Acne

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Acne is an inflammatory condition of the skin that occurs when your hair follicles become clogged with oil and dead skin cells. Most common among teenagers and young adults undergoing hormonal changes, but acne can also occur during adulthood

There are several types of acne, including:

- Fungal- occurs when yeast builds up in your hair follicles. These can be itchy and inflamed.
- Cystic- causes deep, pus-filled pimples and nodules. These can cause scars.
- Hormonal affecting teens & adults who have an overproduction of sebum that clogs their pores.
- Nodular a severe form that has pimples on the surface & tender, nodular lumps under your skin.

Factors that can cause worsening of outbreak:

- Diet of too much fat and processed foods
- Hormones that are out of balance, including stress
 - Males-hormones can stimulate the production of keratin & sebum, leading to clogged pores
 - Females- premenstrual acne flare-ups
- Toxic condition in the blood and liver
- Low thyroid
- overactive oil glands causing the pores to become "sticky" which allows bacteria to be trapped
 & cause inflammation

Supplemental support:

- Skin Detox, Cellular Detox, BP-X, or Burdock are all good blood purifiers.
- **CleanStart** or **Tiao He Cleanse** are excellent general cleansing & detoxifying programs.
- Clean up diet, stay away from processed foods. Use healthier oils such as **flax seed** or **olive oils**.
 - Eat more green vegetables. Drink more water.
 - A low-glycemic diet may reduce the amount of acne you have
- For hormones: boys Sarsaparilla girls MasterGland or Dong Quai
- For thyroid: **Thyroid Activator** or **Thyroid Support**.
- For Stress: **Nutri Calm** is a B Complex vitamin Supplement containing Vitamin C, nervines and adaptogens to strengthen the nervous system, support adrenals, & reduce stress
- Silver Shield Gel or Tea Tree, which are antibacterial & antiseptic, may be helpful to use topically.

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