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5 Ways to Manage Menopause Naturally

Natural Remedies and Techniques for Night Sweats, Hot Flashes, Insomnia and More



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Hot flashes, night sweats, insomnia, thinning hair, lower sex drive—these are just some of the unpleasant menopause symptoms you may be experiencing that make you feel unlike your normal self. But conventional hormone replacement therapy, which may minimize your symptoms, may also expose you to higher risks of cancer and other health issues (1). If you're looking for natural remedies for your journey through menopause, we've got what you're looking for!

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1. Minimize hot flashes



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Some herbal remedies for hot flashes include black cohosh, dong quai, B vitamins, vitamin E, and oils like evening primrose and black currant. You may also wish to incorporate some foods such as soy, which is high in isoflavones that mimic estrogen and flaxseed which modulates the metabolism of hormones (2).

2. Cut down on night sweats



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Soy is also a great food for helping with night sweats, as are cold drinks like

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water or juices infused with green vegetables.

3. Use natural insomnia remedies



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Insomnia can be a huge problem for you if you're experiencing menopause, especially if you suffer from night sweats. To combat this, start by having a consistent bedtime routine, reducing or avoiding caffeine, and ensuring you get regular exercise. Then add other natural remedies like spending time outdoors, using relaxation and meditation techniques, and taking natural sleep aids like valerian root or melatonin.

4. Prevent thinning hair



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Hormonal changes with menopause can lead to thinning hair known as female pattern baldness. You can do some things to prevent it by avoiding certain prescription drugs (like blood thinners, gout treatments, or blood pressure meds), cultivating a diet high in omega-3 fatty acids, and minimizing hair treatments and twisting or tight styling techniques (3).

5. Avoid fluid retention



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Menopause can make you feel puffy and uncomfortable. To avoid fluid retention, eat a diet low in sodium and incorporate natural diuretic foods into your diet, like celery, eggplant, asparagus, or onion. You may also benefit from herbal remedies like hawthorn (*crataegus oxycanthus*) (4).

In addition to these natural remedies for the big menopause symptoms, lifestyle habits like getting enough exercise, meditation, yoga, and relaxation

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techniques can also help to make you feel more like yourself through this important transition.

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