

Naturopathic medicine is the treatment and prevention of diseases by natural means. Naturopathic Doctors assess the whole person, taking into consideration physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of the individual. Gentle, non invasive techniques are generally used in order to stimulate the body's inherent healing capacity. Your N.D. will take a thorough case history, perform a physical exam including a urine sample. If your case requires, the physical may include more specific examinations such as gynecological, rectal, prostate or genital exams.

Even the gentlest of therapies have their complications in certain physiological conditions such as pregnancy and lactation, in very young children, or those taking multiple medications. Some therapies must be used with caution in certain conditions including but not limited to diabetes, heart, liver, or kidney disease. It is very important that you inform your Naturopathic Doctor immediately of any and all medications/over the counter drugs or supplements that you are currently taking and if any of the above situations apply to you. Because each individual may respond differently to treatment, Dr. Kerry Barlow N.D. may not be able to anticipate and explain ALL risks and complications and cannot guarantee results.

As a patient you will receive information about your diagnosis and/or treatment, alternative courses of action, the material effects, costs, expected benefits, risks, side effects and in each case the consequences of not having the diagnosis and/or treatment acted upon.

There are some slight health risks associated with treatment by Naturopathic Medicine.

These include but are not limited to:

- Homeopathic remedies may occasionally result in the aggravation of pre-existing symptoms. When this occurs the duration is usually short.
- Some patients experience allergic reactions to certain supplements and herbs. Please advise your Naturopathic Doctor of any allergies you may have.
- Pain, bruising or injury from venipuncture or acupuncture or parental therapy.
- Fainting or puncturing of an organ with acupuncture, accidental burning of the skin from the use of moxa.
- Muscle strains and sprains, disc injuries from spinal manipulation.
- There is a very small potential for stroke with neck manipulation. Patients are thoroughly screened by the intern prior to manipulating the neck.

I understand:

- The clinic does not guarantee treatment results
- That my Naturopathic Doctor will explain to me the exact nature of any treatment provided and will answer any questions I may have.
- I am free to withdraw my consent and to discontinue treatment at any time.

I have read the above consent and have had opportunity to ask questions about its content. With this knowledge, I voluntarily consent to diagnostic and therapeutic procedures recommended to me by Dr. Kerry Barlow N.D. I intend this consent to apply to all my present and future naturopathic care.

Signature of Patient

Print Name

Signature of Guardian (if patient is under 18 years)

Print Name

Date

Signature of Witness