatic fever
Fatigue	Headache	Sinusitis	Pneumonia	Change in thirst/appetite?
Fever	Cataracts	Goiter	Shortness of breath	Gall stones
Weakness	Eye problems	Neck Pain	Tuberculosis	Heartburn

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Change in mole	Glasses or contacts	Sore throat	Angina or chest pain	Hemorrhoids
Night Sweats	Glaucoma	Swollen glands	Diabetes	Jaundice
Rash	Ear infections	Asthma	Heart disease	Liver disease
Skin cancer	Impaired hearing	Bronchitis	High blood pressure	Ulcer
Skin problems	Frequent colds	Cough	Murmurs	Kidney stones
Arthritis	Backache	Muscle spasms or cramps	Extremities Numb/swollen	Kidney disease
Varicose veins	Fainting	Loss of balance	Loss of memory	Muscle weakness
Paralysis	Seizures or convulsions	Speech problems	Anxiety	Depression
Phobias	Chicken pox	Cold sores	Influenza	Hepatitis
Malaria	Measles	Mononucleosis	Mumps	Parasites
Gonorrhea	Herpes Genitalia	Sexually Transmitted Dz		

Please indicate what immunizations you	n have had (check):
☐ DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus)	☐ Haemophilus influenza B
☐ Hepatitis A	☐ Tetanus booster
☐ Hepatitis B	☐ Influenza ("Flu shot")
☐ MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	☐ Polio
	☐ Other
Did you experience any adverse reaction	ns to past immunizations? Y/N If yes, what was
the reaction/side effects?	
Have you traveled outside of Canada in	the past year?
Do you get regular screening tests done	by another doctor (Pap, blood tests): Y / N
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	Last menstrual period
	Average length of flow (days)
Last PAP exam (date)	Have you had an abnormal PAP? Y/N
Last breast exam	Do you do self breast exams?□ Y / N
Age of onset of menopause (if applicable	e):Symptoms?
Are you currently sexually active? Y/I	N
Current forms of contraception?	
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Are you current	ly pregnant? Y/	N			
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FAMILY HEALTH			
	elative (parent, gr	andparent, sibling or child) ha	as had any of the
following: Condition	Who?	Condition	Who?
Allergies	VV IIO :	High blood pressure	VVIIO:
Alcoholism			
		High cholesterol	
Arthritis		Kidney Disease	
Asthma		Mental illness	
Chronic bronchitis		Osteoporosis	
Chronic bronchitis		Rheumatic fever	
Depression		Skin diseases	
Diabetes		Stroke	
Emphysema		Thyroid condition	
Heart disease		Tuberculosis	
Hepatitis		Other	
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LIFESTYLE/ ENVIRONMENT Occupation How stressful is your work or other aspects of your life? How do you handle these stresses?							
Are you frequently exposed to animals (at work,home, etc.)? Y/N Please indicate which of the following substances, if any, pertain to you. N= use NOW P= used in the PAST							
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Coffee				Alcohol			
Black Tea				Recreational D			
Appetite				Sleeping pills			
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THANK YOU for taking the time to fill out this form.

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The information provided will be used to assess your health care needs.

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