

Natural Medicines in the Clinical Management of Pain

Recommendation Chart for Natural Medicines Used for Pain *						
Safety \ Effective	Likely Safe	Possibly Safe	Insufficient Evidence	Possibly Unsafe	Likely Unsafe	Unsafe
Effective						
Likely Effective	- Camphor - Capsicum - Glucosamine sulfate - SAmE					
Possibly Effective	- Acetyl-L-carnitine - Chondroitin sulfate	- Alpha-lipoic acid - Avocado - Bromelain - Cat's claw - Cetylated fatty acids - Devil's claw - MSM - Soybean oil - Willow bark (back pain)		- 5-HTP		
Insufficient Evidence	- Ginger	- Glucosamine hydrochloride - Phellodendron - Stinging nettle - Turmeric - Willow bark (OA/RA)	- N-acetyl glucosamine	- Marijuana		
Possibly Ineffective	- St. John's wort			- L-tryptophan		
Likely Ineffective						
Ineffective						

KEY:

Consider recommending this product.

Don't recommend using this product.

Recommend against using this product.

* These proposed recommendations are based solely on the Safety and Effectiveness Ratings contained in *Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database*. This assumes use of high-quality, uncontaminated products and the use of typical doses. Keep in mind that some products are never appropriate for some patients due to concomitant disease states, potential drug interactions, or other clinical factors. Use your clinical judgment before recommending any product.