

# Low Dose Naltrexone

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# Low Dose Naltrexone (LDN)

## Learning Objectives

1. **What is Naltrexone? Why Low Dose Naltrexone**
2. **What are the two mechanisms of action of Low Dose Naltrexone (LDN)?**
3. **What Conditions are Known to Be Treated Successfully with LDN?**
4. **What is the Efficacy and Safety of LDN vs. “Traditional” Therapies**
5. **How is LDN Dosed?**
6. **What are the three most common side effects of LDN**
7. **What are the Psychiatric Conditions Addressed by LDN?**
8. **Which herbal and/or homeopathic remedies enhance or mimic LDN**
9. **Identify Skin, Hair, and Pain Syndromes Amenable to LDN input.**

# *Disclosures*

*None*

# 1985 New York City AIDS Crisis

*Patients Present w Severe Atypical Infections/Inflammation*

**Etiology? A Virus**

**Treatment?**

**Noting Concrete- Anything Goes**

**Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures**

# Enter Naltrexone

- **FDA approved in 1984**
- **50 mg. Naltrexone is an opioid receptor antagonist**
- **Treats alcohol and opioid dependence**
- **No agonist properties to naltrexone.**
- **Diminishing opioid receptors blocks pleasure derived from alcohol or narcotics.**

# Opioid System and Opioid Receptors

## ■ Opioid receptors

- *4 Major Subtypes*
  - **Delta, Kappa, Mu, Nociceptin receptor**

## ■ Sites:

- *Brain*
- *Spinal Cord*
- *Periphery Neurons*
- *Digestive tract*
- *Immune system (80% of Immune System Resides in Small Intestine)*

# Opioid System and Opioid Receptors

- **The endogenous opioid system mediates complex social behaviors including:**
  - *Formation of stable, emotionally committed relationships.*
  - *Pain Modulation*
- **Immune cells are significantly inhibited by morphine in a dose-dependent manner.**
- **IFN-alpha and IFN-beta production by normal lymphocytes and fibroblasts inhibited by morphine.**
  - *Inhibition of IFN alpha production by morphine is reversed by opiate receptor antagonists.*
  - *Immunomodulatory effects of morphine are mediated through the opioid receptor.*



# How Does Naltrexone Work? (1)

## ■ Naltrexone binds to and blocks:

- Pleasure-promoting  $\mu$ (mu)-, (delta)-and (epsilon)-opioid receptors [endorphins] found on cell membranes
- Opioid growth factor (OGF) receptors [met-enkephalin] found on the membrane of the cell nucleus.

■ Opioid system up-regulates NK and T cells, down-regulates TNF-alpha cells and alters cytokine and interferon signaling.



# Origin of Low Dose Naltrexone

- Immune enhancement and inflammatory
- First used in 1985 for the relief of symptoms of AIDS patients
- Originally referenced as LDN for 10 mg or fewer doses.
- Now prescribed in 0.25 to 4.5 mg increments, 10-to 50-fold lower than for opioid addiction.

# High Dose Naltrexone vs. Low Dose Naltrexone (2)

High Dose Naltrexone (10 mg/kg)	Low Dose Naltrexone (0.1 mg/kg)
Blocks endogenous opioids, meta-enkephalin receptors continuously.	Blocks opioid receptors temporarily (2-6 hours)
No pleasure experience pleasure from alcohol or opioids.	Leads to a rebound increase in: Endogenous opioids Endorphins
Decrease endorphins.	Inhibits cell proliferation
Promotes Cell Growth Increases tumor growth	Decreases tumor growth

# **Pain Modulation and the Immune System**

## **The Discovery of Opioid Growth Factors <sup>(3)</sup>**

- **Opioid growth factors, (aka Met(5)-enkephalin, (OGF) and receptors.**

**Pain Modulators**

**Regulates immune function & cell proliferation.**

- **OGF**

- **Suppress autoimmune reactions**
- **Decreases inflammation**
- **Anti-bacterial, Anti-fungal, Antiviral properties**
- **Slows growth of malignant cells.**

# Naltrexone and Opioid Growth Factors

- **Naltrexone blocks OGF activity by attaching to OGF receptor sites.**
  - **High-dose naltrexone continuously block OGF.**
    - **Synthesis and sensitivity decrease.**
  - **LDN temporarily blocks OGF. Synthesis and sensitivity increase.**
- **Blocking OGF receptors renders cells temporarily deficient in OGF.**
  - **When unblocked, OGF and OGF receptors produced.**

# LDN and Opioid Growth Factors (4)

## ■ LDN Diminishes TNF, IL-6 Production

- **Increases endorphins**
- **Decreases inflammatory cytokines**
- **Effects shifts from TH-1 (proinflammatory) cells to TH-2 (anti-inflammatory) cells.**

# **A Brief Look at the Root Cause of Chronic Disease**

*True or False?*

**Atherosclerosis and All Chronic Disease**

*Are Manifestations of Chronic Inflammation*

# **A Brief Look at the Root Cause of Chronic Disease**

■ **Cholesterol is to Heart Disease as Police are to Burglaries**

■ **After all when there is a burglary, there are Police**

■ **Where there is Heart Disease there are Cholesterol Plaques**



# Biomarkers Elevated In Chronic Disease


**Cytokines C-reactive protein (CRP)**

+ Relationship b elevated hs-cRP and cardiovascular (CVD) events.

**Chemokines Toll-like receptors**

**Fibrinogen Lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A2**

# Psoriasis as a Clinical Marker of Inflammation

- Psoriasis is associated with  risk for ASVD, CAD, and CVA
- Psoriasis Pt. has a 5-year shorter life expectancy due to CVD.
- *Psoriasis is associated with elevated CRP and other cytokines*
- Patients with psoriasis represent an emerging risk population
- Moderate to severe psoriasis patients should be screened for CVD risk factors.

# **Naltrexone and Psoriasis**

**LDN found safe and effective for psoriasis including pruritus. (5)**

**Interleukin 6 is expressed in high levels in psoriatic skin. (6)**

**Epidermal opioid systems, rather than hyperinnervation causes psoriatic pruritus. (7)**

# Naltrexone Topical Solutions (Formulas in Addendum)

**Psoriasis Plaque**-1% Naltrexone Cream, Lotion or Gel

**Alopecia Areata**-Topical 1% in Scalp Solution

**Topical Wound Care**-Naltrexone facilitates closure of full-thickness wounds in diabetic rats.<sup>(8)</sup>

-Selective blockade of the OGF-OGFr pathway accelerates fibroblast proliferation and wound healing.<sup>(9)</sup>

# Naltrexone Topical Solutions (Formulas in Addendum)

- ❖ **Prevention of Scars and Keloid Treatment** <sup>(10)</sup>
  - *Fibroblasts regulate immune/inflammatory responses through Toll-like Receptors*
  - *Controls inflammation and manipulates TLR in skin cell receptors*
- ❖ **Burns and Contracture Scars**
- ❖ **Sjogren's Syndrome (1-4 drops, 50 uM/ml)**
- ❖ **Diabetic Neuropathy**
  - *Normalizes tear production and corneal sensitivity in type I diabetic rats.* <sup>(11)</sup>
- ❖ **Sinusitis**
  - *0.5% NTX Nasal Spray*

# “TH-1” vs. “TH-2” Helper Cells

■ T cells exhibit "helper" and "suppressor or killer" functions.

- T cells sense the presence of infected cells and removes them directly.
- T helper cells come in two varieties, TH-1 and TH-2.
- Healthy individuals have more TH-1 cells than TH-2 cells. Injured patients find this ratio reversed. <sup>(12)</sup>

■ When TH-1 and TH-2 are properly balanced, the immune system is intact.

# “TH-1” vs. “TH-2” Helper Cells

## ■ T Helper 1 (TH-1) Cells

*Responsible for killing intracellular parasites and perpetuating autoimmune responses*

• *Excessive proinflammatory responses can lead to uncontrolled tissue damage.*

**Excess TH-1 results in cellular immunity issues, i.e. type 1 diabetes mellitus and Crohn's Disease.**

■ **Interferon gamma is the main TH-1 cytokine.**



# “TH-1” vs. “TH-2” Helper Cells

## T Helper 2 (TH-2) Cells

- *The TH2-type cytokines include interleukins 4, 5, and 13,*
- *Associated with the promotion of IgE and eosinophilic responses in atopy*
- *Interleukin-10 (anti-inflammatory response)*
- *In excess, **TH-2 responses will counteract the TH-1 mediated microbicidal action.***
- *Excess of TH-2 or humoral immunity is present in autoimmune, infectious, allergies, and cancer issues.*

## B cells assist killer T cells and keeping the immune response under control.

- *Once activated, helper T cells produce immune substances instructing B cells to produce antibodies.*

# Conditions Treated by LDN

- Crohn's Disease
- Fibromyalgia
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Cancer
- Autism
- RA/SLE, etc.
- HIV/AIDS —the original use of LDN in 1985
- Parkinson's
- Gulf War Syndrome
- ALS
- Diabetes
- Hashimoto's thyroiditis
- Weight Loss

# Crohn's Disease

## ■ 17 Patient 2007 Pilot Study

- Unresponsive or intolerant to conventional therapies
- Received 4.5 mg LDN at bedtime.
- **67% of treated patients vs. 23% in a placebo-controlled trial were in remission of their disease at 90 days.** <sup>(13)</sup>

- Improved quality of life scores within four (4) weeks when given the Crohn's Disease Activity Index (CDAI) and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Questionnaire (IBDQ). <sup>(14)</sup>

## ■ 40 Patient Follow-up Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study

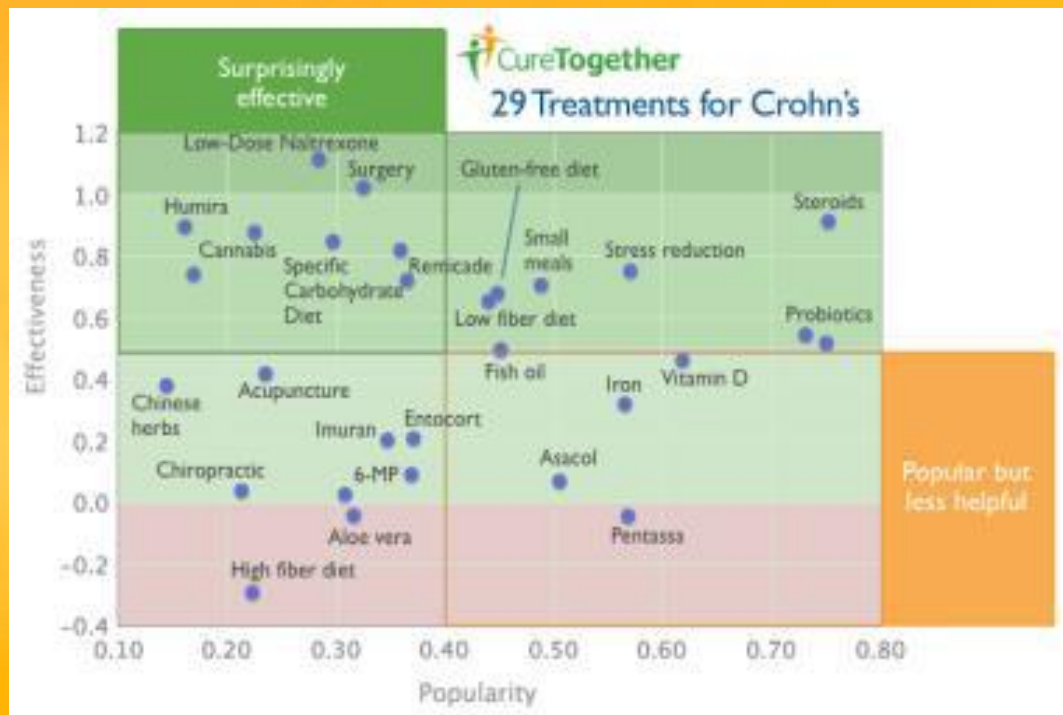
### ■ Rx: 4.5-mg Naltrexone or Placebo (Providers and patients masked):

- **70-point decline in Crohn's Disease Activity Index score (CDAI).**
- **Secondary outcome- >200% increase in mucosal healing based upon colonoscopy appearance and histology versus placebo.** <sup>(15)</sup>

# LDN and Crohn's Disease

- **67% effective remission rate**
- **No reports of significant toxicity**
- **Cost effective (30-60\$/mo)**
  - **“Standard” aminosalicylates (Asacol; Pentasa generics \$985- 1200\$/mo) or infliximab (4500\$/mo).<sup>(16)</sup>**

# LDN and Crohn's Disease (17)



# Fibromyalgia

**S/S**

**Diffuse musculoskeletal pain & sensitivity to pressure at specific trigger points without a diagnosable cause.**

**“I hurt, I don’t know why, and nothing fixes it.”**

**It affects 1–2% of the general population, mostly women.**

**Conventional medical treatments are notoriously ineffective.**

**1. Fatigue**

**1. Sleep disturbances**

**1. Deleterious effects on:**

- Thinking**
- Concentration**
- Memory.**



# Pregabalin (Lyrica)

- **FDA approved.**
- **Effectiveness is hit or miss.**
- **Mechanism of Action: Diminishes Nerve Cell Discharges**
- **Ratings between 3.0 and 3.5 on a 5 point scale.**
- **Some rave, others curse it's existence.**



# Lyrica Side Effects (19)

**Sleepiness**

**Vertigo**

**Feeling of being “Hung Over”**

**Blurred Vision**

**Dry Mouth**

**Swelling of hands, Feet, Mouth, Throat**

**Chest Tightness**

**Weight Gain**

**Loss of Concentration and Memory**

**Sudden Mood Changes**

**Unusual Thoughts or Behavior**

**Extreme happiness or depression**

**Suicidal thoughts**

**Bleeding**

**Bruising**

**Physical Weakness.**

# **LDN Mechanism of Action in Fibromyalgia**

- **Affects the microglia, the first line of defense in the central nervous system.**
- **Microglia activated by cell death, inflammation, and infection**
  - **Increase pro-inflammatory cytokines, excitatory amino acids, and nitric oxide (NO).**
  - **Stimulate NF-Kappa Beta, IL-6 to produce more even more proinflammatory cytokines**
- **Acts on neurons creating pain, fatigue, and the other S/S of fibromyalgia.**
- **LDN suppresses Microglial Activation.**

# Fibromyalgia Study (20)

- **12 women; average age 44; placebo controlled single blind crossover study. Exclusions included RF>20 IU/mL, ANA>1:80, and ESR>60.**
- **Recording parameters:**
  - **Subjective VAS 0-100, “How severe is your fibromyalgia symptoms been today?”**
  - **Average daily pain, highest pain, fatigue, sadness, stress, sleep quality, memory remember, GI symptoms & headache frequency and severity diary.**
- **Objective Findings:**
  - **Ashi (tender) point exam (via an algometer),**
  - **Hot and cold pain,**
  - **ESR.**
- **50 % of patients perceived their fibromyalgia as “improved or much improved.”**
  - **10% of patients stated there was little to no change.**

# Follow Up Study<sup>(21)</sup>

- **31 women with fibromyalgia in randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover trial.**
- **Materials:**
  - Algotmeter,
  - Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire (FIQ),
  - Beck Depression Index (BDI-II).
- **Treatment Arm: 4.5 mg. Naltrexone x 22 Weeks**
  - The treatment arm included 4.5 mg of naltrexone for 22 weeks.
- **Results:**
  - Pain reduced 28.8% with LDN, 18.0% reduction with placebo (P= 0.016).
  - QOL improved (P= 0.045),
  - Mood improved (P= 0.039),
  - Fatigue or sleep did not improve significantly.
    - 32% of patients met the criteria for a significant reduction in pain plus a substantial decline in either fatigue or sleep problems vs. 11% placebo (P= 0.05)
- **Side effects were similar to placebo with no serious side effects reported.**

# Multiple Sclerosis

**Prevents excitatory neurotoxicity of glutamate on neuronal cells and oligodendrocytes**

- ***Reduces* inducible nitric oxide synthase activity**
  - ***Decreases* peroxynitrite formation**
  - ***Inhibits* glutamate transporters.**

**Reduces apoptosis of oligodendrocytes. <sup>(22)</sup>**

# Multiple Sclerosis Study<sup>(23)</sup>

**60 (of 80) patients completed eight weeks of 4.5 mg LDN nightly.**

- **Self-reported quality of life questionnaires.**
- **LDN well tolerated and exhibited no serious adverse events.**

## **Findings:**

- **3.3-point improvement on the Mental Component of the SF-36 G.H. Survey (p = 0.04)**
- **6-point improvement on the Mental Health Inventory**
- **1.6-point improvement on the Pain Effects Scale (p = .04)**
- **2.4-point improvement on the Perceived Deficits Questionnaire (p = 0.05)**



# Quality of Life Study

- Effects on spasticity, pain, fatigue, depression, and quality of life:
- Beta-endorphins (BE) and beta-endorphin concentration increased, resulting in a significant reduction of spasticity. <sup>(24)</sup>



# Cancer

- **Opioid growth factors (OGF) are important regulators of the onset and progression of a variety of human cancers. OGFs bind to the OGF receptors (OGFr) to delay the interface of the cell cycle.**
- **Increasing OGF-OGFr activity in cancer cells by exogenous OGF depresses cell proliferation.<sup>(25)</sup>**
- **OGF suppresses cancer growth in hepatocellular and follicular thyroid carcinoma cell lines.<sup>(26-27)</sup>**
- **The opioid growth factor (OGF;[Met(5)]-enkephalin) and its receptor (OGFr) mediate the action of LDN on cell proliferation. LDN produces rebound OGF activity. LDN inhibits cell proliferation in vivo.<sup>(28)</sup>**

# Cancer Studies

- **In vitro and in vivo experiments show increases IL-2, WBCs, NK cell activity, interferon, greater destruction of opportunistic organisms, and cancer cells. <sup>(29)</sup>**
- **LDN (0.1 mg/kg) reduced neuroblastoma tumor incidence in mice 66%, decreased tumor development 98% and increased survival 36%. <sup>(30)</sup>**

# Cancer Studies 2

- Mice inoculated with ovarian tumors treated with short-term LDN combined with either cisplatin or taxol, revealed the **LDN + cisplatin**, but not taxol, mice, had less tumorigenesis and angiogenesis. **The LDN alleviated weight loss associated with cisplatin toxicity.** <sup>(31)</sup>
- A review of case reports of several **pancreatic cancer patients treated with IV lipoic acid + LDN reported all signs of cancer gone including liver metastases.** <sup>(32)</sup>

# Cancer Studies 3

- A prospective phase II trial of 24 advanced pancreatic cancer patients who failed chemotherapy treated with 250 µg/kg OGF IV resulted in a three-fold increase in median survival time vs. untreated patients with tumor sizes stabilizing or shrinking in 62% of patients. <sup>(33)</sup>
- Although there is strong indications of benefits with little risk for LDN, there is limited support for its use in cancer, in the medical literature.

# The Autistic Spectrum

- 18 children ages 3 –8 showed improvement with fidgeting and hyperactivity. There was no effect on learning. <sup>(34)</sup>
  
- Double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover study, 13 children 3 -8 years old improved in :
  - **Self-injurious behavior**
  - **Communication skills**
  - **Hyperactivity, Agitation**
  - **Social withdrawal**
  - **Stereotyped behaviors**
  - **Attention**
  - **Eye contact**

# Low Dose Naltrexone in Anti-Aging

- Immune system changes with aging are directly affected by low dose naltrexone.
- LDN increases opiate receptors, beta-endorphins (BE), and met-enkephalins(ME) shifting the balance from TH1 to TH2
- Improves autoimmunity,
- Downregulates NFk2
- Downregulates inflammatory cytokines TNF, IL-1, and IL-6. <sup>(37)</sup>

# LDN Modulates the Immune System and Brain Neurochemistry

- **LDN promotes health supporting immune-modulation.**
  - **Reduces oncogenic and inflammatory autoimmune processes.**
- **LDN upregulates endogenous opioid activity:**
  - **Promotes stress resilience, exercise, social bonding, and emotional well-being.**
  - **Ameliorates psychiatric problems such as autism and depression.**
- **LDN used effectively as a buffer.**
  - **Beneficially modulates the immune system and the brain neurochemistry that regulate positive affect.” (38)**



# Dosing

- *Initial Rx.*

- *First 2 Weeks*

Hashimoto's 0.5 mg

MS 1.0 mg

Others 1.5 mg

- *Week 3-4*

- (Increase dose by the same amount)

- Hashimoto's 1.0 mg

- MS 2.0 mg

- Others 3.0 mg

- *Week 5-6*

- Hashimoto's 1.5 mg

- MS 3.0 mg

- Others 4.5 mg

# Dosing

- *Maintenance*
  - *Week 6 and Beyond!*

- See patient in follow-up six (6) weeks after beginning LDN
- If full dose tolerated, consider 3-6 month Rx, usually 3–4.5 mg
- May need to lower dose (as low as 0.5-1 mg) as symptoms improve.

# Rx. for Autoimmune Thyroid Disease

## Hashimoto's Thyroiditis

Naltrexone 0.5 mg

#84

1 po qhs x 14 days then:

2 po qhs x 14 days then:

3 po qhs x 14 days then:

Evaluate effect on thyroid before increasing.

**Maximum Dose: 3.0 mg**

## Multiple Sclerosis/Hashimoto's Maximum Dose

Naltrexone 3 mg

#90

1 po qhs

Refill x 1

## Other Indications Maximum Dose

Naltrexone 4.5 mg

#90

1 po qhs

Refill x 1

# **LDN Dosage: Children (39)**

**Naltrexone liquid or topical 1 mg/mL**

**Begin at 0.1 mL (0.1 ml)**

**Increase by 0.1 mL q3-7 days up to maximum dose of 0.1mg/kg**

**Children > 40 kg Adult dosing**

# Effects/Side Effects<sup>(40)</sup>

- Increased sense of well-being
- Increased Energy
- Increased self-confidence
- Increased Muscle Strength
- Increased sex drive
- Drowsiness
- Body aches
- Muscle ache
- Sore joints
- Hypothyroidism
- Ulcer
- Difficulty sleeping

# Most Common Side Effects

## ■ Insomnia

- *OGF activity has diurnal peak shortly after sleep*
- *Typical recommendations are for LDN to be taken at bedtime*

## ■ “Vivid Dreams”

- *Start with lower doses and gradually increasing*
- *Most resolve in a few weeks*
- *LDN can be taken at suppertime, lunch or even in the morning*

## ■ Nausea

# LDN and Opioids

## ■ Do not use LDN with opioids as they blunt the effects of opiates.

- Result is headache, nausea or *frank* opioid withdrawal symptoms.
- If opioids needed, discontinue LDN 2 days before until two (2) days after opiates administered.

■ In emergency (fracture, etc.), the patient may need to take an increased dose of opioids.

■ Long-term opioid users are at risk for severe and life-threatening reactions if started on LDN.

- **The patient must have a seven (7) day washout of his or her opioid before beginning LDN**
- Be careful being “white knight.” Social service agencies, esp. hospice will cancel services if they cannot administer opioids. LDN Practitioner left doing preauths etc. for hospital beds, wheelchairs.



# Low Dose Naltrexone Pearls

## ■ Hashimoto's Thyroiditis

- Thyroid function normalizes requiring less supplemental thyroid.
- Beginning doses should be in 0.5-1.0 mg range. Increase slowly.

## ■ Chronic Infectious Diseases

(Candida, EBV, Herpes 1 and 2, H. pylori, Yersinia (gastroenteritis), Lyme Disease)

Herxheimer's reactions can occur as immune function improves

# Cancer Chemotherapy

- LDN interferes with action of chemotherapy
- Stop LDN two (2) days before until two (2) days after chemo.

# Psychiatric Uses

- **Psychomotor Activity, Fatigue**
- **Medical Conditions Affected by Immune System or**
- **PTSD, Depersonalization Disorder**
- **Depression, Anxiety, OCD, Psychosis**
- **Autism**
- **Sex Drive, Fertility**
- **LDN Assisted Behavior Modification**
- **Addiction**
  - *Substances: Etoh, Opioids*
  - *Processes: Eating, Sex, Gambling, Internet*
  - *Weight Control*

# LDN, Weight Loss and Inflammation

## ■ Effects of Inflammation on Weight Gain

- Decreased T4 to T3 conversion (leading to a state of thyroid resistance)
- Increased insulin resistance (leading to weight gain)
- Low testosterone and increased expression of aromatase leading to high estrogen levels
- Increased leptin levels (leading to weight gain)
- Increased appetite

# LDN for Weight Loss

1. **Naltrexone Reduces Insulin Resistance**
2. **Naltrexone Increases Growth Hormone**
  - a. *(Increased Insulin=Decreased GH)*
3. **Naltrexone Modulates Appetite**
4. **Naltrexone Acts as an Anti-Inflammatory Agent**
5. **Naltrexone Improves Sleep & Sleeping Patterns**
6. **Naltrexone** increases total T3 levels and improve T4 to T3 conversion.

# Natural Remedies that Mimic/Enhance LDN

## *T Cell Regulators (Immune Enhancement)*

**Vitamin D3**  
**Glutathione**  
**Selenium**  
**Zinc**  
**Iodine**  
**Probiotics**  
**Butyrate (Prebiotics)**  
**Vitamin A (Cod Liver**

**Oil)**

## *Anti-Inflammatory*

**Curcumin**  
**Boswellia**  
**Fish Oil**  
**Green Tea Extract**  
**Skullcap Root Extract**  
**Quercetin**  
**Bromelain**

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# LDN Topical Formulas<sup>(41)</sup>

## ■ Topical Naltrexone for Eczema, Psoriasis and Itch

- Naltrexone HCl 0.5%/Diphenhydramine HCl, 2%/Vitamin D3 5000 IU/Gm
- Naltrexone HCl 1%, Tranilast 1%/Cyanocobalamin 0.07% Topical Cream
- Melatonin 2.5%/Naltrexone HCl 1%/Tranilast 1% Topical Cream
- Naltrexone HCl 1%/Pramoxine HCl 1% Topical Gel

## ■ Alopecia

Topical Naltrexone 1% in Scalp solution

Can add Minoxidil 5%, Biotin 0.3% , Zinc 0.1%, B12 0.07%



# LDN Topical Formulas

## ■ Wound Care

- Naltrexone HCl 0.5%/Arginine HCl 1%/Phenytoin 2%/Timolol 0.5% Topical Gel
- Naltrexone 1%, Arginine 1%, Phenytoin 5%, Aloe Vera 0.2%, Nifedipine 1% in Spira Wash Gel
- Naltrexone 1%, Arginine 1%, Phenytoin 5%, Aloe Vera 0.2%, Nifedipine 1%, (Clindamycin 2% +/-metronidazole 2%) in Spira Wash Gel

# Scars

- **Naltrexone HCl 1%, Aloe Vera 0.2% in Topical Gel**
- **Naltrexone HCl 1%/Pramoxine HCl 1% Topical Gel**
- **Naltrexone HCl 1%, Beta-Glucans 0.2% Topical Gel**

# Nasal Spray and Eye Drops

## **Naltrexone HCl 0.5% Nasal Spray**

- Muco-adhesive spray
- Consider adding specific ABX required for infections
- Erosion of tissue? Add wound care components

## **Naltrexone 0.5% Eye drops**

- Must be done in sterile conditions
- Bid-tid application into affected eye
- Have seen mixed in with ABX

# Pain Formulas

## Arthritis Pain

– Naltrexone HCl 3%/Magnesium Chloride 10%/Cetyl Myristoleate, 2% Topical Lipoderm® ActiveMax™

## Neuropathic Pain

– Naltrexone HCl 3% Topical Lipoderm®

– Naltrexone HCl 3%, Ketamine HCl 5%/Gabapentin 10%/Clonidine HCl 0.2%/Baclofen 2% Topical Lipoderm®

## Migraine Pain

– Naltrexone HCl 3%, Ketamine HCl 5%/Amitriptyline 2%, Cyclobenzaprine 2% Lidocaine 2, Topical Lipoderm

## Post-Herpetic Neuralgia

– Naltrexone HCl 1%/Deoxy-D-Glucose 0.2%/EGCg 0.2% Ketamine 3%, Lidocaine 5% Lipoderm®