

Dr. Foster's Essentials Parasite Cleansing System:

Includes Instructions, Recommended Diet, Daily Schedule,

And Information About Parasites & the Formulas

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for Your Cleanse

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Can't I Just Take the Anti-Par Formula? Isn't That Easier?

Nope. It's not going to go well if you do that and you may feel VERY sick if you do that. Over the past 20+ years of being in clinical practice, I've had patients tell me all kinds of things such as "I can't take that" or "I should not have to take this much" or even "I read this article about parasites that you haven't read and I know more about it than you do." I'm sure I've read that article, and yes, you do need to take ALL three products. Parasites release all kinds of toxins as they are dying. You're killing parasites here – these are living things that may have grown to enormous numbers in your gut. It could literally smell like ammonia as they are dying and this ammonia (and other toxins) they secrete can make you feel VERY sick, dizzy, fuzzy-headed, and keep you up all night with anxiety. You could literally feel like you're dying if you try to "just kill parasites" with an herb you read about.



The Colon Detox Caps is EXTREMELY important because it absorbs what herbal practitioners throughout the ages know of as parasite "die-off" – including the ammonia and EVERY OTHER CHEMICAL AND TOXIN they secrete as they are dying. The dying parasites are going to kick up possibly a lot of gas and flatulence in your system as they're dying and you need the Colon Detox Caps to absorb the gas that's released into your gut as they're dying. You also need the Vibrant Colon because there could be so many parasites that they can block your intestines and create constipation at the very least.

You could have worms and not know it, with symptoms that are easily dismissed such as bloating, indigestion and food allergies and intolerances. (Yes, people get food allergies and intolerances because they have parasites). Your fibromyalgia could also be caused by parasites. So, you need the Vibrant Colon to help PUSH THEM OUT – not just "kill" them. The herbs in Vibrant Colon are called "vermifuges" – in other words, they help "push out" the parasites from your gut. The Vibrant Colon and Colon Detox Caps are also quite critical because these herbs can kill tumor cells in your colon and liver, make colon polyps shrink and even disappear. The irony is that undiagnosed parasites, if they stay there long enough, can be the foundation for a cancer to form – particularly a colon cancer, but any type of cancer can form when you have parasites irritating and inflaming your gut and secreting their waste as well as abnormal growth factors into your body. The bottom line is this – please don't take a shortcut or try to pinch pennies when you're killing parasites. Too many things can go wrong. You actually need this much colon cleansing.



Harvey Kellogg, MD Lecturing on Colon Health

Colon diseases don't have many symptoms in the beginning and it's too easy to ignore them and because you can't see the silent deterioration going on in your gut over the years, you can get a false of security that everything is fine in your gut when it really isn't. Over the years, you end up with colon polyps and colon cancer because you didn't do any colon cleansing. You don't want to kill parasites and ignore your colon. Many great natural healers such as Harvey Kellogg, insisted that parasites thrive in a toxic colon. Harvey Kellogg (who was an MD medical doctor in that

time) was such an effective healer that he threatened the medical profession's enormous profits, and for that reason, they did everything in their power to write up false propaganda (which continues to this day) claiming that he was a "quack" practicing "unscientific and unproven theories." So, NO, he has NOT been "de-bunked." He wrote several books and was a great healer who healed diseases the medical profession could not touch. If you have the chance to read any of his numerous books on colon health, you should do it.

If you have diverticulosis, the mucoid plaque layer (a layer of toxic mucus that builds up in your colon over the years), hemorrhoids, and chronic constipation, you are more likely to get parasites and to get a bad case of them. So, please don't take shortcuts on the parasite cleanse! This is a full-proof system that I've been using with my patients for over 20 years. It works together in a KIT with all three products for very good reasons.

How Long to Take It:

Most parasite infections respond to 3 weeks of the Anti-Par Formula (formerly called Anti-Parasite Formula). The Anti-Par Formula MUST be taken with the intestinal cleansing formulas to stimulate elimination of the parasites and to absorb their toxins that they secrete when they're dying. A full cleanse with the Anti-Parasite Cleanse Kit takes one month. Often, people do pass worms within the first week, but the Anti-Par Formula should be continued for at least 3 weeks in order to kill the eggs and larvae.

For a severe recurrent parasite infection, it can take more patience. The formulas in this kit can be taken for longer than 3 weeks and up to a few months if needed without harm. These herbs are not going to hurt you – even if you take them for long periods of time. They can also kill Candida yeast and help cleanse the liver, so even if you don't have parasites, they're going to help heal your colon and liver – something that most Americans desperately need.

How Often Should I Do a Parasite Cleanse?

About once a year – even if you don't take a parasite test and even if your parasite test is negative. Current estimates are that up to 85% of the US population has parasites. Parasite tests in the US are notoriously inaccurate and are often negative even when you have several types of parasites in your body. If you have pets or live in the tropics or anywhere where parasites are common, then do a parasite cleanse twice a year or more often or do one as soon

as you get back from your vacation to a parasite-ridden area. There are a few places in the US where you can send off your stool to get tested for parasites and it will be much more accurate than what your conventional medical doctor has to offer you. Your doctor is not going to test you for parasites unless you have HIV or have travelled South America, Africa, Mexico or a tropical country.

Is This Cleanse Gluten-Free?

Yes, the formulas are gluten-free. I know ALL ABOUT the gluten-free issue. There are no grains in any of the formulas, not even oats or oat bran. Pharmaceutical grade alcohol, because it's distilled, is completely gluten-free since gluten molecules are too large to pass through the distillation process. If you want a completely gluten-free cleanse, then make sure the foods and beverages you consume along with this cleanse are also gluten-free. A gluten-free diet can help with inflammation, liver problems, joint discomfort and other symptoms. Of course, you do not have to follow a gluten-free diet to do this cleanse.

Can I Do This Cleanse While I'm Taking Medications?

Yes. A Step Two formula contains charcoal and clay that can absorb doctor-prescribed medications if you take it **in the same dose**, but it will not affect you if you take the formulas as follows. Do not take your medications **in the same dose** as your medications.

- **Simply allow one hour before** and after taking a Step Two Formula (Colon Detox Caps or Colon Soothe) before taking your medications. This means if you're taking your medications, allow one hour afterwards before you take Colon Detox Caps or Colon Soothe.
- It also means that if you are taking a dose of Colon Detox Caps or Colon Soothe, **allow at least one hour afterwards** before you take your medications. This one-hour window allows enough time for your medications to be absorbed into your body and to work the way they are intended to work.

Some people want to stop their medications when they do a cleanse. Do not stop taking vital medications such as thyroid medications, heart medications, blood-pressure lowering medications, benzodiazepines (for anxiety), hormone medication, or any other medication you take every day as some of them can cause a life-threatening withdrawal reaction if you suddenly stop taking them. Medications should only be discontinued gradually and if the condition you are taking them for has improved. If you are taking aspirin or other medications to dissolve clots or to thin overly thick blood (commonly prescribed after a stroke or heart attack or for a blood clotting disorder), then you should get onto a natural alternative first before doing this cleanse since the garlic in the Anti-Parasite Formula can have a mild blood-thinning effect. This mild blood-thinning effect is as safe as eating garlic is, but it is not recommended to consume garlic in any form if you are taking prescription blood thinning medications.

Can I Take My Supplements While I'm Doing This Cleanse?

Yes, unless they're synthetic, harmful or nonessential. If you believe a supplement you are taking is absolutely essential to your well-being, then keep taking it. Vitamin B-12 and Vitamin D are ok to take if you are deficient and have been told to take them. Other herbal formulas are fine to take if Dr. Foster has recommended them or if you've already been taking them and you are used to them.

The One-Hour Window Before and After Taking Colon Detox Caps/ Colon Soothe: Allow one hour after taking your supplements before taking Colon Soothe or Colon Detox Caps. Or Take Colon Soothe or Colon Detox Caps first and then allow one hour before taking your important supplements. Digestive enzymes and proteolytic enzymes can actually help the effectiveness of this cleanse and can be taken if desired.

Many supplements are synthetic and are actually harming you. This includes certain types of calcium/ magnesium formulas, multi-vitamin and mineral supplements and certain types of Vitamin C. Please see the website for more information on synthetic calcium (<http://drfostersessentials.com/store/natural-calcium.php>) and synthetic supplements (<http://drfostersessentials.com/store/truth.php>). For nutritional support, I'd rather have people taking a food-based vitamin and mineral supplement (where the vitamins and minerals come EXCLUSIVELY from foods and there are no added synthetic vitamins and minerals) such the Essential Nutrients Formula.

Do I Need To Take Any Additional Parasite-Killing Supplements?

- Generally speaking, no. The cleanse is strong enough on its own to take care of parasites.
- If there has been a long-standing case of parasites or severe case you can add the Blood Detox Formula, which helps to clear them from the blood and contains goldenseal, a natural antibiotic to help kill many types of infection as well.
- For severe cases, you can also extend this cleanse out extra weeks up to 4 months, or stop the cleanse after it's finished and restart a month later.

Why Kill Parasites Naturally? Wouldn't it Be Better to Use Prescription Medication For This?

- The herbal parasite-killing process is typically easier on people than the prescription medications. Medical doctors do not offer any other medications to absorb the toxins parasites secrete as they are dying, so you can have a LOT of side effects unless you know how to compensate for them. (See below)
- Prescription parasite-killing medications pretty much all have known liver-damaging effects.

What if I Have to Resort to Prescription Parasite-Killing Medication? Is There a Way to Protect Myself From the Side Effects?

- **Milk Thistle:** If for any reason, you feel you must take a prescription parasite-killing medication, I would also add Milk Thistle tincture with these medications because most of them can hurt your liver and the milk thistle will protect your liver from harm while you're taking those types of medications. Studies show that even if you eat something as toxic as an Amanita mushroom, if you take Milk Thistle with it, your liver will not be damaged – your liver enzyme tests will not rise above healthy levels.
- **Vibrant Colon and Colon Detox Caps:** If you go the conventional route and take a prescription medication to kill parasites, you can avoid most of the “die-off” side effects by taking Vibrant Colon and Colon Detox Caps on the same day as you are taking the medication. Make sure to take Colon Detox Caps on its own NOT in the same dose as your parasite killing medication. Make sure you take the Colon Detox Caps at least 3 times daily because you need a lot to absorb the parasite die-off. I've known people to try and “get by” on one dose of the Colon Detox Caps daily and it wasn't enough of a dose.

Can I Do Dr. Foster's Liver Cleanse and this Parasite Cleanse at the Same Time?

- If you've never done an herbal cleanse before, this can be a lot to do at the same time.
- If you've done an herbal cleanse before, the Anti-Par Formula can easily be added into the Liver Regeneration Program. You can safely mix the L/GB Formula and the Anti-Par Formula together in the same dose.

Can I Mix My Supplements Together in the Same Dose To Save Time?

- Yes, you can pretty much mix any Dr. Foster's Essentials products together in the same dose except for the Colon Soothe or Colon Detox Caps.
- **Colon Soothe and Colon Detox Caps** should always be taken on an empty stomach with water or diluted juice, and by themselves without any other supplements or medications taken with them in the same dose. These are the only two formulas you need to take on an empty stomach.

Taking Additional Fiber During the Cleanse:

- If you take a daily fiber formula or psyllium, **do not take it** while taking a Step Two Formula (Colon Detox Caps or Colon soothe Formula); this is too much fiber and it may cause constipation.
- The Step Two Formulas contain **more than enough** fiber for your daily needs. You don't need to add more!

What if I Have SIBO (Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth?)

- The cleanse should be fine to take if you have SIBO. The formulas may kill some of the harmful organisms in your gut and you may actually experience improvement of the SIBO, so yes, yes, yes – take it if you have SIBO.
- SIBO can sometimes be more stubborn to heal and to heal at a deeper level, we recommend doing the 90-Day Kick The Candida Challenge or something called a “sporebiotic.”
- The cleanses can be extended beyond the two-week period for as long as needed. We’ve had a few people do the colon cleanse for several months and at the end of that time, various health complaints of all kinds went away.

How Does it Feel To Kill Parasites?

- On the 2nd or third day, you may feel the parasites squirming or moving around. The same thing will happen if you take a prescription antiparasitic medication to kill parasites. This means they’re dying. Don’t panic and Do NOT stop the cleanse.
- After the first few days, they usually stop moving and the rest of the cleanse will get easier. They sometimes secrete toxins as they are dying, so some people feel anxiety as this is happening.
- Make sure you are taking the Vibrant Colon and Colon Detox Caps and most of this anxiety from the die-off effect just won’t happen.
- If you know you have a tendency toward anxiety, take a nerve-calming formula such as Peaceful Nerves or Nerve Calm.

What if I’m Sensitive to Alcohol or I Have Liver Damage?

You can use the boiling water method to evaporate most or all of the alcohol from the Anti-Par Tincture and, in most instances, then it should be fine for you to take.

- Simply place a dose (around 2 droppers full in a coffee mug and then pour 2 oz. boiling water on top of the dose of liquid herbs.
- The alcohol will almost immediately evaporate in a puff of white vapor.
- Let cool for around 5 minutes before drinking.
- You can also add stevia or monkfruit to sweeten this formula if desired or a little coconut milk powder to improve the taste. The herbs in Vibrant Colon and the Anti-Par Formula actually help your liver and help detoxify your liver.

Do I Need to Do Coffee Enemas?

It's not necessary. In fact, I would prefer if you did NOT do coffee enemas. It's OK to do an enema once or twice weekly or to help get parasites out if they are large worms, but I think it's better to use weak herbal tea or 15 drops of an herbal tincture such as Lobelia in your enema bag ***instead of coffee***. Lobelia will help ease cramping pains in your bowel that can happen during an enema.

- You could also use several drops of the Anti-Par Tincture in your enema water as an additional aid to kill parasites.
- No one needs that much caffeine (from doing coffee enemas), coffee enemas are addictive, can cause anxiety and raise the blood pressure and even trigger seizures in people who suffer from epilepsy. It's better not to get started on them at all. Plus, it's not the only way to do an enema.
- If you absolutely feel you must do a coffee enema and you've done them before, you can go ahead and do that with this cleanse. I'm recommending you try to get off of coffee enemas and onto herbal enemas, especially if you are addicted to coffee enemas and especially if you suffer from high blood pressure, seizures, panic attacks, an overactive thyroid or have problems with anxiety.

What to Eat During This Cleanse – See Below.....

What to Eat During This Cleanse:

Choose one of the four options below.

1. **Juice fasting** - best results. For more detailed information on juice fasting, please see the article on The Power of Juicing at <http://drfostersessentials.com/store/juicing.php>. If diabetic, it is best not to juice fast, but follow option #2. Juicing can often help heal up gastritis, diverticulitis and other colon problems in the quickest amount of time. Be very cautious of drinking too much fruit juice. Only use ½ apple per juice and do not drink straight fruit juice. Add a little carrot or beet to improve the taste of green juices.
2. **Raw Vegan Diet:** excellent results. No cooked foods. Eat only fruits, vegetables, sprouted grains, bean sprouts (lentil sprouts, chickpea sprouts, mung bean sprouts, etc.) see sprouts (sunflower sprouts), nuts and seeds. For optimal digestion, soak seeds or nuts in a shallow bowl of water overnight (8 to 12 hours) before eating the next day.
3. **Vegan diet** – really good results. No animal products: meat, chicken, turkey, fish, seafood, venison, pheasant, duck, eggs, dairy, milk, yogurt, cheese, pudding, butter, gelatin, jello, whey, dairy protein drinks, etc. Eat fruits, vegetables, beans, grains, nuts and seeds. (Couscous, hummus, tabouli, lentils, salads, tofu, veggie burgers, almond butter, etc.). If beans are hard to digest, add a digestive enzyme formula that contains hemicellulose (like Digest Factor). Digestive enzymes can help this cleanse go a little deeper. Organic cold-pressed oils are fine – sesame oil, coconut oil, olive oil, sunflower oil, etc.
4. **Dairy-Free Diet** – any food except dairy. Dairy products can create mucus in the GI tract & interfere with the cleanse. Use vegan cheese, nondairy milks and creams such as coconut cream, macadamia nut milk, almond milk, hemp seed milk, coconut milk, coconut milk powder instead of dairy products. Instead of butter, use organic extra virgin coconut oil. I've even seen a vegan butter-flavored coconut oil that would be ok.

Daily Schedule Below:

The Daily schedule fits on one page so that you can easily print it out and place on your counter or fridge for easy reference.

- **If you are printing the daily schedule, print page 10 only.**
 - **Page 11 is also recommended for additional recommendations during your cleanse**
 - **Page 9 lists out diet options during this cleanse.**

Daily Schedule: (Dr. Foster's Essentials Parasite Cleanse Kit)

Week I (The Prep Week):

Take Vibrant Colon once daily with your evening meal to establish one bowel movement for each major meal eaten throughout the day. (3 meals = 3 bowel movements daily). Each day, increase the dose of Vibrant Colon by one additional capsule until you get a noticeable result or increase in bowel movements.

Then stay at this dose for the rest of the week. If you suffer from chronic diarrhea from any cause, skip this week and do not take Vibrant Colon.



If you suffer from constipation, try reducing the amount of meat you eat. If a stronger colon formula is needed, use Colon Activator or Colon Start Plus instead. Meat can be very constipating and eating an entire chicken breast or large piece of steak can contribute. If you eat meat, have chicken thighs instead of chicken breasts or smaller 4 oz. portions of meat and get the best hormone-free, antibiotic-free, free-range, wild-caught meat you can get at your local health food store, farmer's market or health food co-op.

Weeks 2, 3 and 4 (Add Rest of the Formulas):

- Continue taking the same formula you began taking during Week 1 (Vibrant Colon, Colon Activator or Colon Start Plus Formula)
- Take Colon Detox Caps – on an empty stomach and not in the same dose as any medications
- Anti-Par Formula
- Peaceful Nerves is an optional add-on that can be taken to soothe nerves/ calm anxiety that sometimes comes up when you kill parasites.

Pre-Breakfast ½ hr. before breakfast	BreakfastTime	Pre-Lunch ½ hr. before lunch	LunchTime	Pre-Dinner ½ hr. before dinner	DinnerTime	Evening
4 to 6 caps Colon Detox Caps	2 to 3 droppers full Anti-Par Formula Optional formulas such as Flora-G Plus or Can-G	4 to 6 caps Colon Detox Caps	2 to 3 droppers full Anti-Par Formula	4 to 6 caps Colon Detox Caps	2 to 3 droppers full Anti-Par Formula Vibrant Colon, Colon Activator or Colon Start Plus	4 to 6 caps Colon Detox Caps Optional: 2 droppers Peaceful Nerves

If you'd like extremely detailed information about the intestinal cleansing formulas, please scroll to the end of this flyer. Due to overwhelming customer request, we attached it to the bottom of this instruction sheet.

Anything Else I Should Do During & After This Cleanse To Avoid Reinfection?

- Pinworms can lay their eggs on the anus and then get onto your sheets, underwear, hand towels and bath towels. You can use an enzymatic laundry detergent such as Kleen-Free or Enviro-One to **kill the eggs on your bedsheets, clothing, hand towels and bath towels**. If you ever are affected by scabies or lice in the future, you'll want to have that enzyme-based detergent around for that because it kills those things too.
- **Shower daily and change your underwear daily** during this cleanse to remove the eggs from your body and underwear.
- **If you have anal itching, try to avoid scratching**, as scratching can cause the eggs to go under your nails and you will ingest them again when you eat food with your hands.
- **Always wash your hands before eating** so that you do not accidentally ingest parasite eggs. If you can't wash your hands at a restaurant before your meal, use hand sanitizer and/ or use eating utensils and avoid eating things with your hands.
- **Wash your hands often, and scrub under your nails**. Hand sanitizer after washing your hands is not a bad idea either. Remember to use natural hand sanitizer with organic and natural ingredients and NOT the top name brands which are loaded with cancer-causing chemicals. If you see hand sanitizer dispensers in a hospital, it's the toxic hand sanitizer. Go to a health food store or shop online for a natural one.
- Take **Apple Cider Vinegar Tonics** with your meals, especially if you have pets or work around animals.
 - 1 to 3 tsp apple cider vinegar in 8-ounce of water with stevia or monkfruit as a sweetener. Take with each meal or at least once daily.
 - It will act like your stomach acid to kill parasite eggs. If you have parasites, your stomach acid production was likely weak and didn't kill the eggs in the first place.
- If any pet or person in your family is affected, try to **treat everyone in the family and all pets at the same time**.
- **Avoid taking antacids** unless you have severe gastritis or stomach ulcer. **YOUR STOMACH ACID KILLS PARASITE EGGS**. If you have GERD, try taking Digestive Tonic instead. Digestive Tonic will not alkalize your stomach and it will help you digest your food, greatly reducing or eliminating heartburn WITHOUT alkalizing your stomach. If you have acid reflux, it's likely your colon is too sluggish, causing a pressure buildup in your colon, causing the contents to push upward on your stomach and causing the acid reflux. All causes of constipation should be addressed including low thyroid,

accumulation of the mucoid plaque layer in the intestines, damage to the intestinal nerves (Lyme disease, multiple sclerosis, Hirschsprung's disease, abdominal surgery mishap, etc.), and sluggish toxic liver that does not produce enough bile. Some causes of constipation can be remedied by doing the herbal Intestinal Rejuvenation Program to eliminate the mucoid plaque layer.

- **Avoid drinking water out of public drinking fountains**, especially at camping sites, where water can be contaminated with Giardia parasites.
- Avoid undercooked meat
- Deworm your pets on a regular basis

What if I Get Constipated During the Cleanse?

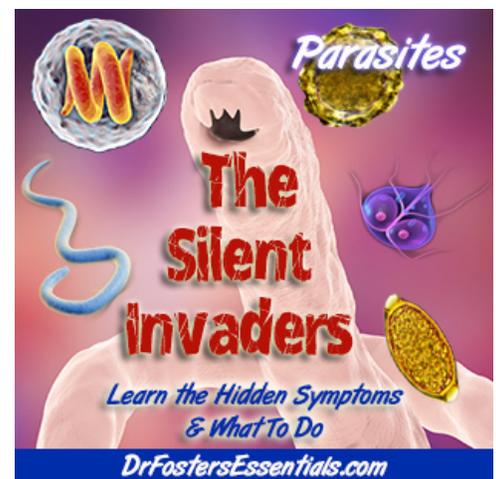
If you get constipated during this cleanse:

- It could be part of the parasite die-off: Sometimes parasites can cause a temporary constipation as they're dying. When this happens, it's important to raise your dose of Vibrant Colon, Colon Start Plus or Colon Activator to actively push them out. This especially happens with worms such as tapeworms, roundworms and pinworms. Keep raising the dose by one additional capsule per day until the worms break loose. If you get diarrhea, back down on the dose. You don't want diarrhea – you just want your colon moving.
- You could be taking too high of a dose of Colon Detox Caps
- You're not drinking enough water with the Colon Detox Caps
- You're not taking enough Vibrant Colon. It's OK to raise the dose beyond the average dose listed on the label.

Signs of Parasites and Eggs in the Stool:

Some people want to know if they passed the parasite when they do a parasite cleanse. Small fragments in the stool that look like flat sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, yellow corn-like fragments are signs of flukes, typically round and flat and disk-shaped in addition to the obvious worms.

If you do an enema during this cleanse, you are more likely to see these fragments, as they often float on the surface of the toilet bowl water. 99% of the time the parasite herbs kill the parasites before they are passed, so they will most likely NOT be moving. Some parasites are microscopic, meaning they are invisible to the human eye. For microscopic parasites such as Giardia or Amebae, you will not see any fragments or segments in the stool – you will only notice symptom relief after they have been killed.

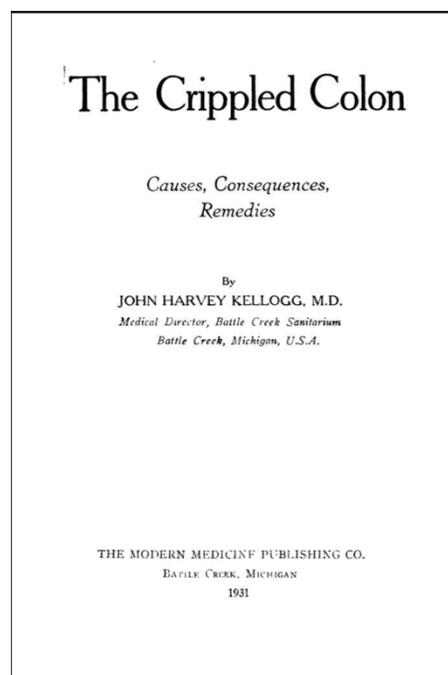


Why Garlic?

The really outstanding natural healers of the past used lots of garlic in tough cases of parasites. Garlic is contained in the formula. Garlic is incredible in its ability to reduce high blood pressure, lower high blood sugar, lower high cholesterol, help heal infections, and kills bacteria, fungus, yeasts, viruses, protozoa, as well as parasites. If the infection is bad, juice fast during the 2nd week, and juice raw garlic in with the juice. When food is introduced again, consume lots of raw garlic - around 3 to 6 cloves per day. Only juice or eat 1 garlic clove at a time to avoid stomach irritation - this is important – too much garlic at a time can cause nausea. Some people are sensitive to garlic and can get stomach pains with it while others are fine. Taking the formula with food usually helps in these cases.

Why Take Intestinal Herbs, Too?

The Anti-Par Formula works best if it is combined with the Vibrant Colon and Colon Detox Caps. Parasites have advanced physical features such as hooks and suckers that they use to attach themselves to the intestinal lining. They attach their hooks and suckers and begin sucking the good nutrition from the food you just ate. Then they excrete their waste in your gut. The Colon Detox Caps swells in the gut, not only absorbing toxins the parasites secrete (even more so as they are dying), but also helping to pull the parasites off of the colon wall. There can be a temporary bloating sensation that occurs as this healing process is happening (see more details below under intestinal formulas). The Vibrant Colon also contains anti-parasite herbs and helps push out the parasites (they're called vermifuge herbs.) Therefore, using the 3 formulas together avoids a lot of the unpleasant symptoms people experience when they simply take anti-parasite herbs alone.



What Type of Diet Can Cause Parasites?

It is also very important to adopt a vegetarian diet afterwards if this is a recurrent problem. By square inch, meat contains billions of parasite eggs and larvae. Parasites can re-infect if the diet contains the eggs and larvae. Therefore, for people who tend to get recurrent infections, it's a good idea to do regular parasite and colon cleansing - every 3 to 6 months. This is especially an issue with people who consume raw meat and sushi, but can also happen to other people as well. The worst parasite infections occur in heavy meat eaters.

Improperly cooked pork can cause trichinosis. Some organizations have found ground pork mixed with ground hamburger meat. It is a bad idea to consume ground meat since other scrap meats can easily be disguised within it without the consumer knowing it.

What if I Have Hepatitis or a Damaged Liver? What if I Took Prescription Anti-Parasite Medication?

Most prescription parasite medications can cause liver injury or damage. The anti-parasite herbs in the Anti-Par Formula do NOT damage the liver. On the contrary, they help to cleanse and heal the liver as well as the gallbladder, and in some cases, have been known to clear up Candida problems as well as other types of infections.

How Pets Contribute to Parasite Infections and What to Do:

Many people can continue to get re-infected from their pets after they've just killed off their own parasites. Cats can pass the *Toxoplasma gondii* parasites in their feces, and people can get it from handling cat litter. Dogs can easily get heartworm parasites. Children can easily pick up pinworms. Sandboxes can contain cat feces. Hookworm is the most common parasite worldwide. This parasite attaches to the intestinal wall and feeds on the host's blood, causing anemia.

It's important to deworm/de-parasite all pets in the house and all other members in the household as well at the same time so that they do not pass on their parasites to you after you're healed. When deworming pets, the Anti-Parasite Formula is the only formula needed. This is due to their short digestive tracts, and they are rarely constipated. Wash hands thoroughly after playing with pets. Always wash hands before you eat anything. Never eat food that has fallen onto the floor.

What Are the Symptoms of Parasites?

For many types of parasites, the only symptoms are bloating or a little indigestion. You could also have an increase in food allergies and food intolerances and sensitivities, digestive discomfort, trouble digesting food, stomach pain, chronic headaches, fatigue, excessive hunger, or an unpleasant odor in your breath.

If you have anal itching, it is a telltale sign of pinworms. After treatment, the itching can take up to a week to resolve. If you continue to have itching, you may not have killed them all, or you could have another cause for the itching.

How to Diagnose Parasites? Would My Doctor Know if I Had Parasites?

Nope, your doctor would not know. Pretty much they don't know unless you have a really obvious severe problem with it or you are in a high-risk group for parasites such as suffering from AIDS. In South America and Mexico where parasites are common, the population knows about them. They take preventatives for them on a regular basis and they have better parasite tests. Here in the US, not so much. The stool tests offered by conventional medicine are notoriously inaccurate. My original RN nutritionist was so frustrated with the negative results for parasites that her patients were getting that she started sending the stool samples to Mexico. There, the labs correctly identified the parasites and they gave her complete instructional handouts about each parasite that tested positive. A lot of cancer patients actually have parasites and when they've effectively killed all parasites in their system, the cancer has been known to go away.

Do I Have Parasites or Candida?

Many people believe they have parasites when they actually have a Candida yeast problem and vice versa. Other types of chronic bacterial and fungal infections can mimic the symptoms of parasites. Most anti-parasite herbs also kill Candida yeast, so when a reaction occurs, people believe they have parasites when they might actually not have them. If there is a Candida problem, the herbal therapy is essentially the same, but additional liver cleansing may be needed in order to cleanse Candida yeast from the liver, and all sugars and yeast should be removed from the diet. There is an additional formula recommended for candida overgrowth called Flora-G Plus.

Types and Names of Parasites:

Giardia lamblia and Cryptosporidium (microscopic protozoa), Entamoeba histolytica (causes bloody diarrhea, microscopic), Ascaris lumbricoides (roundworm), heart worm, Enterobius (pinworm), Necator (hookworm), Trichuris (whipworm), tapeworm, fish tapeworm, trichinella spiralis worm, schistosoma (blood flukes), African eye worm (loa loa), Toxoplasma gondii, Cysticercus, malaria (microscopic blood parasite), strongyloides, echinococcus, liver flukes (Clonorchis, Fasciola) paragonimus (lung flukes), fasciolopsis (intestinal flukes), Toxocara cani (in dogs), Naegleria, Leishmania, Trypanosoma cruzi (Chagas disease), T. gambiense (African sleeping sickness), Babesia, Dracunculus (guinea worm), Wuchereria (filiariasis) and many others.

Sources of Parasites/ How Do You Get Them?

beef, chicken, pork, fish, animal feces, human feces, sheep, camels, rodents, snails, crabs, crayfish, foxes, dogs, cats, swine, mice, wild animals, grain beetles, mosquito bites (malaria), ticks, tap water, tse tse flies (Africa), sandflies (tropics, Mexico, South America), blackflies (Africa, Mexico, Central & South America), reduviid bugs (Mexico, South America), soil, pond/lake water.

You can track various types of parasite eggs on through your shoes. I highly recommend you remove your shoes when entering your house. Also, if any food falls on your kitchen floor, don't pick it up and eat it. No "five-second" rule!

What if My Herbs Expire and I Didn't Take Them? Can I Still Take Them?

Generally speaking, the Anti-Par, being an alcohol extract, can never go bad, and will be completely safe and fine regardless of the expiration date. The Vibrant Colon and Colon Detox Caps past their expiration date are still effective but may have reduced potency. This means you may or may not have to take an extra Vibrant Colon if your bottle is really old, to get the same laxative effect. It's better to take the herbs now than to wait years from now. Set aside some time, print out the daily schedule and "Just do it!"

Detailed Information Below About Intestinal Cleansing Herbs – Vibrant Colon and Colon Detox Caps

Step One Formulas:

Regular strength formulas: Most people take the Vibrant Colon if they have daily bowel movements.

Extra strength formulas: Colon Starter Plus and Colon Activator are extra strength formulae for people who do not have daily bowel movements without taking a laxative. These are people who have only 1 bowel movement every 2 to 3 days or less. Extra strength formulas should not be taken by underweight individuals who weigh less than 120 pounds.



Benefits:

- These are colon-stimulating formulas that also have cleansing effects on the liver, gallbladder and spleen as well as some mild antiparasitic effects.
- Taking a synthetic magnesium supplement (most magnesium supplements are synthetic, even if the label says “natural.”) to have bowel movements can mask underlying health conditions such as liver/gallbladder problems, parasites, low thyroid and retained toxins (mucoid plaque layer) in the intestines.
- So, cleaning out the bowel with Step One and Step Two Formulas are quite important to address some underlying causes if you have previously been relying on magnesium or coffee to have a bowel movement.

Step Two Formulas:

Benefits:

- These are drawing and detoxifying formulas. They absorb and chelate literally hundreds of different kinds of chemicals from the bowels, including pharmaceutical residues, waste products from parasites, toxins from harmful bacteria, heavy metals such as aluminum, lead, copper, mercury, and radioactive residues.
- To counteract food poisoning, they may be taken at double the normal dose.
- This formula cleanses both the small intestines as well as the large intestines.
- If you have a stomach or esophagus issue such as heartburn, acid reflux, stomach ulcer or stomach parasites, twist open the capsules of Colon Detox Caps and mix with around 2 ounces of water and sweeten with stevia or monkfruit as desired. This is to help coat the esophagus and stomach with these herbs and help them work better. Or, take the Colon Soothe Formula, which is the same formula but already in powdered form. In its powder



form, it can help heal the esophagus and stomach, benefitting gastritis, stomach ulcers and acid reflux. It can also help absorb the helicobacter bacteria that causes stomach ulcers and can act on food poisoning more quickly than the encapsulated formula.

- Helps remove the mucoid plaque layer, especially if you do juice fasting with this program. See photo to the right to see what the mucoid plaque layer looks like. It's typically all stuck together and comes out in one long piece, in the shape of your intestines. I've literally seen the pale color in people's faces change overnight after they've eliminated this toxic accumulation. If you eat junk foods after the cleanse is over, it can take a while, but you can re-accumulate this toxic lining, so make sure to eat well after the cleanse is over.



1. **Step One:** Take a Step One Formula (Vibrant Colon, Colon Starter Plus)

- **Cautions: Skip this step/week if you have chronic or active diarrhea.** Do not increase dose further unless constipated! Reduce dose or stop taking this formula if watery diarrhea occurs. In the rare case of diarrhea occurring with a Step One Formula at any time during the 1st week, do not wait for the 2nd week, but immediately begin taking a Step Two Formula. This slows down the diarrhea, and then both formulas can be taken together.
- Choose only one Step One Formula and start with **one capsule ONCE A DAY** with dinner (or with any meal or with juice if juice fasting.) around 6 - 7 PM. Do NOT take additional fiber such as psyllium. This formula already contains enough fiber.
- If you suspect parasites in the stomach, twist open the capsules and mix them in a couple of ounces of water. It will taste bitter, so add a little stevia or monkfruit to sweeten it up to your taste. Or, leave it bitter in order to activate more liver enzymes to speed up your healing a little more.
- This formula takes 12 to 14 hours to produce a result. If the next morning, you have one bowel movement for each meal eaten throughout the day, then continue this dose for the rest of the cleanse. If 3 meals are eaten during the day, then 3 bowel movements should occur during the day. They might all occur in the morning due to the once daily dosing of the formula.
- If you didn't get this effect the first morning, then each night, continue to **increase by one more capsule until the bowels are moving at least once for each meal eaten during the day.**
- Continue at *this new* dosage for one week.



2. **Step Two:** Continue Step One Formula, add Step Two Formula (Colon Soothe OR Colon Detox Caps)

- Take both (Step One and Step Two) Formulas for the duration of the cleanse. This could be anywhere from a few days to two months, depending on your results.
- **A Step Two Formula should be taken on a fairly empty stomach.** Step Two Formulas are absorptive – they absorb toxins. They can also absorb nutrients from your meal and medications. To avoid this, please allow 30 minutes or longer before meals or an hour or longer after meals before taking a Step Two formula. Also, allow 1 hour before or after medications before taking a Step Two formula.



- **If taking Colon Detox Caps - take 4 to 6 capsules of the Colon Detox Caps 3 to 4 times daily.** Follow this sheet & ignore the product label directions. Taking more than 8 caps at a time can be constipating. Take with a full glass of water (8 to 12 ounces) or diluted juice. This formula will expand a little in the intestines as it's absorbing toxins. You may or many not feel a temporary bloated sensation only while you're taking the formula. That means it's working in your gut to absorb toxins! If you feel too bloated, reduce to 3 capsules 3 times daily. Another option is to do a slower cleanse by taking 2 caps twice daily for 1 month. If you have difficulty swallowing capsules, you can twist these capsules open and mix them with water. We take great pains to ensure that there are no synthetic chemicals added to our products, so this is a 100% natural product with NO CHEMICAL EMULSIFIERS OR MIXING AGENTS ADDED. Therefore, if you twist open the capsules and mix with water, it may clump a little. You will need to use a jar with a lid to shake the powder up with the water before consuming. You can feel safe knowing you have purchased a completely natural product unlike any other on the market.

- **If taking the Colon Soothe Formula, take ½ to 1 tsp of the Colon Soothe Formula 1 to 3 times daily.**

Since this is a formula that helps absorb toxins from the body, we take great pains to ensure that NO CHEMICAL EMULSIFIERS ARE ADDED TO OUR HERBS and that Colon Soothe is 100% natural! This makes Colon Soothe a totally unique product unlike any other. Because there are no chemical emulsifiers in it, you'll notice that it may clump when you try to add it to a liquid. To help it mix better, take 1 heaping teaspoon, place in a jar with a lid. Add water or juice or diluted



juice to fill up an 8 ounce jar, screw lid on tight, shake the jar, set jar down, open the lid and drink the liquid solution. Follow with an additional glass of water. Taking more than 1 tsp per dose can be constipating, so you may need to drink an additional 4 to 8 ounces of water with it. You can also reduce the dose to ¾ or ½ tsp if it's too constipating. This formula expands in the gut while it is absorbing toxins, so it may temporarily make you feel a little bloated, but rest assured it is actively working to absorb toxins as well as gas. You can decrease the dose if it feels too uncomfortable. Scroll down for Colon Soothe and Colon Detox Caps recipes.

- If constipated during this week, increase dose of Step One Formula, reduce dose of Step Two Formula, and/or drink more water with the Step Two Formula. Not drinking enough water or skipping the Step One Formula can cause constipation.
- During the 2nd week, you'll add the Anti-Par Formula. An optional add-on is the Blood Detox formula for severe parasites. Generally speaking, if you really have parasites, the parasite cleansing system is enough herbs to take. You don't want to overdo it. But, If you've done one of our herbal cleanses before, you could even add the liver cleanse herbs and routine to this cleanse.
- The colon cleanse can be extended out to the 3rd week if desired, especially if doing the AntiParasite Cleanse or up to 2 months if you suffer from colitis. For a very thorough bowel cleansing, continue taking both formulas for a total of one month.
- These formulas may be taken by those with colostomies, portions of or the entire colon removed, (do NOT take the Step One Formulas if there is diarrhea), and those who have had the gallbladder removed

What if I'm Severely Constipated? Will it Work? Can I Take Too Many of These Step One capsules?:

I've had clients who took as many as twenty capsules of a Step One Formula because they had only one bowel movement per month. (They worked up to that dose gradually). I've also had people who only had one bowel movement per month finally have a bowel movement after taking one Colon Starter Plus capsule for the first time. Everyone is different.

I've even seen people who had missing nerves to the colon or had spinal cord injuries to respond to the Step One Formulas. In the rare case of extreme constipation, the herbs may produce nausea and even an episode of vomiting before the bowels finally unblock. This is to be expected and is actually easier on people than the hospital treatment. ("Rocket Booster" enema with mineral oil.) In rare cases, a Step One Formula has caused constipation where there was none before. In each case, the person did not know that they actually had parasites, and when they continued to increase the dosage, the parasites broke loose and the bowels began moving again. The parasites will not be killed if the formula is stopped in the middle of this process.

Taking Additional Fiber During the Cleanse:

If you take a daily fiber formula or psyllium, *do not take it* while taking a Step Two Formula; this is too much fiber and it may cause constipation. The Step Two Formulas contain ***more than enough*** fiber for your daily needs.

After the Cleanse is Over:

- After the cleanse is over, A Step One Formula may be continued if needed in order to have one bowel movement per day for each meal eaten. Alternatives to Step One Formulas are Flora-G Plus, Ginger Tincture, and L/GB Formula.
- If parasites have caused fibromyalgia or joint pains, you may need to do some additional juice fasting afterwards to help your body clear out their toxins from your muscles and joints.
- The Liver Regeneration Program, Parasite Cleanse, Cholesterol Busters Cleanse, Simplified Stone Cleanse or Kidney Revitalization Program should be repeated every 3 months to maintain health. This is the Foster Method.

What is a Normal Bowel Movement?

The consistency of a normal bowel movement is like that of smooth peanut butter. It should *not* be “formed” as the medical doctors say. *They are wrong!*

Formed bowel movements are a clear indication of constipation, which often leads to colon/rectal disease.

We know that in infants and in those who have never eaten processed foods, the bowels move around 20 - 30 minutes after each meal eaten.

The unformed stool should easily break up when flushed down the toilet.

We have found that most Americans are constipated, and often interpret a normal bowel movement as diarrhea. Diarrhea is a watery bowel movement. People who have the typical one bowel movement daily can be severely toxic in the intestines and can be heavily infested with parasites.

Change in Color and Smell of Stools:

Step Two Formula can temporarily turn the bowel movements dark due to the black charcoal content. This is harmless and NORMAL. Stools can also be covered with a mucous covering and/or can be multi-colored. While taking this formula, there is sometimes an increase in gas or foul-smelling stools. Terrific! These are all good signs and mean that the formula is working to cleanse toxic residues from the bowel.

Coated Tongue:

Very good sign if it develops during a cleanse! It means the body is releasing intestinal toxins.

Energy Levels During the Cleanse:

Some feel tired while others feel energized. Sometimes fatigue is felt because coffee, tea, alcohol, drugs, or medications have been stopped. Rather than feeling sick from the herbal formula, many people are simply in withdrawal from caffeine and other drugs. Fatigue may also result when juice fasting, especially if there are lots of toxins in the body to clean out, and this is a good sign that the body is responding to the cleanse.

Children and Colon Cleansing Formulas:

Step One Formulas may be too strong for children unless there is severe constipation or the child weighs > 120 lbs. For very young children age 2 and over, the liquid Colon Cleanse Syrup or Can-G are milder and is the best choice. Kids can also take the L/GB Formula or Ginger Tincture (dose adjusted according to body weight) which are non-addictive. The Iron From Herbs Formula contains tonic herbs that can also help children's bowel function.

Is it Safe to Take a Step One Formula Over the Long Term?

Harmless Staining of the Colon: Many people ask us if there is any danger with taking a Step One Formula on a regular basis. Anthraquinone and emodin-containing herbs (cape aloe, aloe vera, rhubarb, senna & cascara sagrada), if taken over the long term (longer than 9 months to one year), can cause a temporary and harmless stain of the colon lining called pseudomelanosis coli. This can be seen during a colonoscopy. Using colonoscopy, it can be difficult for doctors to see a difference between this type of harmless staining and the dark coloration of a rare genetic disease called Peutz-Jeghers syndrome or inflammatory bowel disease. Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome and Inflammatory Bowel Disease are associated with colon cancer, so when doctors see a dark stain on the inside of the bowel of a person taking these types of herbs, they get confused over why it's there, and they don't realize these herbs are harmless.

Unlike these colon diseases, pseudomelanosis coli (the temporary staining of the colon due to taking colon herbs) is completely harmless and goes away if the herbs are stopped. It is NOT associated with cancer ^{2,3}. These herbs are completely safe to take.

Protective Effects Against Cancer: In fact, research has demonstrated that these herbs have *protective* effects against cancer such as colon cancer ¹, hepatoma, osteosarcoma, and human pharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma.⁷ The active ingredient of these herbs, emodin, has been used alongside cancer chemo drugs and has been shown to increase the ability of these drugs to kill cancer cells, including human tongue cancer ⁶, pancreatic cancer ⁵, gallbladder cancer ⁸, colon cancer, and non-small cell lung cancer ⁹. It has been used with 5-FU against colon cancer, gemcitabine against pancreatic cancer ⁵, cis-platin against gallbladder cancer ⁴, and other chemotherapy drugs. (See references below). In summary, these herbs are very safe, are protective against a wide variety of gut issues, and do not cause health problems.

Bowel Function and Dose Can Vary Over Time: Bowel function can vary from day to day depending on your physical activity, water intake, and your diet (a large steak or chicken breast is more likely to cause constipation than smaller 4 oz. portions of meat or a plant-based diet). Taking a long road trip or airline flight can also be very constipating. Therefore, your dose of Vibrant Colon, Colon Start Plus or Colon Activator could also vary from day to day.

Herb/ Drug Holidays: Dr. Christopher, the father of Modern American Herbalism, used to say when taking herbs long term it's best to take off one day a week, and one month every 6 months. This prevents the body from developing a tolerance to the herbs and needing a higher dose. The herbal bowel-stimulating formulas can also be rotated with other formulas such as Flora-G Plus, which can be taken on the off days. This is similar to the way many pharmaceuticals are prescribed (for example for Parkinson's disease) which is called a "drug holiday" – or a short break from the drug every several months to prevent a tolerance from developing.

Antiparasitic, Liver/Gallbladder Health and Other Benefits: Colon stimulating herbs are not taken simply for constipation, but also for their antiparasitic action, bowel muscle strengthening effects, and their cleansing effect on the liver, gallbladder and spleen. It is better to take something natural to keep the bowels going than it is to stay constipated and invite serious or life-threatening colon/ rectal diseases such as colon polyps, colorectal cancer, bleeding hemorrhoids, diverticulosis and diverticulitis.

The Foster Method and Other Cleanses That Help the Colon: Good health depends not only on regular bowel movements, but also the state of the other detoxifying organs as well. This is why the Foster Method – used to heal from chronic health issues and maintain excellent health, includes doing a cleanse every 3 months – the Liver Regeneration Program, The Kidney Revitalization Program, the Simplified Stone cleanse or the AntiParasite Cleanse. All of these cleanses include the Step One and Step Two Colon cleansing formulas. Some cases of constipation are due to parasites, gallstones or a liver clogged with toxins. You may also need to kill candida overgrowth. See the 90-day Kick the Candida Program.

Some have taken a Step One Formula for 10 years, then tapered and stopped and their bowels worked perfectly. During this time, though, they took great care with eating an organic pesticide-free plant-based diet, drinking at least 1 quart of water daily, doing castor oil packs over the belly area (see instructions on the instructions page), exercising on a consistent basis & doing the Liver Regeneration Program every 3 months (liver & gallbladder toxins are a significant cause of constipation).

Additional Aids For Constipation: Regular massage &/or reflexology may also be needed to help eventually normalize bowel function. If all goes well, over time, one should be able to switch to milder and milder formulas (i.e. Colon Starter Plus → Vibrant Colon, and then to L/GB Formula or Lobelia Tincture and then perhaps a Ginger or Cayenne tincture to help stay regulated if needed. The L/GB, Cayenne and Ginger are tonic herbs that are safe to take on a daily basis for long periods of time.

If you're concerned about what your doctor might say about herbal staining of your colon during a colonoscopy, consider having a double contrast barium enema done instead as an alternative colon cancer-screening test. Another option is to take the Flora-G Plus, which does not stain the colon. For maintaining colon health after the cleanse, please see http://www.drfostersessentials.com/store/ph_bal.php#lifestyle

Signs of Healing to Look For:

After you've finished your cleanse, it's important to check for signs of healing. If you have had any improvements in your skin, reduction of a rash, less flatulence, reduction of headaches, less sinus problems, less food sensitivities, less intestinal cramping or discomfort, reduced inflammation in the body, better breathing/ lung function, improvements in menstrual cramping or lighter menstrual periods, it's a good sign that you've eliminated the toxins that were causing or contributing to these problems.

Give yourself a pat on the back and congratulate yourself for a job well done! If you eliminated an extra long bowel movement all stuck together, you most likely eliminated the mucoid plaque

layer – kudos! You may have saved yourself from a much worse bowel problem in the future. If you passed parasites, congratulations! (You may want to follow up with the Parasite Cleanse Kit to make absolute sure you've killed all stages of the parasite.)

Colon Soothe Recipes:

Apple Juice Recipe:

- 6 oz. Apple juice, fresh pressed if possible (takes about 1 1/2 apples)
- 6 oz. purified water
- 1 scoop or 1 tsp of Colon Soothe Powder

Place all ingredients in a jar with a lid. Fasten the lid and shake the contents for a few seconds. If no jar is available, use a blender. Drink immediately. If you let it sit for several minutes, it will thicken which may make it a little more difficult to swallow. Good for kids as well as adults. It has a black color, but it tastes really good!



Keto Sweet Recipe:

- 12 oz. Filtered or Distilled Water
- 7 drops Liquid Stevia (You can use Stevia clear, or flavors such as Hazelnut, Berry, Valencia Orange, Lemon, Vanilla, Chocolate, Chocolate Raspberry, English Toffee)
- 1 scoop or 1 tsp of Colon Soothe Powder

Place all ingredients in a jar with a lid. Fasten the lid and shake the contents for a few seconds. If no jar is available, use a blender. Drink immediately. This is really good for Candida sufferers or diabetics, or anyone who cannot handle sugar.

Carrot Juice Recipe:

- 6 oz. carrot juice (fresh pressed is best)
- 6 oz. filtered or distilled water
- 1 scoop or 1 teaspoon of Colon Soothe Powder

Place all ingredients in a jar with a lid. Fasten the lid and shake the contents for a few seconds. If no jar is available, use a blender. Drink immediately. The carrot juice is also very soothing to the stomach.

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Conclusions:

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