

# **Welcome to Naturopathic Care**

#### Dear New Client.

Congratulations on taking this important step in making your health a priority and committing to Naturopathic Medicine as a part of your health care plan. Naturopathic Medicine is an extensive healing system that can help you achieve your health and wellness goals. The Benefits of optimal health will be proportional to the effort and dedication you put into your daily choices. You have the option to feel better, live healthier, longer, look and feel younger. It is found that lasting improvement in one's health takes place in the presence of heightened focus, dedication and education.

Naturopathic Doctors are trained as primary health care providers. The main difference between a Naturopathic Doctor and your conventional family doctor is the philosophy of care and the treatment options that are available to you. We acknowledge that every sign and symptom your body exhibits has significance and directs the doctor's attention to causative underlying issues that need correcting. Naturopathic Doctors strive to identify and reverse the unique **underlying causes** of your health concerns using gentle, safe therapies that restore your natural ability to heal and support your journey toward lifelong optimal health. We are committed to maintaining the highest professional ethics, competence and personal integrity.

Your **careful consideration** of each of the enclosed questionnaires will enhance our efficiency, improve our accuracy and will provide more effective use of your scheduled consultation time.

Please read and complete each form to the best of your ability. **Note, you will have to get started on the diet survey promptly** as this requires time and careful attention. Many find that completion of these forms a valuable process in itself.

**Important:** please bring any **supplements & medications** you are currently taking with you to your appointment. Also, please bring with you any lab work (blood work, imaging reports etc.) that may be relevant.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to helping you achieve your health goals.

#### What to do when you arrive?

When you arrive at the clinic please check in with the main Reception desk as you enter the clinic, or proceed to our Naturopathic reception area. Our Naturopathic Receptionist will come greet you and give you an office tour. She will then bring you to the Naturopathic reception area in preparation to your appointment.

At subsequent appointments please make your way to the Naturopathic Reception to check-in and let us know you have arrived. Please make yourself comfortable in either reception area and enjoy a hot cup of herbal tea or coffee.

It is always our aim to be on time with your appointments. However, complications and emergencies do arise and in these circumstances we appreciate your patience and understanding. You also will receive the devoted time and care of your Naturopathic Doctor.

## What to expect at visits

Your first appointment will last 1 1/2 hours. We will discuss your chief concerns and review your history and completed health forms. We will discuss relevant aspects of your lifestyle, beliefs and philosophy about health and healing, and any other issues that impact your wellness. We will also do a relevant physical exam and Naturopathic functional assessment. The Assessment may include but is not limited to EAV testing, Muscle Reflex Testing and Energetic screening. This in-depth assessment allows your Naturopathic Doctor to develop a thorough understanding of your current state of health, energy systems and vital force which will guide a program which is safe and effective for you. Recommendations for relevant blood or lab work may take place. Your Naturopathic Doctor will outline to you how the many tools of Naturopathic Medicine can be used to help you reach your goals for health, recovery and wellness.

Your second visit will be approximately 30-45 minutes and will generally take place 3-4 weeks after your initial appointment. It will consist of relevant follow-up functional testing/evaluation and a discussion of findings in order to provide you with a diagnosis and appropriate treatment plan. Recommendations for any additional lab work may be made if necessary. If your healing needs require work with your energy systems or mental-emotional-spiritual focus, Quantum Energy Healing or Life Transformation Sessions may be suggested. See website under Services for details.

Most follow-up visits are 30 minutes and will be used to provide you with ongoing care, to monitor your progress and address any other concerns that may arise.

In the event that you require care for an acute concern between scheduled visits (ie. treatment for a cold or flu, checking a child's ear for infection, blood pressure check), we will make every effort to accommodate a same-day appointment for existing patients. Do not hesitate to call the clinic with questions or concerns at 519-273-0777.

### **Office Policies**

To facilitate the efficiency of our office and to ensure that you and other clients will derive maximum benefit from the care offered, we have established the following office policies:

- 1. Full payment is to be made at the time of your visit. We accept cash, cheque, Debit, Visa or MasterCard.
- 2. We respectfully request a minimum of 2 business days' notice in the event that you cannot keep your appointment so that someone else on our waiting list could be accommodated. Otherwise we will have to invoice you for 50% of you missed appointment fee. This time has been especially reserved for you and we ask that you advise us if a change in your schedule is needed. We understand that there are unforeseen events and circumstances, and these will of course be taken into consideration. Our answering machine is available outside of business hours to take messages.
- 3. With the number of clients we thoroughly interview, assess and treat, timing is crucial. For the respect and convenience of our clients and for the efficient operation of the clinic, we endeavor to keep scheduled appointments on time. However, complications and emergencies do arise and in these circumstances, we appreciate your patience and understanding. You also will receive the devoted time and care of your doctor. Please note that when you arrive late for your appointment, only the remaining balance of the time that was booked for you can be used.
- **4.** We reserve the right to discharge any case where the naturopath feels that the case is beyond the scope of practice of this clinic or the client refuses to co-operate with the recommendations mutually agreed upon.
- 5. We are required by our licensing board to perform a physical examination on each new client. This will be adhered to unless a full report is send by the referring practitioner and it is acceptable by this office.
- **6.** Telephone, Skype, and e-mail consultations provide a professional service and as such will be subject to a fee on the discretion of the attending Naturopathic Doctor. See the enclosed fee schedule.

# **Adult Patient Intake Form**

Date:		Name:	
Age:		Date of Birth:	
Address:			
City:		Postal Code:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Work Phone:		E-mail Address:	
Height:	Weight:	Occupation:	
Referred by:			
Emergency contact:		Phone:	
Doctor's name:		Phone:	
Main Concern:			
Describe carefully any f	actors that you suspec	t may have played a role	in its onset and perpetuation:
What are the most sign	ificant measures which	າ you have taken to-date	, to improve your state of health?
Is your health currently	: OGetting better	Getting worse	Staying the same
What seems to make it	better?		
What seems to make it	worse?		
Secondary concern(s):			
Have you consulted a n explain his/her diagnos			rementioned condition(s)? Please

Have you attended a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine before?								
○Yes ○No	Yes No Who?							
Have you attended any	Have you attended any other Doctor or alternative practitioner before?							
○Yes ○No	Who?							
If you have seen a cour	nsellor in the past, please explair	1:						
Please list the three mo	ost stressful events in your life (p	past or present):						
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Please list any allergie	es, the age and date when they b	egan, and the symptoms they cause:						
<u>Drug(s):</u>								
What:	When:	Symptoms						
What:	When:	Symptoms						
What:	When:	Symptoms						
Food(s):								
What:	When:	Symptoms						
What:	When:	Symptoms						
What:	When:	Symptoms						
Environmental:								
What:	When:	Symptoms						
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What:	When:	Symptoms						

Family History: please	indicate if there is ar	ny history (	of the fo	ollowing conditions	s in your family:
○ heart disease	○ diabetes (	asthma		$\bigcirc  osteoarthritis$	kidney disease
multiple sclerosis	alcoholism (	odrug ab	use	○ allergies	○ psoriasis
○ eczema	omental illness	○ rh	neumat	oid arthritis (	ankylosing spondylitis
Oother autoimmune	disorders – type:				
○ cancer – what type	e(s):				
Other conditions in yo	•				
Lifestyle Facto	ors				
How many hours of sl	eep do you get a nigh	t?		Is it restful?	
What keeps you from	getting a good nights	sleep?			
Do you snore		Υ	N		
Do you use medication	ons or alcohol to sleep	o? Y	N		
Do you take a multiv	itamin-mineral daily?	Υ	N	If yes, please put deform	etails on medication history
Do you consume 6-8	glasses of water daily	γ? Υ	N		
If yes, is it purified w	ater?	Υ	N	What type of filtrat	cion?
Do you eat red meat	?	Υ	N	If yes, how many ti	mes per week?
Do you fry or BBQ m	eat more than 3x/wee	ek? Y	N		
Do you consume pro meats?	cessed/preserved	Y	N	If yes, how often?	
Do you eat vegetable	es every day?	Υ	N	If yes, how many se	ervings daily?
Do you consume arti	ficial sweeteners?	Υ	N	What sources do yo	ou consume?
Have you ever condu	ıcted a detox program	1? Y	N	If yes, what type?	

Do you fast for medical or religious reasons?	Υ	N	If yes, v	what type	<u>s?</u>
Have you ever smoked?	Υ	N	If yes, h	now long?	
Do you presently smoke?	Υ	N	If yes, h	now much	?
Do you drink alcohol?	Υ	N	If yes, h	now often	and how much?
Have you ever been an alcoholic?	Υ	N	How lo	ng?	
What exercise or physical activities do you take	part ir	1?			
Occupational Factors  Please list any current or past jobs/hobbies that	•		•		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
solvents, disinfectants, antiseptics, chemicals, p chlorides etc.			, includes, i		Ctais, paints, polyvilly
Household Factors					
Do you have wireless technology in your home?	?		Υ	N	
If yes, do you have EMF protective devices insta	alled?		Υ	N	What types?
Do you use a cell phone, portable phone or					
Handheld wireless device?			Υ	N	
Do you use conventional cleaning products & d	eterge	nts?	Υ	N	
Do you use organic cleaning products & deterge	ents?		Υ	N	
Do you have vinyl shower curtains in your bath	room?		Υ	N	
Do you have wall to wall carpeting in your hous	se?		Υ	N	

Do you have a moist/wet basement?	Υ	Ν	
Do you live within ¼ miles of hydroelectric power?			
transformers or wires?	Υ	N	Now or in the past?
Do you have an air purification system in your house?	Υ	N	If yes, what type?
Dental Factors			
Do you have any implants?	Υ	N	
Do you have any root canals?	Υ	N	If yes, how many?
Do you have any crowns?	Υ	N	If yes, how many?
Do you have any bridge work?	Υ	N	
Do you have any mercury amalgams (silver fillings)?	Υ	N	
Do you have any composite fillings (plastics)?	Υ	N	
Have you had old mercury fillings removed or replaced?	Υ	N	O By a conventional dentist
			O By a biological dentist
Do you presently have any teeth or gum infections?	Υ	N	If yes, describe
Do you or have you ever been diagnosed with gum disease?	Υ	N	
Do you or have you ever been diagnosed with oral thrush?	Υ	N	
Do you use fluoride toothpaste?	Υ	N	
Do you regularly floss your teeth daily?	Υ	N	

# **Review Symptoms**

Mark the applicable with:  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}$  currently  $| \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}$  frequently  $| \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{C}$  occasionally  $| \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}$  seldom  $| \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}$  past  $| \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{C}$ 

			CARDIC
ALLERGIES/INFECTION	SKIN	insomnia	heart condition
asthma	dry	nervous/anxious	heart murmur
cough	chronic rash	timid	hypertension
wheezing	eczema	fearful	Other:
sinusitis	psoriasis	phobias	OTHER
seasonal allergies	hives	fearless	vision problems
frequent colds	skin tags	aggressive	headaches
ear infections	acne	angry, irritable	eating disorders
hearing loss	bumps on back of arms	violent	Explain:
bronchitis	Other:	calm, relaxed	
pneumonia	DYSIOSIS	sad/depressed	
chronic fatigue	jock itch	hарру	uphido posido (140)
nosebleeds	thrush	sociable	vehicle accident(s)  How many?
sore throats	candida	anti-sociable	When?
tonsillitis	vaginal irritation or	Other:	Other:
runny nose	discharge	SKETETAL	
itchy eyes	colic/gas	arthritis	LIFESTYLE
rings under eyes	athletes foot	flat feet	# of coffees/day
post nasal drip	craves sugar	broken bones	# of teas/day
Med. Alert tag Y N	Other:	spinal disorders	Herbal/Regular
For what?	MIND & DISPOSITION	back pain	# of colas/day
Other:	dyslexia	sciatica	relaxation exercises
URINARY	attention deficit	neck pain	recreational drugs
incontinence	hyperactive	herniated discs	Туре:
kidney stones	quick learner	Other:	Frequency:
bladder/kidney	mentally challenged		
infections	slow learner		

GASTROINTESTINAL	rectal bleeding	hernia	vaginal discharge
food allergies	hemorrhoids	testicular masses	vaginal dryness
heart burn/GERD	anal fissures	testicular pain	pain on intercourse
hernia	abdominal pain	discharge or sores	hot flashes
nausea	pancreas disease	venereal disease	night sweats
vomiting	bowel polyps	sexual difficulties	estrogen replacement
excessive belching	Other:	Other:	Туре:
excessive passing of gas	BLOOD/LYMPHATIC	FEMALES ONLY	# of pregnancies
bloating	anemia	Have your periods ceased?	# of miscarriages
jaundice	easy bruising	Hysterectomy Y N	# of abortions
liver disease	easy bleeding	Why?	difficulty conceiving
canker sores	past transfusions	Birth control Y N Type:	breast lumps
gallstones	lymph node swelling	Age of mensesyears old	breast tenderness
ulcer	lymphatic disease	Average length of cycle	mastitis
indigestion/GERD	blood diseases Other:	Number of days of	breast implants
Number of bowel	EMOTIONAL	menstruation	nipple discharge
movements/dayloose stools	depression	irregular cycles	sexual difficulties
diarrhea	anxiety	bleeding between	Last PAP:
constipation	mood swings	periods	Results:
hard stools	nervousness	PMS	STDs:
mucous in stool	panic attacks	Symptoms:	Other:
blood in stool	phobias		
black, tarry stool	irritable	painful mensesexcessive flow	
yellow/pale stool	angry	fibroids	
irritable bowel	insomnia	ovarian cysts	
syndrome	worrier	cervical dysplasia	
colitis Crohn's Disease	S.A.D.	cervical/uterine cancer	
Croint 3 Disease	MALES ONLY	ovarian cancer	
	prostate problems	ovarian cancer	

# **Medication History**

Please record from the most recent to the most distant (past). Also, please indicate those that you are on presently, when you started them and how long you were on various medications in the past.

Medications	Start Date	Stop Date	Reason for Medication and its Results	Preser	nt Past
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				$\circ$	0
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				0	0
				0	0
				0	0
				$\bigcirc$	0
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				0	0
				0	0
				0	0
				0	0
Natural Supple	ments			0	0
				0	0
				0	0
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				0	0
				0	0
				0	0
				$\bigcirc$	$\circ$
				$\bigcirc$	0

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please bring in all medications & supplements to your first visit with your Naturopathic Doctor.

### **Personal Medical History** Blood type: Α В AB 0 List hospitalizations & surgeries (date & why):\_\_\_\_\_\_ List X-rays, CAT scans, EKOs, MRIs, etc. (date & why): List any past traumas or accidents with the date of occurrence: **Childhood History** Were you breastfed? Υ Ν For how long? Were you bottle feed? For how long? Ν Υ Are you immunized? Ν If yes, any reactions? Otravel vaccines Oflu shots Onon-mandated vaccines Was your birth process natural? Υ Ν Did you experience Oepidural anesthesia ()forceps OC-section Were you a colicky baby? Υ Ν Until what age? Which childhood illnesses did you have? ○Polio OChicken pox German measles **○**Mumps Scarlet fever Rashes Red measles Rheumatic fever ○Worms Ear infections Allergies Whooping cough OFrequent colds ()Eczema Opiphtheria OBronchitis/pneumonia ()Croup Other:

<ul> <li>Other History</li> </ul>								
Have you ever had a tick bite or suspect Lyme disease?	Υ	N						
Have you ever suspected or have had parasites?	Υ	N						
Have you ever had Mono (Epstein Barr syndrome)?	Υ	N						
What do you feel is your weakest organ system and why?								
Other Questions								
If you could break any rule without consequences, what rule would you break?								
Are you in a romantic relationship? If so, are you happy?								
Are you in touch with your life purpose?								
Are you financially stressed?								
If your health condition had a message, what would it tell y	ou?							
What does your body need in order to heal?								

This information is strictly confidential between you and the Doctor and your accurate responses are vital to effective health care at this office. Please consider your responses and their accuracy. Thank you!

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Do you have a mystery symptom you would rather not talk about?

# **Neurobehavioral Symptom Checklist**

From time to time, everyone feels out of sorts, not themselves, nervous, depressed, irritable, or anxious. These questions are designed to assist your doctor in identifying patterns of behaviour, chemical or hormonal imbalances, and feelings that tend to affect the quality of your relationships with family and friends, performance at work, and your overall sense of well-being.

### **Directions:**

Please check the boxes that best describe your feelings and ability to function most of the time. When answering each question, consider the degree to which your daily life is affected.

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1. Over the last year, I have experienced:	4. I often:
☐ Becoming forgetful	☐ Feel overly active and compelled to do things, like
☐ Lapses in memory	being driven by a motor
☐ Becoming less attractive	☐ Have difficulty relaxing and unwinding when I have
☐ Less interest in normal activities	time to myself
☐ Feeling less sharp	☐ Misplace and have difficulty finding things
☐ Difficulty remembering people's names	☐ Crave caffeine and stimulants to keep me going
☐ Difficulty making decisions	☐ Delay getting started when I have a task or work
☐ Problems finding the right words to communicate	that requires a lot of thought
☐ Difficulty solving routine problems	☐ Get easily distracted by activity or noise around me
☐ Difficulty learning new things	☐ Have difficulty keeping my attention when doing
☐ Problems writing, reading, or organizing thoughts	boring and repetitive work
☐ Difficulty following instructions	☐ Fidget or squirm with my hands and feet when I
	have to sit down for a long time
2. I experience:	☐ Leave my seat in meetings or other situations in
☐ Lack of interest in normal activities	which I am expected to remain seated
☐ Loss of energy	☐ Have problems remembering appointments or
Oversleeping or sleepiness	obligations
☐ Sense of sadness for no apparent reason	☐ Have difficulty concentrating on what people say to
☐ Increased appetite, especially for carbohydrates	me, even when they are speaking to me directly
☐ Fatigue	
☐ Symptoms that usually get worse in the winter	5. I experience:
☐ Weight gain or weight loss	Waking up frequently during the night with
☐ Difficulty concentrating and processing	difficulty returning to sleep
information, especially in the afternoon	☐ Looking forward to catching up on my sleep on the
☐ Diminished sexual desire	weekends
	☐ Taking more than 30 minutes to fall asleep at night
3. I frequently:	☐ Stomach problems or nausea
☐ Feel tense and have trouble relaxing	☐ Waking up repeatedly throughout the night
☐ Have headaches and other aches and pains	☐ Waking up groggy and not well rested
☐ Get crabby or grouchy	☐ Preferring to go to sleep later than midnight and
☐ Have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep	waking up late, after 10:00 am
☐ Sweat and have hot flashes in anticipation of	☐ Preferring an early bedtime—going to sleep
events	between 7 pm and 9 pm and waking up early, around
☐ Feel irritable or short tempered	5:00 am
☐ Have trouble letting things go	☐ Jet lag
☐ Get angry for no apparent reason	☐ Difficulty turning off my thoughts when I lay down
☐ Women only: Get worse symptoms prior to	to sleep
getting my period	

# **Dysbiosis Questionnaire**

HISTORY POINT SCORE

To answer "yes" to a question, circle the point score on the right.

1.	Have y	ou taken tetracycline or other antibiotics for skin, acne, or anything else for 1 month or
	longer?	?25
2.	Have y	ou, at any time in your life, taken other broad spectrum antibiotics for respiratory,
	urinary	or other infections 4 or more times in a 1 year period?20
3.	Have y	ou taken a broad spectrum antibiotic drug – even a single course?6
4.	Have y	ou at any time in your life been bothered by recurrent or persistent prostatitis, vaginitis
	or othe	er problems affecting your reproductive organs?25
5.	Have y	ou taken prednisone, decadron or other cortisone type drugs
	a.	For more than 6 months25
	b.	For more than 2 weeks15
	c.	For 2 weeks or less6
6.	Does e	xposure to perfumes, insecticides, clothing or hardware stores and other chemicals
	provok	e
	a.	Moderate to severe symptoms20
	b.	Mild symptoms5
	c.	List symptoms:
7.	Are you	ur symptoms worse on damp muggy days or in mouldy places?20
8.	Have y	ou had athletes foot, ring worm, "jock itch" or other chronic fungus infections of the skin
	or nails	? Have such infections been
	a.	Severe or persistent
	b.	Mild to moderate10
9.	Have y	ou ever had parasitic infection, dysentery or unexplained episode of prolonged diarrhea,
	& intes	tinal distress?15
10.	Do you	have or have you ever had an ulcer, colitis, IBS,Crohn's disease or
	divertion	culitis?35

TOTAL SCORE:\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Diet &amp; Activity</b>	Report
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ame:	

Please take time to complete the following survey carefully and accurately. List in detail the quantity and the exact nature of all foods and beverages consumed (ie. frozen, canned, etc.). Please mention if the foods were raw or cooked. Be sure to list any condiments used (ie. mayonnaise, ketchup, margarine, relish, etc.).

MEAL	DAY ONE	DAY TWO	DAY THREE
Morning meal & time			
Snack			
Noon meal & time			
Snack			
Evening meal & time			
Snack			
Condiments (salt, sugar, herbs, spices, etc.)			
Fats/Oils used			
Water (cups per day)			
Other beverages			
Type of exercise			

MEAL	DAY FOUR	DAY FIVE	DAY SIX
Morning meal & time			
Snack			
Noon meal & time			
Snack			
Evening meal & time			
Snack			
Condiments (salt, sugar, herbs, spices, etc.)			
Fats/Oils used			
Water (cups per day)			
Other beverages			
Type of exercise			

## Fee schedule - Dr. Cormier, HBSc, ND

**Client or Guardian signature** 

# **Naturopathic Care** Initial Consultation – 90 minutes.....\$297 Naturopathic Consultation – 45 minutes......\$159 Naturopathic Review – 30 minutes......\$120 Phone Consults (per15 min.)....\$45 Forms or Comprehensive reports.....\$45-130 InLight Therapy......\$90 Acupuncture......\$90 Energy Healing Session/Emotion Code/Reiki/TOPLAKAN™ Dark Field Lab Analysis – 60 minutes.....\$175 Ear Wax Removal.....\$40 Prices vary according to service provided and treatment length. ADDITIONAL LAB SERVICES AVAILABLE: Hair Analysis, Glucose, Cholesterol, Urinary Chemstrip, Allergy Testing, Saliva Hormone Testing, Digestive Stool Analysis, and Various Conventional OHIP Blood Panels. Note: there is a lab processing fee of \$25 on all lab requisitions. Services are not currently subsidized by OHIP, and are HST exempt. Check with your independent **insurance company for coverage.** Fees for health services are due when services are rendered and may be paid in Cash or Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Debit or e-transfer. I have read and fully understand the above description of the fee system and agree to honour it. Cancellation Policy: 48 business hours are required to reschedule or cancel an appointment or 50% of the consultation service will be charged. Exceptions may apply.

Date

# **Code of Ethics**

- This practitioner recognizes that the primary obligation is toward the client and at all times I
  will practice my skills to the best of my ability for benefit to the client. The comfort, safety
  and welfare of the client always has priority.
- Consultation, assessment and treatments will be carried out with the full consent of the client or guardian/parent in the case of minors.
- Any knowledge or information gained during consultation, assessment or treatment will be confidential in accordance with the guidelines set out by my governing board of Naturopathic Medicine and will not be divulged to anyone without the client's consent, except as required by law.
- I will share professional information with other professional practitioners upon request of the client with written consent.
- I expect that this is a mutual partnership towards health & wellness, and it is the client's
  responsibility to convey any changes in medical conditions and medications,
  supplementation, lifestyle changes, other treatments or services and relevant information to
  me in order for me to be sufficiently updated and provide proper care.
- I will not deliberately mislead or misdirect, for my own gain, a client seeking advice and professional assistance.
- All reasonable care will be taken to ensure adequate hygiene, quality of materials, supplements, and safety of equipment used.
- I will not attempt to treat conditions that are above my level of understanding, expertise or training and will refer clients to appropriate practitioners should this be required.
- I reserve the right to cancel any client treatments or discontinue care at any time as I see fit to do so.
- I will post any fee changes one month in advance of the time of change.
- I will not share your email or phone data with any outside groups, they are collected strictly
  for client communication within this office and for educational purposes related to
  professional care.

Dawn Cormier, HBsc., ND, Qigong & Energy Practitioner

## Acupuncture Meridian Assessment-"New" Medicine Based on Ancient Principles

Acupuncture, originating in China several thousand years ago, is known for alleviating pain and promoting healing. Acupuncture is based on the belief that the balance of the energy flow (Chi) through the *meridians* of the body is the essence of all living organisms for harmony and optimal health.

Meridians are "pathways" of energy flow through the body. Each meridian follows a very specific pathway that includes specific organs, tissues, muscles, and bones. There are hundreds of meridians throughout the body. Acupuncture uses very specific points on a meridian to influence the Chi, the health and vitality, of all the body elements on that meridian. When the chi, the energy flow, is blocked, the body is said to have an imbalance and will, sooner or later, suffer some sort of illness.

There are over 500 acupuncture points that have been established as having specific relationships with internal organs according to Traditional Chinese Medicine. A skilled physician can, in a short time, measure about 50 major Acupuncture points. He/she may discover not only which organs have problems but also the intricate relationships of causes and effects of internal and external disturbances. For example, dental infection might be the cause or effect of an arthritic pain and heart problem; wheat intolerance might be the cause of eczema or an intestinal problem.

So, what exactly is Acupuncture Meridian Assessment (AMA)? AMA simply uses an electronic device placed on acupuncture points to assess energy flow through the meridians of the body. AMA is called by various names such as EDS (Electrodermal Screening), Electro-acupuncture Biofeedback, and EAV (Electro-acupuncture according to Dr. Voll).

Dr. Reinhold Voll, MD, Internist and acupuncturist in Germany in the 1940's, noticed changes in electrical conductivity at each of the body's acupuncture points. He discovered that higher or lower readings than "normal" at the particular acupuncture point indicate degeneration or low energy flow. These imbalances can indicate the root causes of illnesses that are unexplainable by modern biochemistry-based medicine. Based on Dr. Voll's work, a new field of energy medicine was developed in Europe.

Acupuncture Meridian Assessment can help physicians gather more data about the patient to better understand the patient's health and body, and monitor the patient's energy level and balance during treatment, as they return to the desired level. It assists in determining the right remedies at the right timing, level and sequence.

Today, EAV devices are widely used in Europe and Asia. In the North America, EAV is still unknown to most medical practitioners and the public. I have been using Acupuncture Meridian Assessment for over 25 years in my practice. I cannot imagine fully understanding my patient's needs without an EAV device. To me, not using an EAV device as a guiding tool would be like navigating an airplane without radar equipment.

Acupuncture and Energy Medicine are evolving very rapidly. Acupuncture Meridian Assessment is leading the way into the future of medicine. When we can integrate all the above knowledge of ancient wisdom with modern science, there will be a quantum jump in the understanding of the causes of many unexplainable, chronic illnesses from chronic fatigue to environmentally induced illness.

Dr. Dawn Cormier Naturopathic Doctor The purpose of this Disclaimer is to explain to you what Dr. Dawn Cormier, Naturopathic Doctor can do for you and what you can expect. Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) in the province of Ontario are considered primary care physicians and as such have the ability to legally diagnose medical conditions. My practice is aligned with a model of integrative natural and energy healing, which is very different from a conventional disease care model. My approach addresses all aspects of your health and wellbeing. This includes physiological, chemical, metabolic, bioenergetics, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of your whole system. My philosophy is that you are your own healer and that healing comes from within you. Your innate intelligence and Vital Force will direct your healing at the right level, system, and timing for your needs. This often happens in stages in the capacity to which the body can heal and rebalance function back to homeostasis. I can assist and direct your healing process by evaluating your system via various conventional and alternative functional tests and procedures. Natural therapies and treatments will be advised to support you on your restoration of health and wellbeing specific to your needs, bringing balance and healing to the degree you are able. For a list of services and detailed information on Naturopathic Medicine and what to expect, please visit the website or talk to Dr. Dawn Cormier, ND in your visit.

The natural alternative therapeutics, assessments, evaluations, products and services provided at this office are not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease or medical condition. Rather, the natural therapeutics, and services are meant to address any physical, metabolic, chemical, emotional and bioenergetics imbalances, stressors or blockages that may have an impact on wellness facilitating the body's natural ability to bring itself to homeostasis, which may have an impact on health and well-being. Individual improvement may vary and is dependent on the current state of a person's overall health and an individual's commitment to their personal goals.

#### Informed Consent for Electro Acupuncture according to Voll (EAV) and Acupuncture Meridian Assessment

I have specifically sought out the services and perspective of Dr. Cormier for the way she practices Alternative Medicine. As part of that service, I understand that she commonly uses an EAV device as part of her evaluation. Dr. Cormier has explained to me and I fully understand the following:

- a) The Vistron EAV device was a Class II Medical Device by health Canada for many years, however no is longer cleared by Health Canada in this regard since 2017. Manufacturer's specifications are for measuring and evaluating various products, incompatibilities and electrical potential on acupuncture points associated with organ function.
- b) The FDA has not approved EAVs for the treatment of any disease or conditions. The EAV device is only approved as a biofeedback device and Ohm meter by the FDA and is not a diagnostic device.
- c) The basic principle of EAVs has been explained in the article "Acupuncture Meridian Assessment-New Medicine Based on Ancient Principles". I have received, read and understood this article.
- d) The procedure is totally non-invasive and uses a probe to measure the skin resistivity at the acupuncture points located on the hands and feet for over 50 meridians, testing minute electro physical signals.
- e) This device is being used for investigational purposes only and is not being interpreted for a conventional diagnosis, however, specifications for this device support its use for diagnosing, treating, mitigating and preventing diseases, disorders or abnormal physical states in human beings.
- f) Dr. Cormier will design a treatment plan based on the EAVs data, physical exam, medical history, standard lab and functional tests.
- g) This device is one of many tools Dr. Cormier uses for evaluation. There are no guarantees of a successful outcome. Dr. Cormier believes that a patient's active and consistent participation in following recommended therapies results in greater and more consistent changes toward health.
- I can terminate the EAV evaluation at any time. It was my independent choice whether to see Dr. Cormier and it is always my choice whether to continue with her.
   I have fully read and understand the above information, the elements of my informed consent, my rights and responsibilities, and hereby give consent to the use of EAV device.

Patient Name (print)	Patient or Guardian Signature	Date
Doctor's Signature	Witness's Signature	 Date

## **Declaration and Informed Consent to Treatment**

#### This is to acknowledge that I have been informed and I understand that:

Any treatment or advice provided to me as a client of Dr. Dawn Cormier, Naturopathic Doctor, is not mutually exclusive from any treatment or advice that I may now be receiving or may in the future receive from another licensed health care provider. I am at the liberty to seek or continue medical care from physicians or other health care providers who are qualified to practice. Dr. Cormier, ND has not suggested to me to refrain from seeking or following the advice of another licensed health care provider.

Although Naturopathic Medicine uses very gentle therapies, even these may induce complications in certain physiological conditions such as pregnancy, lactation, very young children and in certain conditions including but not limited to diabetes, liver, heart, kidney, cancer or autoimmune diseases. It is therefore IMPORTANT to inform Dr. Cormier, ND of any illnesses you may suffer from and all medications and supplements you may be taking. Failure to disclose this information may put you at risk. If you are female and are pregnant, suspect you may be pregnant or are nursing it is your responsibility to advise Dr. Cormier ND.

I understand that slight health risks of some Naturopathic treatments may include but are not limited to: aggravation of a pre-existing condition or symptoms, herxheimer reactions, changes in digestive function, allergic reactions, detoxification rashes, pain and inflammation after some physical therapies, very rarely with acupuncture pain, fainting, bruising or injury. I will inform Dr. Cormier via phone or email if I suspect a reaction of concern. Because each individual may respond differently to treatment protocols, Dr. Cormier, ND may not be able to anticipate and explain ALL risks and possible complications to treatments, but will do her best to ensure your safety.

The potential benefits and limitations of Naturopathic treatment and expected outcomes of treatments have been explained to me.

I understand that Dr. Cormier, ND will answer any questions I have to the best of her ability. I understand that the results are no guaranteed and may vary with each client.

This consent form is intended to cover the entire course of treatments throughout the duration of care with Dr. Cormier, ND. I understand that I am free to withdraw my consent and to discontinue participation in these procedures at any time.

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of and understand the recommended diagnostic/therapeutic procedures and have discussed to my satisfaction this and any requests or concerns for related information with Dr. Dawn Cormier, ND.

I agree to pay the full amount for each visit and supplement purchase.

Patient Name (print)	Patient or Guardian Signature	Date
Doctor's Signature	Witness's Signature	Date

### Patient Consent Form - For collection, use and disclosure of personal information

Privacy of your personal information is an important part of our Clinic operations. We understand the importance of protecting your personal information. We are committed to collecting, using and disclosing your personal information responsibly.

In this Health & Wellness Centre, office reception acts as the Privacy Information Officer. All staff members who come in contact with your personal information are aware of the sensitive nature of the information that you have disclosed to us. They are trained in the appropriate use and protection of your information as per the Personal Health and Information Protection Act, 2004.

Our privacy policy outlines what our Clinic is doing to ensure that:

- only necessary information is collected about you
- we only share your information to other healthcare professionals with your consent
- storage, retention and destruction of your personal information complies with existing legislation and privacy protection
- our privacy protocols comply with privacy legislation and standards of our regulatory body, the
   College of Naturopaths

### How our Clinic Collects, uses and discloses patient's personal information

The clinic will collect, use and disclose information about you for the following purposes:

- to access your health concerns and provide health care
- to advise you of treatment options
- to invoice for goods and services and process credit card payments
- to collect unpaid accounts
- to remind you of upcoming appointments and establish and maintain contact with you
- to communicate with other treating health-care providers
- to educate via clinic newsletters
- to allow efficient follow-up of treatment and care
- to comply generally with the privacy laws and regulatory requirements
- to allow potential purchasers, practice brokers or advisors to conduct an audit in preparation for a practice sale

By signing the Patient Consent form, you have agreed that you have given your informed consent to the collection, use and/or disclosure of your personal information as outlined as above.

I agree that Dr. Cormier's Quantum Naturopathic Health & Wellness Clinic can collect, use and disclose my personal information as set out above in the clinic privacy policies.

By initialling this paragraph, you are con	100% protected when sharing medical information. nsenting to share appropriate medical information when nience and documentation for your ongoing medical care
Print name	Signature
Date	Witness