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# Hypertension



## What is Hypertension?

Blood pressure is defined as the **force that the blood exerts on the veins and arteries** while it circulates around the body. If this force is greater than it should be, it is often referred to as **high blood pressure or hypertension**. Blood pressure is controlled by a variety of organs and body systems, including the heart, blood vessels, the kidneys, the brain and the adrenal glands, as well as the complex interaction between the body systems.

Hypertension is sometimes known as the "Silent Killer", because it often carries no symptoms at all until something serious happens. However, **high blood pressure symptoms** sometimes include headaches or a ringing sound in their ears. **High blood pressure symptoms** also may include blood shot eyes and elevated heart rate, but these symptoms may also be caused by other conditions. If you think you are experiencing **high blood pressure symptoms**, it is highly advisable that you visit your doctor, homeopath, naturopath or other health care provider.

## Diagnosing Hypertension

Hypertension is diagnosed only after repeated measurements show that the systolic and/or diastolic **blood pressure is consistently above normal**. This is because normal blood pressure does fluctuate throughout the day and is **highly influenced by stress** – which can result even from a visit to your doctor!

While in most cases extensive work is not needed to diagnose hypertension, your physician may suggest further tests to determine the cause of the elevated blood pressure as well as any **damage to organs** that may have occurred as a result.

## Tests for Hypertension

Blood pressure is measured by using two different numbers – **systolic pressure** (the top number) **over diastolic pressure** (the bottom number). Systolic pressure measures blood pressure as the heart contracts and pushes blood through the arteries. Diastolic pressure is taken when the heart relaxes. **Normal blood pressure is around 120/80 or lower.**

It is important to note that **blood pressure varies from person to person** and can fluctuate from moment to moment. One or two high readings do not necessarily mean that you have hypertension or **high blood pressure**.

If your blood pressure has measured 140/90 or higher on at least two separate occasions, your doctor should recommend a 24 hour BP (blood pressure) monitor,

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which will show whether your BP remains consistently raised. This will help to **determine whether you have hypertension** or not.

## What Causes Hypertension?

Although the causes are not always known, [high blood pressure](#) can often run in families, indicating a strong genetic component. **Risk factors for high blood pressure** include smoking, alcohol abuse, a high salt intake, lack of exercise and stress, as well as a family history of hypertension and stroke. [Arteriosclerosis](#) (a thickening, hardening and narrowing of the walls of the arteries) is also commonly associated with [high blood pressure](#).

## Help for Hypertension

It is very important to take steps to control [high blood pressure](#). If it is left untreated, it can result in heart disease, stroke or even death. The good news is that **hypertension can be well-controlled** by combining a healthy lifestyle with the correct medical treatment. This can include synthetic prescription medication, [natural high blood pressure treatments](#), or a combination of both.

## Medication for High Blood Pressure

There are many different **prescription drugs for high blood pressure** including vasodilators, alpha-blockers, beta-blockers, diuretics, etc. Each has a different way of working, and different drugs may work for different people. You may need to try a variety before you find the right drug or combination of drugs suitable for you. Some examples of medication that your doctor may recommend are: enalapril (Vasotec), losartan (Cozaar), atenolol (Tenormin), and furosemide (Lasix).

Like many synthetic drugs, **anti-hypertensive medication has a risk of causing side effects**, which depend on the person as well as the type of drug being taken. These can include dizziness, nausea, stomach problems, fatigue, impotence, insomnia, loss of appetite, and low blood pressure among others. Always speak to your doctor if you are having problems.

## Lifestyle Modifications

**Changes in lifestyle can be highly beneficial** to anyone suffering from hypertension. Adopting a healthy and balanced diet is often the first crucial step - as is keeping up with a healthy and regular exercise routine. Alcohol and caffeine consumption should be kept to a minimum and salt intake should be dramatically reduced. Potassium intake should be increased as this lowers blood pressure so try eating more bananas, oranges, zucchini, and spinach, as they are all good sources of potassium.

Lastly, **excess weight or obesity should be addressed** as it contributes to hypertension in several ways. These simple life changes can lower the blood pressure, and sometimes may be all that is needed. In addition, they can improve overall response to blood pressure treatments.



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# Natural Remedies for Hypertension

There are many well-known [natural high blood pressure treatments](#) that use herbal and homeopathic remedies. Conventional medicines usually treat the symptoms of [high blood pressure](#), but seldom address the underlying causes. Naturopaths recognize that [high blood pressure](#) may be a **sign or symptom of imbalance in the body** and know that the best way to treat it is by a combination of lifestyle changes and natural remedies to **remove the causes of the [high blood pressure](#), rather than simply treating the symptoms.**

One such example is Crataegus oxyacantha (Hawthorn), which is one of the most highly respected herbs used in [natural high blood pressure treatments](#), and has well-known cardio-protective properties. Others such as Passiflora incarnate, Viburnum opulus and Ginkgo biloba are also well-known for their **beneficial effects on lowering blood pressure** and relaxing blood vessels. Natural diuretics such as Taraxacum officinale and Foeniculum vulgare are excellent alternatives to prescription diuretics, as they can be equally effective without causing potassium loss – a side effect of prescription diuretics.

## Other Disorders Resulting from Hypertension

Hypertension is a **serious condition** that can damage the heart, blood vessels, and other organs in the body. If ignored, **hypertension can eventually lead to several other serious conditions**, including:

- Stroke
- Heart failure
- Heart attack
- Kidney failure
- Vision problems

## Tips for the Prevention of Hypertension

- Take life as it comes and slow down. **Stress is a huge influencing factor in hypertension**, so try to reduce stress levels and learn to relax! You may try listening to calming music, or meditation.
- **Eat and exercise responsibly.** Many people need a helping hand in this department so consider seeking the professional advice of a nutritionist and/or a fitness coach.
- Use your condition as an opportunity to **adopt positive life changes.** Get in touch with nature and take long walks. Try other relaxation methods such as yoga or Pilates.
- If you have other health complaints such as **insomnia or constipation**, sort them out as soon as possible, as these can contribute to [high blood pressure](#).
- Make sure you keep a **regular check on your blood pressure levels** and work steadily towards your goals.
- Keep a list of any medications you may be on close at hand in case of an emergency.

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While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is **not the only treatment option**. Conventional Western medicine (often called allopathic or orthodox medicine) is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools, and many pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic 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 upon by conventional doctors, especially by those who do 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. This 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. 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**



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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**, including 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.

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