

Complementary and Alternative Medicine



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A Gaia Busy Person's Guide to Massage by Eilean Bentley. Toronto: McArthur, 2003

This handy guide provides simple massage techniques which can be self-administered or done on others. The clearly described and illustrated sequences help eliminate tension and tiredness, as well as boosting energy and improving concentration.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Acupuncture Foundation of Canada
416-752-3988
The Canadian Chiropractic Association
416-781-5656
The Canadian Naturopathic Association
416-496-8633
Canadian Reiki Association
1-800-835-7525
Reflexology Association of Canada
1-877-722-3338
FACT (Friends of Alternative and Complementary Therapies)
416-299-5113

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This brief guide is intended to provide health information. It does not imply recommendation of any treatment and should not be substituted for the advice of a health care provider.

To support the provision of health information at Trillium Health Centre, we have developed "HealthFinders" on a variety of health topics. These serve as starting points on your quest for health information, and represent just a selection of our resources. HealthFinders are also available through our web site at <http://www.trilliumhealthcentre.org/health>

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INTERNET SITES

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine <http://nccam.nih.gov>

NCCAM is part of the National Institutes of Health in the United States. It is dedicated to exploring complementary and alternative practices in the context of rigorous science, and providing authoritative information for the public and professionals. The 'Health Information' link gives access to a wide range of information on various types of therapy, searchable by therapy type or by condition.

The Alternative Medicine Homepage <http://www.pitt.edu/~cbw/altm.html>

This site is maintained by the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library and is an excellent collection of links to reputable sources of information on various types of complementary and alternative therapies. A list of mailing lists and newsgroups is a useful feature.

HerbMed <http://www.herbmed.org>

Herbmed is an interactive electronic database which provides access to authoritative scientific data regarding the use of herbs for health. The site provides free access to 45 of the more common herbal remedies, and an even wider selection is available by subscription. Click on the link 'Herb List' on the top banner to see what can be accessed without charge.

New York Online Access to Health (NOAH) <http://noah-health.org>

NOAH is maintained by a consortium of libraries in New York City, and provides an excellent collection of resources in the area of consumer health. Click on 'Health Topics', and then choose Complementary and Alternative

Therapies from the resulting list to access numerous articles and fact sheets, arranged by type of therapy.

BOOKS

Herbs: Everyday Reference for Health Professionals edited by Frank Chandler. Ottawa: Canadian Pharmacists Association and Canadian Medical Association, 2000

This authoritative reference book features essential information on 57 commonly used herbs. Information provided includes uses, recommended doses, interactions with pharmaceutical products and safety in pregnancy. For use in the Centres only.

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Mayo Clinic Book of Alternative Medicine
Rochester, MN: Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, 2007.

This attractively laid out and illustrated book provides up-to-date information on a variety of alternative therapies. Mayo Clinic doctors assess the proven effectiveness of complementary and alternative medicine and advise when its use is appropriate.

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EG 100 B28 2007 Health Information and Wellness Centre, both locations
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What Works What Doesn't: the Guide to Alternative Healthcare by Pat Thomas. Dublin: Newleaf, 2002.

This book aims to provide the consumer with trustworthy information regarding the efficacy

of practices such as herbal medicine, homeopathy, massage and other alternative therapies. Medical and scientific studies are fully referenced.

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EG 100 T46 2002 Health Information and Wellness Centre, both locations

Naturopathic Nutrition by Abram Hoffer and Jonathan Prousky. Toronto: CCNM Press, 2006.

This is a practical guide which describes an optimum diet of nutrient-rich food and supplements for better health. It features an analysis of the nutrient content of common foods, as well as case study accounts of nutritional treatment of many illnesses.

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EG 410 H63 2006 Health Information and Wellness Centre, both locations

Alternative Medicine: a Special Health Report from Harvard Medical School Boston, MA: Harvard Medical School, 2001

This report aims to provide authoritative information both for people already using complementary therapies and those who are considering their use. Topics include diet, herbs, chiropractic, acupuncture and hypnosis.

Availability for loan:
EG 100 H27 2001 Health Information & Wellness Centre, both locations

Yoga Therapy by A.G. and Indra Mohan. Boston: Shambhalla, 2004

This is an essential guide for those who wish to make therapeutic use of yoga. The authors describe postures, breathing techniques, and Ayurvedic diet principles for a variety of common health problems. The book is well illustrated throughout.