



# Oldham Chiropractic Clinic

July 2018 Newsletter

It seems that Summer is well and truly here !!!!



School is almost over, and the summer weather is set to continue. The heatwave is set to continue, with the temperature reaching 30.1C (86.1F) at the end of June- making it the hottest day of the year so far. There's no sign of the hot weather abating.

If you want to enjoy the summer without getting all hot and bothered, here's how to keep your cool.

**Breathe Deeply** - Even breathing can help you stay cool. Yoga has a cooling breathing technique, where you roll your tongue and breathe slowly through the mouth, to help lower body heat and ease stress.

**Cover Up** - Some people prefer to shed their clothes in the heat but keep your modesty with long loose clothes in natural fibres. Those living in the hottest countries will often cover themselves from head to toe, which can help to shade the skin and protect the body from the sun.

**Don't Fan yourself** - At least, don't fan yourself with your hands. Although this will create a rush of air and make you feel temporarily cooler, the vigorous action uses a lot of energy and will raise your body temperature in the long run.

If you're going to fan yourself, use a piece of paper or flexible object with a large surface area to create a fanning movement without putting in much effort yourself.

**Herbal Remedy** - certain herbs are used for their cooling qualities and, according to traditional herbalists, can help fight the heat when eaten or when used on the skin, such as in a soap or lotion.

Mint is an obvious choice, with plenty of mint body washes available and delicious in a cooling lemonade, but chamomile, dandelion leaf, hibiscus, and raspberry leaf can also help.

## Product of the Month

Curcumin has the ability to bring down inflammation in the body, across multiple pathways, all at the same time.

Curcumin is known to help reduce pain, inflammation and stiffness.

It may also help to protect and maintain the health of joints and bones, and their flexibility.

CurcuDyn also contains ginger extract. Both curcumin and ginger are both known for their ability to help manage inflammation within the body, and for their ability to support joint health.

Ginger may also help to maintain the mobility of joints and may help to alleviate morning joint stiffness.

CurcuDyn also contains vitamin D3, which supports the normal function of the muscles, bones and the immune system.

It also features vitamin C, which contributes to collagen formation for the function of cartilage - the connective tissue that covers the surfaces of our joints.



## Team Member of the Month



Ciara McKeown

Team member of the month is the amazing Ciara!!  
For stepping up to do team presentations and the awesome 'bee free from allergies' display

**Don't forget to reserve a place for you and a friend at our Health Talk**

**Dates available at the front desk**



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## ONE MAN'S FOOD IS ANOTHER MAN'S POISON

We seem to be living in an age of growing awareness and incidence of food sensitivities, be they allergies or intolerances. Are these issues actually getting worse or is this really a form of self-diagnosis that is just 'all in the mind'? Could it be that the more we hybridise, modify and process, add chemicals and deplete the soil, then the more we struggle to break down food, absorb and utilise nutrients and open the door to food reactivity? Sounds plausible doesn't it!

Take wheat and gluten for example, we've all heard of the old custom of 'breaking bread', well I'd challenge anyone to 'break' a loaf of white elastic that passes for bread at the local store. For the want of quick baking, increased shelf life and low cost we often consume a product that bears little resemblance to what was traditionally enjoyed.

How do you know if you do have a sensitivity? Reactions can be very different. A true allergic response can be very rapid, eg eating a peanut can send someone into an anaphylactic shock.

Other antibody reactions such as an IgA response may take place up to 72 hours after exposure, an IgM reaction much later. Diagnosis therefore can be problematic, testing for one kind of response doesn't rule out another.

Diagnosing celiac disease, an autoimmune condition, requires specific testing, detecting non-celiac gluten sensitivity is more subjective though certain testing may indicate an issue.

Relying on symptoms can also be problematic given not only the time delay before reactions may take place but also the fact that symptoms can be extremely diverse. Whilst it could be bloating and gas, it could also be brain fog and mood swings.



So what can we all do to help ourselves?

- Pay attention to your body and start to notice symptoms that may recur after certain foods are eaten.
- Rotate foods to at least limit exposure to those that may be problematic. Overexposure can promote problems down the line.
- Identify foods that you 'can't do without', they can often be ones we need the least!
- Eat real food, unprocessed and organic, nature intended for food to be our friend not foe.
- Adopt a big bang approach and phase out common offenders such as wheat, dairy, soy. Corn, rice, eggs and nuts may typically cause issues. Be systematic with phasing foods back in if you do exclude for a time.
- Nourish your digestive system with foods that heal.
- Consider testing if issues are difficult to resolve.

## Natural Remedies for Seasonal Allergies

The prevalence of allergies is on the rise and the UK has some of the highest prevalence rates of allergic conditions in the world, with over 20% of the population affected by one or more allergic disorder.

Allergic reactions begin in your immune system. An allergy happens when the immune system mistakes a harmless substance for a harmful one. In someone suffering with hay fever their immune system reacts to pollen by producing antibodies that "attack" the allergen.

**Here are some natural remedies to calm your immune system's response and relieve the symptoms associated with seasonal allergies:**



Take a Probiotic - A strong immune system starts with a healthy gut. More than 80 percent of your immune system is stored in your gastrointestinal tract! Research has linked probiotic supplement use to reduced risk of allergies.

Reduce inflammation - Chronic inflammation is associated with increased incidence of allergies. Increasing the amount of anti-inflammatory foods, you eat and cutting out pro-inflammatory foods will help. You can also take anti-inflammatory supplements such as turmeric and omega 3 fish oils.

Consume Quercetin - Quercetin is a flavonoid naturally found in plant foods and can help to decrease the release of histamine. The best sources of quercetin include berries, red grapes, apples, apricots, tea, onions, broccoli, kale and green tea.

Swap table sugar for raw, local honey - This old remedy has been disputed, but raw honey, as well as tasting delicious, contains bee pollen, which is known to ward off infections and boost immunity. The theory is that consuming local honey will expose your body to local pollen and decrease your allergic response.

Use essential oils - Eucalyptus and chamomile oils have been associated with decreasing the symptoms of hay fever by soothing the irritation in the upper respiratory passages such as the nose, sinus and throat. Add a couple of drops of these oils to your diffuser or do a steam inhalation if you're congested.

