

CASTOR OIL PACK DETOXIFICATION

Background: The castor bean (*Oleum ricini*) is known principally as a cathartic (strong laxative). As a pack placed over the abdomen, usually with heat applied, the oil is absorbed into the lymphatic circulation to provide a soothing, cleansing, and nutritive treatment.

Use: The castor oil pack is specific for non-cancerous uterine fibroids and ovarian cysts. Other conditions which seem to respond well include headaches, liver disorders, constipation, intestinal disorders, gallbladder inflammation or stones, conditions with poor elimination, night time urinary frequency, and inflamed joints. It is not to be used during pregnancy, heavy menstrual flow, or the presence of internal bleeding.

Materials Needed: organic castor oil, a sheet of plastic (a garbage bag is fine), 36" x 18" piece of cotton flannel, hot water bottle or heating pad, pillows, and baking soda.

Procedure:

1. Fold flannel into 3 layers to fit over entire abdomen.
2. Soak flannel with castor oil. Fold flannel in half and strip excess from pack. Unfold.
3. Lie on your back with your feet elevated (use of a pillow under your knees and feet works well), placing oil-soaked flannel over abdomen, cover with a small sheet of plastic and then an old towel. Place a hot water bottle or heating pad on top.
4. Leave pack on for 45-60 minutes. Practice relaxation breathing by placing one hand on your diaphragm and the other hand on your lower abdomen. As you breathe in, force your lower abdomen to swell like a balloon. With each breath out, practice relaxing your jaw and shoulders. As you practice more, relax all muscles in your body. You may even fall asleep and wear the pack all night. If using a heating pad, unplug it before falling asleep.
5. To remove the oil, wash with a solution of 2 tablespoons of baking soda to 1-quart water or BioKleen Citrus Soap.
6. Store the castor pack in the refrigerator in a large zip-lock bag. Add more oil only as needed to keep the pack saturated. Replace the pack after it begins to change color.
7. For maximum effectiveness, apply the pack as often as possible- at least 4 consecutive days per week for at least 4-6 weeks. Daily use provides the most beneficial effects.

Alternative Method: Apply the castor oil directly to your abdomen without the flannel pack. A sheet of plastic covers the oil soaked skin, with towel on top. A hot water bottle or heating pad is applied. This is often applied for the entire night and in the morning the castor oil will be totally absorbed through the skin. This is the best method for young children. Use old sheets as the castor oil permanently stains.

