

Natural Medicines in the Clinical Management of Menopausal Symptoms

Recommendation Chart for Natural Medicines Used for Menopausal Symptoms*						
Safety \ Effectiveness	Likely Safe	Possibly Safe	Insufficient Evidence	Possibly Unsafe	Likely Unsafe	Unsafe
Effective						
Likely Effective						
Possibly Effective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flaxseed - Soy foods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black cohosh - Soy extracts - St. John's wort (in combination with black cohosh) 				
Insufficient Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chasteberry - St. John's wort (alone) - Valerian - Vitamin E - Yoga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alfalfa - DHEA (short-term use) - Hops - Kudzu - Licorice - Red clover - Sage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambersen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DHEA (long-term use) 		
Possibly Ineffective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evening primrose oil - Reflexology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dong quai (short-term use) - Panax ginseng - Wild yam 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dong quai (long-term use) 		
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.