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Laryngitis



What is Laryngitis?

When we speak, we use two membranes (vocal cords) in [the larynx](#) (voice box). These chords vibrate to make sound and therefore allow us to speak, shout, and sing.

[Laryngitis](#) refers to **inflammation or irritation of the tissues of the larynx**. [Laryngitis](#) causes a hoarse voice or the complete loss of the voice because of this irritation to the vocal folds or cords.

Diagnosing Laryngitis

Mild cases of [laryngitis](#) are **usually self-diagnosed**, but an ear, nose and throat specialist (ENT) can visualize [the larynx](#) and conclusively diagnose laryngitis. Commonly the first signs are slight redness and dryness of [the larynx](#) lining, with stringy mucus between the vocal cords.

The **most common symptoms of laryngitis** are a weak, hoarse, gravelly voice; sore throat, fever, dry cough, a tickling in the back of the throat, and difficulty swallowing. There are two classifications of laryngitis:

- **Acute laryngitis**-- categorized as acute if it lasts less than a few days
- **Chronic laryngitis**-- categorized as chronic if it lasts over 3 weeks

What are the Causes of Laryngitis?

Almost everyone has experienced a sudden onset of laryngitis, usually associated with a viral infection of the upper airways. **The most common cause of laryngitis is a viral infection.** [Laryngitis](#) does not always end when the viral infection is over. The hoarseness may continue for several days to a week or longer after the infection has been treated.

[Laryngitis](#) can **also be caused by a bacterial infection**, but the inflammation of [the larynx](#) and [laryngitis](#) can also be caused by any kind of stress (not only infective) on the vocal chords.

Various Causes of Laryngitis

- Vocal overuse
- Smoking and other inhaled irritants
- Drinking of spirits
- Contact with caustic or acidic substances (including acid reflux from the

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- stomach)
- Allergic reaction
- Direct physical trauma
- Cheering at a sporting event
- Singing
- Talking very loudly for excessive periods of time
- Viral infection
- Bacterial or fungal infection
- Inflammation due to overuse of the vocal cords
- Excessive coughing

Help for Laryngitis

Correct treatment **depends on the underlying cause of laryngitis**. Some of the most common [remedies for laryngitis](#) are as simple as sucking on lozenges and sweets and avoiding places where there are irritants like smoke.

Aspirin may help to alleviate pain temporarily and antibiotics are rarely necessary. If [laryngitis](#) is due to a virus, some prescribed medications may help alleviate fever and some of the discomfort associated with laryngitis. **Sometimes laryngitis is a symptom of tonsillitis or bronchitis**. In acute [laryngitis](#) due to a cold, the viral infection is almost always quickly conquered by the body's immune system and lasts at most a few days.

Should hoarseness last for more than 3 weeks, one should consult an otolaryngologist (ear, nose, and throat physician) for an examination including direct visualization of the vocal cords. This examination may also detect the presence of vocal cord nodules, a structural change resulting in persistent hoarseness, or loss of voice.

Other Treatment for Laryngitis

Self-Care Treatment

It is best to **rest the voice** while [the larynx](#) is inflamed. A person with [laryngitis](#) should avoid talking loudly to rest the vocal cords. They should rather speak softly, but never whisper, as this will further strain the voice. Resting along with steam inhalations and **avoidance of smoke or other irritants** will allow [the larynx](#) to recover and heal.

Lifestyle changes are often the most important factor in the prevention of recurrent laryngitis. It is also imperative that you **stop smoking naturally** to avoid damaging your throat and [larynx](#). One should also avoid food and liquids for two to three hours before retiring to bed in order to **prevent active acid secretion by the stomach** during sleep. Raising the head of the bed will protect [the larynx](#) from acid reflux from the stomach during sleep. **Clearing the throat should be avoided as well**, as this can worsen symptoms, and it should rather be substituted for swallowing to clear bothersome throat secretions.

Natural Herbal and Homeopathic Remedies for Laryngitis Herbal and homeopathic remedies have been used for centuries to treat a number of conditions. [The larynx](#) is another bodily organ that can be soothed by a number of **proven herbal and homeopathic ingredients**. Such ingredients include

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All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

Gelsemium, a homeopathic remedy well-known for its ability to reduce the symptoms of sore throat and influenza.

Mercurius solubilis has been used medicinally in its raw form since the times of ancient Egypt to treat a range of infections. Manufactured in safe homeopathic potency, this homeopathic ingredient is **particularly effective in the treatment of all mouth and throat infections**, including infected throats, tonsils, tooth abscesses, and oral thrush. It is also recommended for fever, sinusitis, and ear infections.

While these ingredients help relieve troubling [laryngitis](#) symptoms, other herbal ingredients are especially helpful in **assisting the body's ability to fight off infection**. Olea europea (extract of Olive leaf) is used to fight a variety of illnesses and to **protect the body against disease, ailments, and infection of all types**. Olea europea destroys viruses by stimulating the immune system to produce white blood cells and by **preventing the replication of viruses** – as nature intended. Another well-known herb, Echinacea purpurea, is often used for its immune-strengthening properties, **helping to resolve the underlying infection** without the adverse effects associated with antibiotic use.

Natural Herbal and Homeopathic Remedies for Laryngitis

There are a number of herbal and homeopathic remedies that can be of great benefit for someone suffering with laryngitis. Since **immune deficiency is one of the highlighted causes of this infection**, naturally boosting the immune system is the first course of action for many people.

Herbs such as Echinacea purpurea, Astragalus membranaceus, Inula helenium and Withania somnifera are well-documented for their **antiviral, antifungal and antibacterial properties**, as well as their ability to strengthen and assist the immune system. These herbs not only help to treat current infections, but work well as a **preventative measure** so that the [laryngitis](#) does not reoccur.

In addition, there are also homeopathic and herbal ingredients specific to skin ailments that can **help speed recovery** and keep the affected area clean and clear from harmful bacteria. Silicea, a homeopathic tissue salt, is very effective in helping the body to expel all foreign or toxic matter, including pus, and is frequently recommended in homeopathic dosage to quickly alleviate laryngitis. In addition, naturopaths often recommend liver and systemic cleansing herbs such as Silybum marianus and Gallium aperine for the treatment of recurring Laryngitis.

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox 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

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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 on by conventional doctors, especially by those who did 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, which 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 and that, 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 empirical evidence to support their effectiveness and safety. In addition, active clinical research is carried out by many academic hospitals and universities to support the extensive traditional and empirical evidence behind natural medicines.

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 – giving natural



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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. These include 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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