

Possible Unsuspected Cause of Chronic Illness: Intestinal Parasites

Parasites May Go Undetected and Symptoms May Be Misdiagnosed

While intestinal parasitic worms are relatively easy to detect, many parasitic protozoa that dwell in the intestinal lumen are not readily detected by stool examination. Protozoa such as *Entamoeba histolytica*, *Giardia lamblia* and others may go undetected and symptoms caused by these parasites are often misdiagnosed.⁽¹⁵⁾

These may be spread directly from person to person or indirectly through food or water. *Giardia* has been reported to be present in 10 to 28% of the lakes, rivers and creeks tested in North America and in 3.4% of the U.S. drinking water samples receiving conventional treatment.

Undetected Parasites Rob Essential Nutrients Leaving the Patient Vulnerable to Other Diseases

Parasites rob the body of nutrients and irritate the intestinal lining which causes poor absorption of nutrients.⁽⁷⁾ The host is then left vulnerable to other diseases.

Manifestations of protozoan infection include gastrointestinal disorders, rheumatologic disease, immune dysfunction, chronic fatigue, depression and malabsorption. Patients who exhibit these symptoms, especially if diarrhea is present, should be thoroughly examined for intestinal parasites.⁽¹⁵⁾

In clinical trials, patients previously diagnosed or showing symptoms of ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia syndrome, chronic candidiasis, food sensitivities and depression have experienced relief when intestinal parasites were eliminated.⁽¹⁵⁾

A diligent search for intestinal parasites is mandated in all patients with HIV. Pathogenic strains of *E. histolytica* contain lectins which stimulate T-helper cells, making them more susceptible to HIV; they also contain substances which can induce HIV in vitro.⁽¹⁵⁾

Several types of parasitic worms can live in the human intestines, the most common being pinworms, tapeworms, hookworms and roundworms. Symptoms of parasitic worms include diarrhea, hunger pains, appetite loss, weight loss and anemia. The most common parasitic worm in the United States is the pinworm. The chief symptom of this small thread-like worm is rectal itch-

PARADEX HERBAL FORMULA™

Herbal Formula to Combat Worms and Parasites

Product No. 433 Fill Size: 90 Capsules

Each Capsule Contains:

Black Walnut Husks (*Juglans nigra*) - - - - 250 mg.

Artemisia (*Artemisia annua*) - - - - - 100 mg.

Pau D'Arco (*Tabebuia avellanedae*) - - - - 100 mg.

Odorless Garlic (*Allium sativum*) - - - - - 50 mg.

Pumpkin Seed (*Curcubita pepo*) - - - - - 50 mg.

Other ingredients: magnesium stearate and gelatin.

Recommended Usage: Three capsules daily.

ing, especially at night. Roundworms can leave the intestines and settle in different areas of the body, causing diseases such as pneumonia, jaundice or periodontitis.⁽⁷⁾

Those at high risk for intestinal parasites include travelers to Latin America, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Soviet Union, wilderness and fresh water sports enthusiasts, homosexual men, inmates of institutions, residents of mountain states drinking unfiltered municipal water, children and workers in child care centers and their families. When parasites are detected in one family member, other members are likely to be infected, even if they are asymptomatic.⁽¹⁵⁾

Selected Herbs and Seeds Eliminate Parasites Naturally

There is a long list of drugs used to eliminate parasites and with it a long list of side effects. **Paradex Herbal Formula** contains natural active ingredients, including seeds and herbs, known to eliminate intestinal parasites.

Artemisia annua, or annual wormwood, has been used effectively in treating patients infected with the intestinal protozoa *G. lamblia* and *E. histolytica*⁽¹⁵⁾ as well as parasites associated with malaria.^(10,12)

Clinical studies have demonstrated a 100% cure rate in 485 cases of tertian malaria and a 92.7% cure rate in 105 cases of subtertian cerebral malaria.⁽¹⁰⁾ In another series of 2099 malaria patients

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