



HEALTH MATTERS

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“ When you have children yourself,
you begin to understand what you owe your parents.
Love your parents and treat them with loving care...



THE WONDERWALL TIMES

The wall of Community Happiness from Alpro Foundation.

Welcome to the 2nd issue of The Wonderwall Times. It has been quite an adventurous 4 months since the 1st issue and this time we will be sharing about a recce trip to the depths of the jungle to visit an Orang Asli settlement, the launch of our Limited edition "Dream and Shine Bright" T-shirts.

THE FIRST RECCE TRIP TO "KAMPUNG ORANG ASLI":

It was an early Saturday morning where we set out from Petaling Jaya with Volunteers from The Centre for Orang Asli Concerns (COAC) together with Dr Colin (Founder of COAC) and Chang from Vitapak Team to visit an Orang Asli settlement located in Perak, South of Gerik.



- a picture with the residents



- the convey

It has always been one of the goals of Alpro Foundation to visit an Orang Asli settlement and bring vitamins and gifts to the children.

The whole journey from PJ to the entry point of the jungle track took 5 hours, at first we thought it would be an easy ride, but somehow things took a turn when the ride

became a bumpy one that threw us off our expectations. The journey off road was bumpy, rocky and muddy, we even got stuck in a deep pothole by the slope. Luckily we have a Landrover along the journey to save the day.

Upon reaching there, it was a different experience where children ran after our vehicles and welcomed us with flowers and fruits as welcome gifts. They sang us songs and greeted us with smiles and happiness, something that is hard to find these days.

We stayed for 2 days with them and distributed vitamins, gummies, and water bottles to the children. (Thank you Champs and M-zole for the Sponsorship of the Vitamins and Deworm) It was a very short trip and most of the time was spent on travelling, we will be going for another trip sometime in September this year, provided that the covid situation improves further.



- The children from Orang Asli Kampung in Gerik

METABOLIC BASIC SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



- Metabolic Basic

As of today there are 79 patients taken care of under this program. Right now, we are supporting these families and accumulated an estimated savings of RM110,600 every month.

An average patient on tube feeding may incur monthly expenses of up to RM1500 - RM2000, for a regular income family, not everyone can sustain their loved ones. Many families resorted to using other alternatives and yet affordable milk formulas but are not meant for sustaining an adult. In the end, most tube-feeding patients end up having severe weight loss due to under nourishment from the alternative products they have purchased.

If you happen to know anyone or person in need of such assistance with household income of less than RM3000, please come forward to any Alpro Pharmacy outlets and approach our friendly staff who will help you apply.



- Metabolic Basic - M Pharmacy (K. Borneo)

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THE NORTHERN STARS GOLD Award

This award is given to members of the public and Alproeans who have gone the distance to help and serve the community.

The Northern Stars Recipients:



-Auntie Chooi Li

Who have volunteered to deliver Metabolic Basic supplies to patients on behalf of Alpro Foundation throughout the past 1 year. She is a very committed lady who has been showering the community with care and love.



-Mr. James Lau

A very sincere gentleman who has been going to schools and identifying students in need of financial support, he helped to enrol students into The Growing Stars Project ever since he knew Alpro Foundation, he is also a huge supporter of our Charity Water.



-Ng Jing Si, Health Advisor

A very passionate and driven lady from Alpro Pharmacy Pesta, Muar Johor for selling more than 300 bottles of Charity Water!

80 HOUSES WERE SUCCESSFULLY DISINFECTED



-Volunteers waiting to a child living in the Batu 3 mansion



-Batu 3 - Fogging one of the houses



-Batu 3 Mansion - Volunteers



-Batu 3 Mansion - Volunteers

In November 2020, Seremban was hit with flash floods, resulting in numerous housing areas affected. Alpro Foundation with volunteers formed a team and went to Kampung Batu 3 Mambau to provide 2 - in 1 (Disinfectant + Anti Mosquito) fogging services for the residents. Working together with the local community, Village Adam and his fellow committee members guided the team around and helped coordinate the effort, within a span of 3 hours, 80 houses were successfully disinfected.

DREAM & SHINE BRIGHT T-SHIRTS

This year, Alpro Foundation aims to sponsor 100 students and to do so, an estimated RM120,000 is needed to do so. Fortunately with the commitment and dedication from a group of Intern students from IMU & INTI, they have helped make it possible!

The Dream & Shine Bright T-shirt concept is the brainchild of these 4 interns, Lynette Liew, Kelly Chin, Adrian Lai, and Phyllis Sum, and together with the support from the staffs of Alpro Pharmacy, 8000 T-shirts were successfully sold and more than RM80,000 was raised to fund The Growing Stars Project. Each T-shirt is selling at RM29.90.

From sourcing to logistical arrangements and creating videos for the campaign, these 4 interns took up the challenge and did it anyway. Thank you interns, now we can really support 100 students this year!

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

- William Butler Yeats

No.1 Pharmacy in Malaysia



-Pharmacist Ng Jing Si



-The Volunteers



-Volunteers standing together outdoors



-Volunteers posing for a photo

The journey will be continue towards healthy and vibrant community...



Winnie Hsiung Szu Yuan

*Branding, Promotion & Trade
Marketing Manager*

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the 18th edition of Alpro Pharmacy Health Matters, the May edition for the year of 2021.

Welcome to a new year, one that is filled with hope and new beginnings! At **Alpro Pharmacy**, I am glad that we had the opportunity to creatively transform and expand our community service that have overcome many challenges presented in 2020 and have shown resilience and dedication to helping our customers.

I realize the number of underprivileged student case is increasing, their parents' financing problem is the biggest factors especially after the pandemic in year 2020. In Alpro, we strongly believe that EVERY child has the right to further basic education. This February, we have successfully raised a fund by selling over 8,000 **"Dream & Shine Bright T-shirt"** to support over 100 students in their studies.

I also notice that some of our customers with long-term (*chronic*) diseases such as heart disease and diabetes has been encouraged to use **"Easy-Peasy Plate"** in their daily eating diet. The concept was adopted by suku-suku-separuh, is a good way to practise healthy eating habits, to ensure a balanced variety in food items

Moving forward, Parents' Day is around the corner, it is a great opportunity to look after parents' physical activity and mental health. Sometime, taking care of a loved one with health condition can be challenging. In Alpro Pharmacy, we provide a specialized prepacked medication **PILCube**, multi-dose dispensing pack that enable to remind elderly take medication properly. Always contact us and don't forget our special privilege for 60 years and above on every **18th of the month!**

On behalf of all Alproans,

I hope you enjoy our first issue of 2021 and would love to hear from you about topics you'd like to see us cover in future issues. Please do follow our Facebook Page @alpropharmacy and visit alprooneclick.com for more information update. We look forward to being on this journey with you.

Let us hold our hands together and to move towards a

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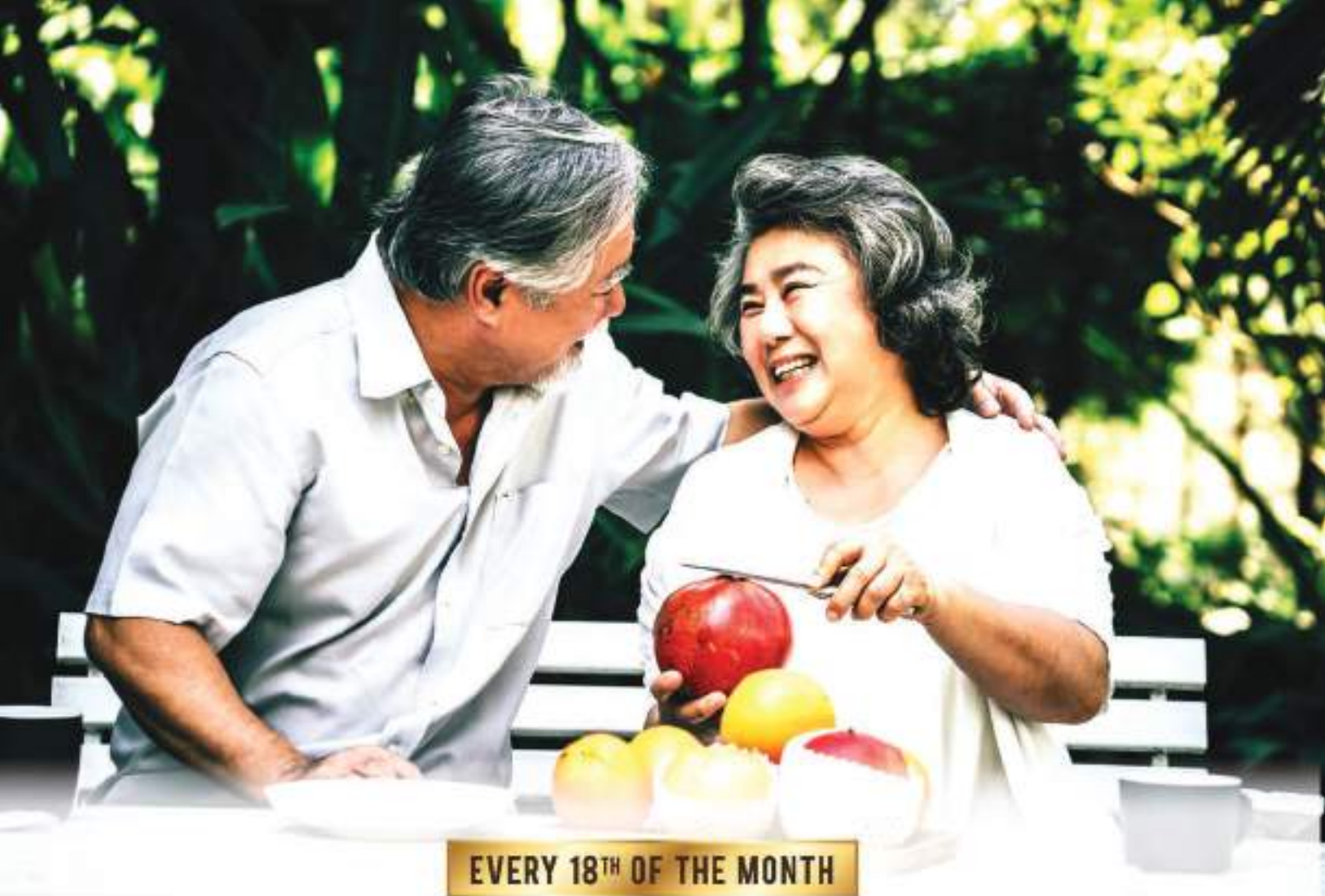
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By : Kelly Gan Wei Xin, Dietitian

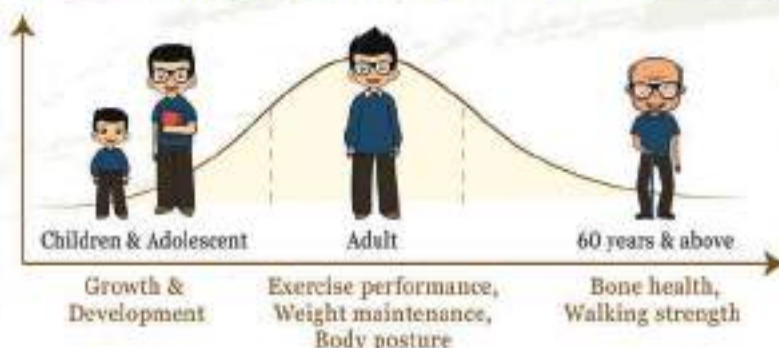


In the midst of COVID-19 invasion worldwide, not only that we need to keep our immunity strong. "Muscle Health" is equally important in supporting overall health and wellness, especially into old age.

Based on research, adults lose up to 33% of muscle mass between age 40 to 70. This affects physical strength, balance, and recovery from illness.

Lower muscle strength can also put us at **higher risk of breaking a bone**. Thus, a good muscle health is especially crucial to keep us strong during the pandemic time.

MUSCLE ROLE vs LIFE STAGES



HOW CAN I IMPROVE MUSCLE HEALTH?

Move it 3 mini home or office bound exercises



Sitting Leg Lift

Train the quadriceps muscle in front leg, by sitting on a chair, stick up your knee and hold on straight for 5 seconds. Repeat each leg for 10 times.



Hand Lifting

Stick out both hands straight at the front parallel to your shoulder, then lift it up and over your head. Repeat for 10 rounds. Suggest to gradually increase strength by holding some weights like water bottle.



Biceps curl

Curl up and down both hands for 10 rounds. Also, can increase strength by holding up some weights like water bottle.

Eat it 3 eating tips

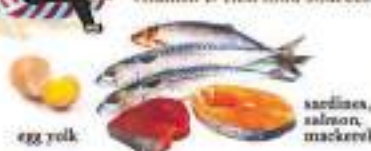


Take adequate amount of protein daily: 1.0-1.2g/kg of individual weight e.g. if a person weighs 50kg, her/his daily protein requirement is 50-60g. e.g. 1 egg is ~ 7g of protein



Adequate vitamin D intake:

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SCAN TO SHOP



"Rest Well" for better **RECOVERY!**



Written by :
Han Wan Chien,
Dietitian

When comes to recovery, we often focus on things like nutrition and rehabilitation, however, many fail to consider another vital component that speeds up recovery - quality rest!

Pushing yourself too hard during recovery can cause immediate or long-term physical complications. It's common for patients undergo recovery to feel mentally and emotionally vulnerable, hence, quality rest during recovery state is very important because your body is going to do a lot of healing when your body is at rest or sleep.

Sleep is an essential biological function, and sleep deprivation can lead to a variety of physiologic and psychological dysfunctions.

Disrupted sleep can result from numerous and diverse causes, including primary sleep disorders, medical conditions, environmental factors and psychological factors like stress and anxiety and eventually leads to poor recovery and lengthens hospital stays.

Converging evidence from different research paradigms suggest that psychological stress and disrupted sleep can affect the rate of recovery. A meta-analytic study using diverse wound healing models and outcomes found that across studies there was an average correlation of 0.42 between psychological stress and wound healing.

Here are a few ways in which poor rest quality negatively affects the recovery process:

1. It directly impacts your immune system
2. It slows down tissue growth
3. It can compromise healthy eating habits

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A clinical study done on Lactium proves that those who consume 150mg of Lactium per day showed significant improvement in:



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of rest



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function



Reducing
disturbance
during rest

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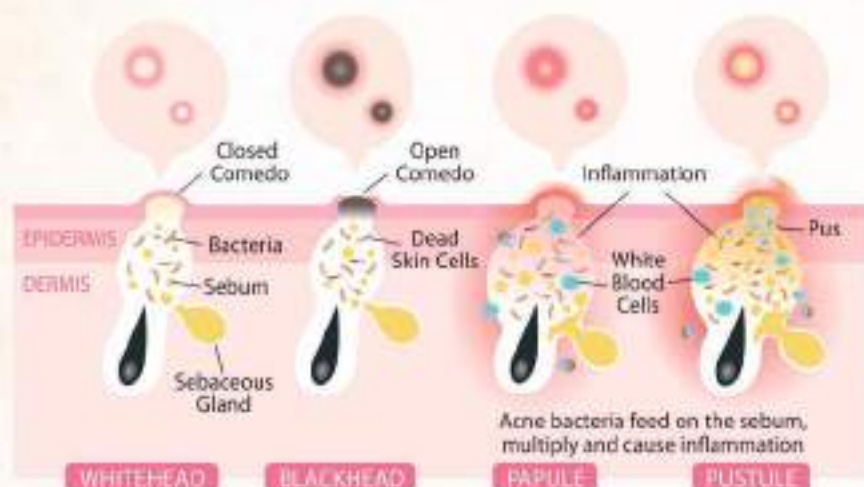
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The Truth About Acne...Hello Clear Complexion

it's hard to pinpoint the cause of acne but understanding your skin is the first essential step to clearing oily and acne prone skin



TYPES OF ACNE PIMPLES

Like most people with acne skin you're probably sick of not getting results. You've probably tried every product out there and nothing has worked. Well that stops here! Below is the information you need to arm yourself with, so you can stop making mistakes and start seeing results.

3 Factors That Cause Acne and Pimples to Develop

1. Over-active Sebaceous (oil) Glands – Typically in acne skin the sebaceous gland is over-active resulting in an excess of sebum (oil) being secreted onto the surface of the skin.

2. Excess Dead Skin Cells – Acne-prone skin sheds up to 5x more layers of dead skin cells per day, the excess dead skin cells and excess sebum mix together and become trapped in the pore of the skin which leads to the pore becoming blocked.

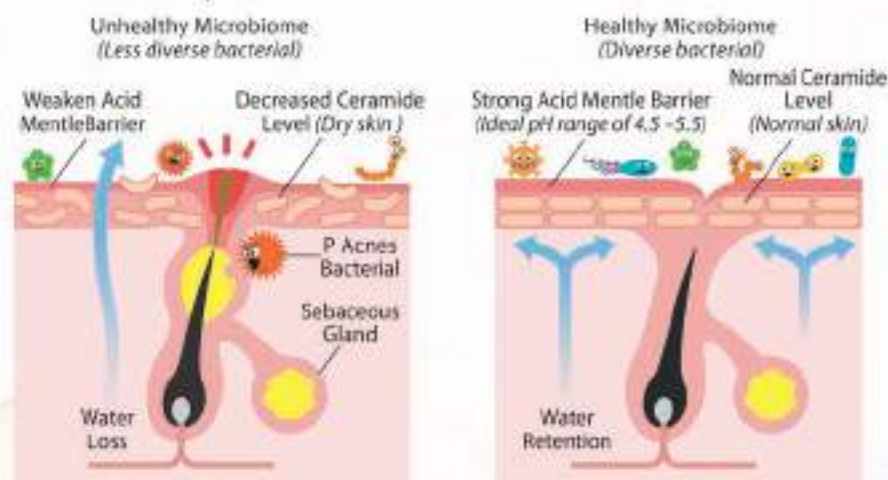
3. Inflammation – There is a particular bacteria called the Propionibacterium bacteria (P acnes) that lives in the pore of the skin and feeds on sebum. A blocked pore makes the perfect environment for the P acnes bacteria to breed, which leads to swelling, inflammation and further breakouts.

Know How Your Skin's Protective Barrier Works

Your skin has a unique protective system called the 'Acid Mantle Barrier'. This barrier is made up of oils, fatty acids (especially Linoleic acid, the essential building block for ceramides, one of skin's main moisturizing elements), lactic acid, amino acids and your skin's own natural moisturising factor, which creates a protective barrier on your skin. This

seals in moisture and protects your skin against acne causing bacteria and infection.

And much like your gut, your skin has good and bad bacteria. Thus it is important to keep the good bacteria strong and healthy – as they play an active roll in making sure the acne causing bacteria doesn't take over and cause pimples.



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ACID MANTLE & ACNE



Why a Quick Acne Fix is Not a Real Fix

Your acid mantle, being slightly acidic as the name suggests, is easily upset or stripped away and can take anywhere from 15 mins to 14 hours to restore itself.



So when you treat your skin with harsh products (that contain chemicals like benzoyl peroxide or salicylic acid), and getting that squeaky clean feeling, please don't be happy because you're actually destroying your skin's protective barrier and stripping away your skin's natural oils. This gives acne causing bacteria a chance to take over. It also tells the oil gland that it's not doing its job (protecting the skin) well enough – as a result, the oil gland is sent into overdrive to compensate. In other words, although you are trying to fix your skin, you're actually making it worse; one step forward, 3 steps back.

How Garden of Eden's Plant-based Rosa T Acne TRIO Clear Your Acne Safely and Effectively

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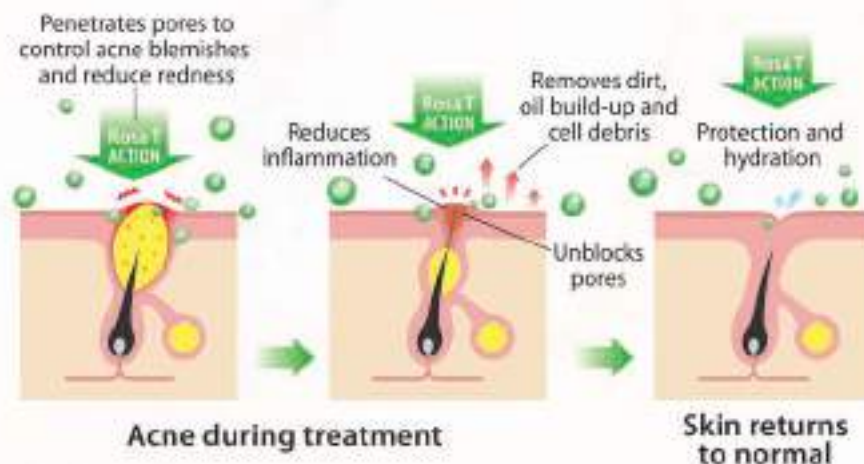


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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ACNE-PRONE SKIN



Oily / Acne-Prone Skin :

Acne affects people of all ages. Acne affects your self-confidence and may leave your skin with permanent scars. That is why it is very important to start treating your skin right to prevent acne or reduce existing acne.



Main Causes :



Genetics	p.Acne Bacteria	Hormones	Cosmetics	Skincare
Some individuals may have hereditary reasons for over-production of sebum	These bacteria thrive & grow rapidly on oily skin surfaces & under high pH conditions	Androgens, which are present in both men & women increase sebum production	Use of comedogenic products clog up skin pores	Products with a high pH formulation / contains soap & alkali destroy the skin's natural protective barrier

Skin Care Goals for Acne-Prone Skin :

- ✓ Normalization of sebum production
- ✓ Reducing overgrowth of p.Acne bacteria
- ✓ Skincare products formulated at the ideal pH5.5
- ✓ Soothes inflammation and irritation
- ✓ Removes excess dead skin cells

4 Steps to Reduce Acne in 4 Weeks*

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Step 1 : Cleansing



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Step 2 : Toning



Step 3 : Moisturizing



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Source: Information is from the WHO and the World Glaucoma Association, 2020

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Ladies' monthly issues:

Struggling with Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS) *everytime!*

Written by :
Ng Siew Li,
Nutritionist



PMS is a combination of physical and emotional symptoms that many women in reproductive age would experience before the start of their menstrual period. PMS symptoms can begin from 7 days before menstruation and go away within a few days after a woman's period starts as hormone levels begin rising again. Up to date, the exact causes of PMS remained unknown. It is most likely due to the changes in hormone levels and brain chemicals (for example, serotonin) throughout the menstrual cycle.

Some women get their periods without any signs of PMS or only very mild symptoms. For others, PMS symptoms may be so severe that it makes it hard to do everyday activities like go to work or school. According to different investigations on the prevalence of PMS, altogether the results show that up to 90% of women of reproductive age experience several premenstrual symptoms varying from mild to severe; around 20–40% of them experience PMS, and 2–8% suffer from severe PMS, called premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD)¹.

PMS Symptoms Checklist



Bloating



Breast
Tenderness



Headaches



Backaches



Appetite Changes
/ Food Cravings



Mood swing



Fatigue



Period Pain



Nausea /
Vomiting



Constipation
/ Diarrhea

What can a lady do to ease PMS?

Ladies should be very familiar to hear that, "Drink some warm water to help you feel better." Oh my! This is so old-fashioned, and it doesn't work for most of the time! Let's check out some other better tips!

The DOs

- Regular exercise
- Choose healthy foods most of the time
- Get enough sleep
- Find ways to cope with stress
- Keep track on the symptoms

The DON'Ts

- Smoke
- Drink too much alcohol
- Intense exercise prior period
- Salty and high sugar foods prior period
- Excessive caffeine prior period

What's the other complementary or natural remedies to help with PMS?

Herbal and natural plant extracts supplements seem to be a good approach to ease PMS when compare to medications like painkillers, hormonal medicines as they do not usually come with side effects and are relatively safe. There are few herbal and plant extracts that are backed by science, showing to ease PMS symptoms, let's check them out:



Chasteberry Fruit
(*Vitex Agnus-castus*)

Chasteberry is the longest used and best investigated phytotherapeutics for PMS and irregular menstruation. Chasteberry fruit extract works by reinstate normal balance between estrogen and progesterone during the luteal phase of the menstrual cycle² – thus reducing PMS symptoms. Interestingly, chasteberry has no direct hormonal activity, it is proven to be a safe, well tolerated and effective alternative of the treatment for patients with the moderate to severe premenstrual syndrome, the effects being confirmed by physicians and patients alike³.



Ashwagandha
(*Withania Somnifera*)

Ashwagandha is the flagship herb of Ayurveda, the traditional system of medicine from India. Ashwagandha is an adaptogenic herb that promotes balance in the body, regulates anxiety and stress⁴ which makes it plays a major role in regulating mood, Ashwagandha also showed to improve sexual function and sexual satisfaction in women⁵.



Maca Root
(*Radix Lepidium Meyenii*)

Maca root is known as "Peruvian Ginseng", it is highly nutritious that packed with vitamins, minerals, and phytonutrients. It has been used for centuries in the Peruvian Andes to increase energy and fertility in both human and animals. Maca root has been shown to increase libido, improve mood and promote overall women's health. Apart from that, research finding also proved that maca root helps to balance hormones, which will then ease PMS symptoms⁶.

Conclusion

We can't cure PMS and PMS symptoms can recur, there are a lot of remedies out there to help us better cope with PMS. A healthy lifestyle and a comprehensive treatment plan can usually reduce or eliminate the symptoms for most women. Seek for professional help if your PMS is severely affecting your daily activities.

Anyway, **menstruation is a sign of good health, it shall be normalised and celebrated, ladies!**

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From the moment we get out of bed through our morning commutes until we are sitting at our desks, many of us remain in a zombie-like state. If your morning coffee ritual is starting to make you feel more sleepy than active, it is time to rethink your relationship with caffeine. It is true that caffeine can give you temporary physical and mental energy, but when the effects wear off, you feel more tired and want even more caffeine. Intriguingly, adaptogenic herbs or adaptogens have natural energy-boosting quality, that will give you that required morning jumpstart without feeling jittery.

What are adaptogens?

Adaptogens are non-toxic herbs, roots and fungi that work to increase or "adapt" the body's ability to resist stressors and restore the body to its normal physiological function. The medicinal practice of using these herbs can be traced back to 3000 B.C. in ancient Chinese and Ayurvedic medicine, before the Russian scientist, Nikolai Lazarev, who first coined the term adaptogen when researching substances that produced a "state of nonspecific resistance" to adverse influences like stress on the performance of soldiers during World War II.

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Adaptogens and Potential benefits



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Rhodiola rosea →
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Are these claims just a hype?

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that herbal medicines provide primary healthcare for approximately 3.5 to 4 billion people worldwide, with about 86% of traditional medicine involves the use of plant extracts, which is also

known as the modern herbal medicine.

Adaptogens are similar to catecholamines, neurotransmitters involved in stress situations. Examples of catecholamines includes adrenaline, epinephrine, dopamine and norepinephrine. Adaptogens help the body to adapt and control future severe and moderate stress situations.

How adaptogens work?

Our body releases the hormone cortisol when we experience stress, especially in a long-term basis, which can be potentially dangerous. High amount of cortisol does not only affect the endocrine and immune systems, but it also affects the brain, sex drive and skin elasticity.

Research has found that adaptogens work through two master control systems in the body, the HPA (hypothalamic / pituitary / adrenal axis), that controls endocrine function, as well as nervous system and immune function. The other system is sympatho-adrenal system, which is our fight or flight response. Adaptogens also work on a cellular level to prevent cortisol-induced mitochondrial dysfunction. Mitochondria are the powerhouse of our cells and when they are malfunctioning, this can contribute to conditions such as chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia.

Different adaptogens have their own unique properties, some are stimulating, some calming, some warming or cooling and some drying.

How it works on contrast to caffeine and other stimulants

Caffeine acts by triggering the release of stress hormones, like norepinephrine and cortisol, which increase alertness and energy in the short term, but with habitual use, stimulants can lead to burnout. Coffee drinkers keep needing to drink more and more, yet feel more exhausted than ever (*Figure 1*). On the other hand, adaptogens do not cause a rise and crash. Rather, adaptogens extend the phase of resistance, so that you can perform better for a longer period of time (*Figure 2*). Adaptogens also help to make our bodies less sensitive to stress by acting similar to a vaccine, mildly activate the stress system in order to help the body cope with more severe stress during the day. This would prevent over-release of stress hormones and eventual exhaustion.



-Figure 1-



-Figure 2-

Synergistic effects of adaptogens

Adaptogens have been causing a buzz in the wellness world and although they are totally safe, they are not one-size-fits-all. Some combinations of adaptogenic plants provide unique effects due to their synergistic interactions in organisms which are not obtainable by any ingredient independently, such as the expression of genes that requires the interaction of several ingredients in combination. The combination of Rhodiola and Cordyceps have been reported to improve endurance training in athletes.

Daily stress is a part of life, many lifestyle choices including food, sleep, meditation, yoga, deep breathing can improve stress management. There is science backing up the claims of adaptogens as promising adjunctive therapy for stress. Side effects are rare but individual's health status should be understood before recommendation on these botanicals.

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What is Vitamin B12?

Vitamin B12 is a water-soluble vitamin that is naturally synthesized by microorganisms and obtained through diet. Vitamin B12 is found in animal products such as fish, meat, poultry, eggs, milk, and dairy products.

Vitamin B12 does not present in plant foods generally but is added in breakfast cereals as a readily available source of Vitamin B12 for vegetarians.

Vitamin B12 exists in several forms,

methylecobalamin and 5-deoxyadenosylcobalamin are forms that are active in human metabolism. Vitamin B12 is present as cyanocobalamin in most dietary supplements, a form that the body readily converts to the active form methylecobalamin and 5-deoxyadenosylcobalamin.

Why Vitamin B12 is important for us?

Vitamin B12 is important in the formation of red blood cells, neurological functions, and DNA synthesis. Vitamin B12 also prevents a

type of anaemia called megaloblastic anaemia which can cause tiredness and weakness. Besides maintaining the normal nervous system function, Vitamin B12 is also a coenzyme crucial in folate metabolism and nucleotide biosynthesis, which is important in the metabolism of fatty acids and some amino acids.

Why some people have insufficient Vitamin B12?

Deficiency is normally caused by malabsorption of Vitamin B12 which is commonly found in some adults and the

elderly. This factor is affected by gastritis or inflammation of gastric mucous increases with the age, this results in a reduction of vitamin B12 absorption.

Besides that, the inadequacy of dietary intake of Vitamin B12 is commonly seen among vegans, ovo-lacto vegetarians, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. The requirement of Vitamin B12 can be obtained by absorption of synthetic Vitamin B12 added to fortified foods and dietary supplements. Other factors that may contribute to a deficiency of Vitamin B12 is pernicious anaemia which results in loss of synthesis of Intrinsic factor affecting absorption of Vitamin B12.

Medications like Metformin, or Gastric Medication can contribute to Vitamin B12 deficiency.

Some medications may interfere with the absorption or metabolism of Vitamin B12 resulting in a deficiency. The medication includes proton pump inhibitor (PPI) eg. Omeprazol, Histamine 2 receptor antagonists, metformin, epileptic medication, colchicine, and chloramphenicol.

Medication like metformin requires long term and regular intake for optimal function, a medication used for the treatment of non-insulin-dependent

diabetes. Patients taking metformin can develop megaloblastic anaemia which is related to changes in intestinal motility, bacterial overgrowth competing for Vitamin B12, or alteration in calcium-dependent uptake of Vitamin B12.

What are the possible symptoms of Vitamin B12 deficiency?

Vitamin B12 deficiency is characterized by weakness, constipation, loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue, and megaloblastic anaemia.

This may also lead to depression, confusion, dementia, poor memory, and difficulty maintaining balance.

The deficiency of Vitamin B12 may also cause damages to the myelin sheath which surrounds and protect our nerves. These damages will affect the proper function of the nerve and may result in peripheral neuropathy. Peripheral nerve damages are commonly associated with muscle weakness, numbness and tingling in feet or hands, and burning or shooting pain in affected areas. Therefore, Vitamin B12 is one of the suggested treatments for neuropathic pain as it helps to alleviate pain by promoting myelination, improving nerve regeneration, and reducing ectopic nerve firing.

The Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDAs) for Vitamin B12 in adults and

adolescents over the age of 14 years old is 2.4mcg, pregnancy 2.6 mcg, and breastfeeding mothers 2.8mcg. Vitamin B12 sources found in animal products can be inadequate in daily dietary intake. Therefore, it is recommended for the elderly or those at risk of Vitamin B12 deficiency to meet their RDA by additionally consuming Vitamin B12 fortified food, or by taking Vitamin B12 supplements.



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How long at a time should I wear my support?

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In fact, physiotherapy is the best way to resolve muscle soreness or stiffness. And yes, if you were to compare it with the quick effect from using medication, it is going to take some time before you see the effect from physiotherapy. However, physiotherapy is still a better option because it can resolve the problem in a deeper level, once and for all. Besides, the chances of recurrence are definitely much lower than using medication!

LET'S USE KNEE PAIN AS AN EXAMPLE, A PHYSIOTHERAPIST CAN RESOLVE THE PROBLEM USING THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

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Aging and chronic exposure to loud noises both contribute to hearing loss. Other factors, such as excessive earwax, can temporarily reduce how well your ears conduct sounds.

[We cannot reverse most types of hearing loss. However, you and your doctor or a hearing specialist can take steps to improve what you hear.]

HOW IS HEARING LOSS MEASURED?



Mild 30dB – 50dB

- May hear some speech sounds but will have difficulty.

Moderate 50dB – 70dB

- Struggle to hear / understand speech when someone is talking at a normal level.

Severe >70dB

- Will hear little-to-no speech when spoken at normal levels, and hear only loud sound.

SIGNS OF HEARING LOSS

- Frequently asking others to repeat themselves
- Turning the TV to a volume other find it loud
- Problems with clarity in noisy places
- Difficulty hearing women and children's voice
- Feeling like others are mumbling
- Trouble hearing on the phone
- Ringing in your ears
- Told by others that you have hearing loss

If you have >4 out of 8 signs, you might have hearing loss.

TYPES OF HEARING LOSS

Hearing loss comes in many forms. It range from a mild loss, in which a person misses certain high-pitched sounds, such as the voices of women and children, to a total loss of hearing.

There are three general categories of hearing loss:

Sensorineural Hearing Loss (SNHL)

It occurs when the inner ear nerves and hair cells are damaged due to age, noise damage or something else. This impacts the pathways from your inner ear to your brain.

Conductive Hearing Loss (CHL)

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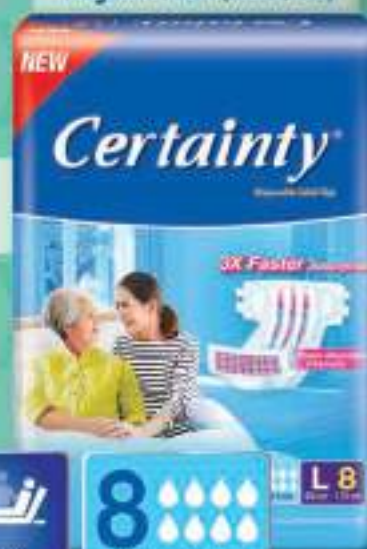
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Pregnancy might seem like the perfect time to sit back and relax. Pregnant ladies are likely to feel more tired than usual, and they might experience backache because of carrying extra weight.

But unless certain pregnant ladies are experiencing complications, otherwise sitting around won't be helpful. In fact, pregnancy can be a great time to get active, even for those that haven't exercise in a while. Numbers of research has been done and proved that exercise has big benefits for both pregnant lady and the baby!

Get an "Okay" to START!

Before we go into the benefits of exercise, let's start with a pre-exercise screening. Getting an "OK" from your health care providers (such as doctors or physiotherapists) is very important before you start to perform any exercise. They might advise you not to exercise or modify the intensity of your exercise if you are having:

- Some forms of cardio (heart) and lung disease
- High blood pressure that develops due to pregnancy
- Spine instability
- Persistent vaginal bleeding during second or third trimester
- Placenta problems
- Severe anemia

How can I benefit from exercise during pregnancy?

There are 7 major benefits if we exercise during pregnancy.

1. Reduce pregnancy and delivery complications

Pregnant ladies that participated in fitness program are less likely to develop gestational diabetes and unplanned cesarean sections if compared to those who didn't exercise. Exercise also helps them to have healthier weight babies, pregnant ladies that didn't exercise have higher chances to have heavier babies and this could cause complications during delivery.

2. Speed post-delivery recovery

A higher fitness level pregnant lady tends to have higher recovery rate physically after childbirth.

3. Positive mood boosting effect

During pregnancy, women are more susceptible to depression, with an estimated 1 in 2 of all women reporting increase depression or anxiety due to many reasons. But research has found that exercise during pregnancy effectively reduces depression, releasing endorphins (a.k.a. the Happy Hormone) that help improve mood while diminishing stress and anxiety.

4. Ease back ache and pelvic pain

The growing baby bump on all mummies put extra pressure on their lower back, resulting in low back pain and achy pelvis. Exercise helps to strengthen low back, improve flexibility and at the same time let all mummies say bye-bye to these unwanted pains.

5. Fight and prevent fatigue

Have you ever heard your pregnant friend keep complaining about tiredness during pregnancy? Tiredness and fatigue strike every pregnant woman during first trimester, then again in third trimester. To be honest, sometimes getting TOO MUCH REST can make them feel more tired. Therefore, appropriate exercise, walking or simple stretch can make a big difference in their energy level.

6. Improve quality of sleep

Many pregnant women complained having difficult in sleep. They could be disturbed by low back pain, emotionally or other physical issue, this make them feel restless and very tired during the next day. Those who exercise consistently say the quality of their sleep is better and that they wake up feeling more rested!

7. Relieve constipation

Some pregnant women experiences constipation due to hormonal and

physiologic changes. An active body encourages active bowels, hence by exercise regularly, this issue can be settled easily.

What kind of exercise can I perform?

Exercise consisting aerobic and weight train are suitable for all pregnant ladies. But bear in mind that everyone is different in terms of pre-pregnancy and pregnancy fitness level, therefore physiotherapist will be helpful in advising the intensity and what types of exercise that suitable to perform after assessment.

What kind of exercise can I perform?

For most pregnant ladies, at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity exercise is recommended every day. If you can't exercise every day, then try to achieve for at least 3-4 days per week.

Remember to warm up, stretch and cool down. Stay hydrated, avoid overheating. During exercise we shouldn't push ourselves too much, we should be able to carry on a conversation while exercising.



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How **GESTATIONAL DIABETES** affects **MOM & BABY?**



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Pregnancy is an exciting and overwhelming time in a woman's life. Learning that you have or may have gestational diabetes mellitus can really throw a wrench in an otherwise joyful experience. While developing gestational diabetes is certainly not ideal, but it is not also as scary as it seems. With timely testing and diligent health choices, gestational diabetes can be easily diagnosed and managed. Let's hear the answers those common questions many women have about gestational diabetes (*or GDM*):

Question: Hi, Dr. Chooi, we always hear mummies need to have a sugary drink and check their glucose when they are at the 6th month of pregnancy. Why is that?

Answer: This 'sugary drink' is also known as an Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (*OGTT*). This is a screening test that is used to check for gestational diabetes or diabetes in pregnancy. It measures a person's response to sugar, or glucose. Our Malaysian clinical practice guideline recommends that this screening test should be done at booking (*when a pregnant lady makes the first visit to a clinic for antenatal care*) if there are risk factors for GDM. If the test is negative, it should then be repeated at the 6th to 7th month of pregnancy. This is to enable early detection and management of this condition in women who are at risk. For women aged

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25 or older with no other risk factors, this OGTT can be done at the 6th to 7th month of pregnancy. This test is done after the lady has fasted overnight, for at least 8 hours. A blood test will be done in the morning. After that, the lady will be required to drink a sugary drink, which is actually 75 grams of glucose diluted in a glass of water. Another blood test will be done 2 hours after that. If the blood glucose levels at those time points exceed certain thresholds or levels, the woman would be diagnosed as having GDM.

Questions: Can we know what are the reasons or risk factors causing the mummies to have GDM?

Answer: When a woman is pregnant, there are various hormones produced by the placenta which can interfere with the action of insulin and this causes resistance to the effects of insulin. The pancreas (*an organ located behind the stomach*) then has to produce even more insulin to overcome this. If the body fails to compensate for this, the blood glucose levels will rise, resulting in gestational diabetes mellitus. Most of the time, the condition improves or goes away after the baby is delivered, but the woman is at higher risk for developing diabetes mellitus in later life. Hence, regular screening is required even after pregnancy to detect diabetes.

Risk factors that predispose a woman to (or increase her chances of) having gestational diabetes are:

- 1) being overweight or obese
- 2) If they have a close relative with diabetes mellitus,
- 3) If they have a previous history of GDM
- 4) If they have previously delivered a big baby weighing more than 4kg or with birth deformities
- 5) If they have had glucose detected in their urine on several occasions.
- 6) If they have other pregnancy issues like hypertension in pregnancy, or a history of stillbirth.

Questions: What will happen to the baby or mummy if the mummy is diagnosed with GDM? Is GDM dangerous?

Answer: If a lady is diagnosed with GDM, there are increased risks during the pregnancy to both the baby and mommy. There is a higher chance of the baby being too big, leading to difficulty in childbirth, as well as a higher risk of miscarriage, stillbirth and birth defects. There is also a higher risk of premature delivery as well as perinatal or postpartum depression. A baby born to a mother with GDM can have breathing problems after birth, and have a higher risk of developing obesity and diabetes later on in life. We have had patients who despite having being diagnosed with GDM, were not keen to start on the treatments that were recommended and continued to have high and worsening blood glucose levels. Some of them had miscarriages later on and regretted not taking better care of themselves. Therefore, to avoid these complications or problems in pregnancy, appropriate measures need to be taken to ensure blood glucose levels stay within the normal or accepted limits during pregnancy. It will be best for the lady to be taken care of by an endocrinologist or doctor who is trained to treat patients with this condition, together with the help of dietitians and diabetes educators to achieve the best outcome for the pregnancy.

Questions: What mommy need to do or things they need to pay extra attention to if they are diagnosed with GDM?

Answer: If a woman is diagnosed with gestational diabetes mellitus, she will need to take several steps to control her blood glucose levels. A nutritious and balanced diet is important throughout pregnancy. A dietitian can advise on the appropriate food choices and the total amount of calories to be taken in a day, and the distribution of meals

during the day. Generally speaking, patients should avoid food with high sugar content and instead take high fibre foods and complex carbohydrates like vegetables, fruits, wholemeal bread, nuts and legumes. A low fat diet should be adhered to, with avoidance of oily and deep fried food. Exercise is also important, as frequent physical activity helps to improve insulin sensitivity and results in better glucose control. If necessary, your doctor may recommend for you to start on medications or insulin injections to optimise your blood glucose levels.

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In the end, do not be discouraged or distressed if you are diagnosed with GDM. It is possible to be managed and your healthcare professionals will be guiding and helping you along the way. Remember to attend your clinic and hospital visits at the appointed dates and to stay positive while following the recommendations and advice given. Do continue to lead a healthy lifestyle even after your baby is delivered and attend for regular screening as women who have had GDM are more likely than other women to develop diabetes mellitus.

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¹Based on the results of an independently administered survey conducted by NPAHS in July 2019 on 1,000 doctors including cardiologists, internists, and specialists in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia and Vietnam who have recommended OPM products to their patients.

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One of Warning Signs of COVID-19

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What is Silent Hypoxia?

Silent hypoxia is when a pulse oximeter check on a patient who does not appear to be short of breath, results in an oximeter finding lower than a physician would expect. People with silent hypoxia sometimes even have blood oxygen levels so low as to be "incompatible with life", but feel no ill effects.

Signs and Symptoms of Low Blood Oxygen Levels



Headache



Coughing



Interfere with
Heart and Brain
Function



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Wheezing



Bluish Color in
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Blood Oxygen Level

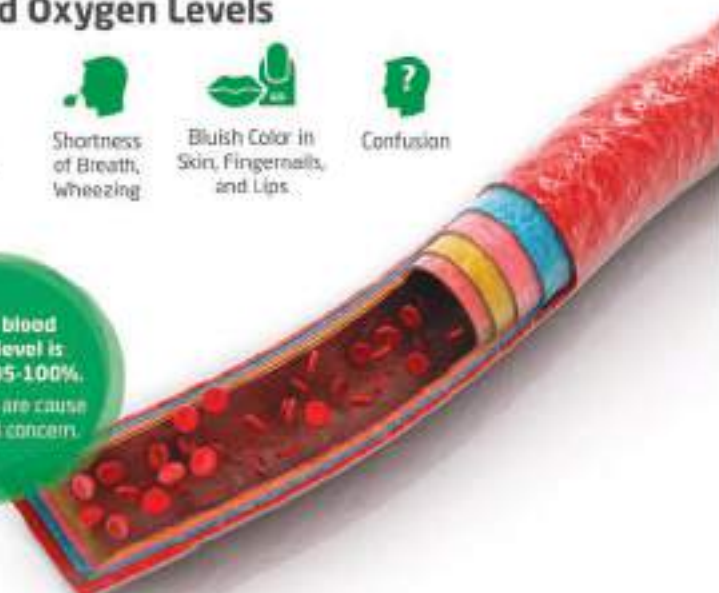
An indicator of how well the body distributes oxygen from lungs to the organs, tissues and cells.

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Normal blood
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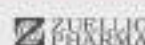


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Suffering with ALLERGIC RHINITIS? SINUSITIS?

Are you using your
saline spray
correctly?

Allergic Rhinitis(AR) is a very common respiratory disorder seen among Malaysia population. AR is a diagnosis associated with a group of symptoms affecting the nose. These symptoms occur when you breathe in something you are allergic to such as dust, animal dander or cold wind or after you eat a food that you are allergic to.

The symptoms included:

Shortly after allergens exposure

- Itchy nose, mouth, eyes
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Watery eyes

Possible later after allergens exposure

- Stuffy nose (*nasal congestion*)
- Coughing
- Clogged ears
- Puffiness under the eyes
- Fatigue and irritability

Every 1 in 15 Malaysian will be diagnosed having AR since they are young, and the prevalence is now getting higher. Although AR is not fatal, it affects the quality of life of patients and disrupts their daily life including sleeping quality based on the severity.

Avoidance from the allergen's exposure is still the best treatment for AR. However, it is sometimes impossible to avoid completely from the allergens, which trigger the necessary of pharmacotherapy treatment such as intranasal corticosteroid spray, oral anti-histamines, and / or intranasal decongestant spray. These treatments are having their side effects which reduce the patient's compliance and hence the symptoms might persist and keep affecting the patients' quality of life.

Nasal saline has been widely used as decongestant treatment and / or adjunctive treatment based on their different osmolality. Comparing to pharmacotherapy, nasal saline is more tolerable and hence able to use as daily maintenance treatment (*isotonic solution*).

Isotonic solution contains 0.9% sodium chloride where it does cleansing, moisturising and clearing the nasal cavities.

Hypertonic solution contains more salt (around 2%) than isotonic solutions which contribute to higher osmolality.

It clears the nasal cavities mechanically through an osmotic effect where it draws the mucus out to reduce the congestion. When the solution contact with nasal cavities, the mucous cells contract and swollen reduced. It is clinically proven to be particularly effective against cold, sinusitis and allergic rhinitis without altering the nasal mucosa like the medicated decongestant intranasal spray.



Why Osmolality tested is important?

Osmolality influences the passage of water through the biological membranes. Hence isotonic nasal spray does not interfere with the cellular volume while hypertonic nasal spray will carry out decongestant effect. Nasal spray with tested osmolality is very important as Osmolality is affected by all the active solutes from sea water instead of the sodium chloride (*The sodium chloride content affecting the salinity but not the osmolality*). The osmolality determines the tonicity of the solution and the duration of the nasal spray can be used.

What is the difference between different Nasal Spray?

	HYPERTONIC NASAL SPRAY	ISOTONIC NASAL SPRAY (NORMAL)	ISOTONIC NASAL SPRAY (SOFT)
Salinity	2%	0.9%	0.9%
Osmolality	600mOsm/kg	300mOsm/kg	300mOsm/kg
Spray Jet	Nebulized	Direct	Nebulized
Function	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decongestion• Reduce swelling• Reduce reliance on pharmacotherapy treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For thicker, purulent secretions• Remove scabs• Provides relief for breathing difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For abundant, liquid secretions• Soft spray which is very safe to use up to several times daily• Suitable for fragile nasal mucosa
Dose during treatment	1 to 3 sprays into each nostril 2 or 3 times daily	1 to 3 sprays into each nostril up to 4 to 6 times daily	1 to 3 sprays into each nostril up to 4 to 6 times daily
Prevention / Daily Hygiene	Not recommended	1 spray into each nostril up to 2 times daily.	1 spray into each nostril up to 2 times daily.
Recommended			

Allergic Rhinitis is no longer a nightmare! What you need is choosing the right nasal spray, maintain the good nasal hygiene and yes! You can breathe easily and no more headache for you!

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VACCINATION Fight AGAINST COVID-19



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Heart Health at the Heart of a Pandemic

Post-percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) care amidst COVID-19

Due to fear of the COVID-19 pandemic, there may have been delays in people with medical emergencies seeking treatment^{1,2}

Why is it important to protect yourself?

Involvement of the heart is common with COVID-19, due to increased risk of blood clots



Pay attention to your heart health post-PCI (also known as stent)

- Attend your follow-ups as suggested by your doctor³
- Practice protective measures to take care of your heart health for secondary prevention³



What are some secondary preventive measures I can take to protect my heart?



Pharmacological (drug) therapy³

- Make sure to take the medications prescribed by your doctor. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your medications, please consult your doctor before stopping or changing your medications⁴
- Know the names, doses and how often you should take all the medications prescribed to you by your doctor⁴
- Talk with your doctor before taking any herbal supplements⁴



Make lifestyle changes^{3,5}

Be physically active

- Exercise can help strengthen your heart⁴
- Always follow your doctor's recommendation for exercise⁶
- Start slowly and work up to more vigorous exercise as you get stronger⁶
- Include aerobic activities⁴

Refrain from smoking



Consume a healthy diet



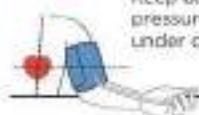
Maintain a healthy weight



Manage your other medical conditions^{3,5}



Keep blood sugar levels under control



Keep blood pressure levels under control



Manage your cholesterol levels

Ideal heart health is associated with lower incidence of heart-related problems, even after PCI⁵

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