# Instructions for Liver and Gallbladder Flushing with the 4-Pack

**Step 1 (Week 1-3)**: Prepare for your flush by taking Chinese Bitters in the morning and Coptis & Curcuma at bedtime. The Bitters will decongest and purge toxins from your liver, the Coptis will improve bile flow, and the Curcuma will improve blood circulation. Do not use up the entire bottle (you might want to save a few tablespoons of each tincture, in case you need to use them during the flush).

**Step 2 (Week 4-6)**: Take GCG in the morning and Coptis & Curcuma at bedtime. If you run low on Coptis & Curcuma, stop taking them and save a small amount (a few tablespoons) to use during the flush in case you experience pain.

- If your problem is severe, you might want to prolong this step and use 2 bottles of GCG instead of 1 (with a 1 week break in-between, to rest your gallbladder).
- If your problem is mild, you can save time by combining Steps 1 and 2, and taking Bitters and GCG together. Don't do this if it causes headaches or pain.

## **Step 3 (day before the flush)**: Get the following:

- · Un-iodized sea salt.
- 3 lemons or grapefruit.
- Olive oil (extra virgin cold-pressed).
- At least 8 litres of organic apple juice or cider (the kind with real pulp in it, which may be difficult to find at regular grocery stores; try a health-food store).

### **Recommended Dosages**

<u>GCG</u>: Normal dosage is one tablespoon daily, but if you experience any strong detoxification reactions, you can reduce your dosage to make yourself more comfortable.

Bitters: Dosage is ½ to 1 teaspoon daily, ½-hour before breakfast. If you have headaches or pain in the liver area, this may be a sign of a very congested liver. Try reducing your dosage (some go as low as 1/8 teaspoon) and then try slowly working your way up from there.

<u>Coptis</u>: Dosage is ½ to 1 tablespoon. If you have trouble sleeping, try reducing the dosage.

Curcuma: Use the same dosage that you used for Coptis.

**Note**: detox reactions vary from individual to individual. Use with caution if you are also taking conventional medications. Separate herbs from medications with a meal.

**Step 4 (day 1 of the flush)**: Begin fasting: do not eat any food all day. Drink 2 cups of organic apple juice or cider every 2 hours all day, until you have consumed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 litres in total. Do not consume anything else except for plain water. If you experience headaches for the first few hours, this is a normal and common liver detoxification reaction.

• Note: you should begin to expel stagnant bile during the day. Stagnant bile looks like yellowish-brown diarrhea. If it is getting late in the day and you still haven't expelled any stagnant bile, you might want to take a dose of Bitters, ½ hour before your next drink of apple juice. Do not take more than 2 doses in total during the day.

**Step 5 (day 2 of the flush)**: Repeat the flush from day 1, but this time, at bedtime, drink a mixture of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of olive oil and  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$  cups of freshly squeezed lemon juice or grapefruit juice. If you have trouble drinking this because of its thick oily consistency, try heating it up first, to make it thinner. After you drink it, go to sleep and try to lie on your right side.

- You may wish to take a dose of all 4 tinctures (GCG, Bitters, Coptis, Curcuma) an hour before you drink the olive oil mixture. Others have reported that this makes the flush more effective.
- You may feel pain on your right side during the night. If this happens, take 1 tablespoon apiece of Coptis & Curcuma. If the pain does not subside, a stone may have gotten lodged in the duct on the way out, in which case you should take 2 tablespoons of GCG, wait for  $1\frac{1}{2} 2$  hours, and then take the Coptis & Curcuma again.

**Step 6 (day 3 of the flush)**: When you wake up, take 4 cups (1L) of warm water containing two teaspoons of sea salt. Wait an hour before eating. Eat only vegetable soup all day. Avoid starchy foods (potatoes and pasta) because many users report that they stop releasing stones as soon as they eat starchy foods. Note that some vegetable soups contain potatoes and pasta, so be careful with your choice of soup. You should begin passing stones at this time, and this may continue into the day after the flush.

**Step 7 (day after the flush):** You may now eat normally. Congratulations, the flush is complete!

#### Notes

- Your first flush will usually expel stones near the front of your gallbladder. Larger, older stones toward the back will usually not come out until several flushes have been performed. Even healthy people should flush periodically for preventive reasons.
- Some people experience constipation when taking Coptis. If this happens to you, drink 2 glasses of warm water when you wake up in the morning, then do some light exercises for ½ hour to get your blood moving. Then, take your morning tincture, ½ hour before breakfast. If you can't fit all this into your schedule, take your morning tincture ½ hour before lunch instead of breakfast.
- Some people use Epsom salts to dilate the bile ducts during the flush. However, Epsom salts weaken the kidneys, they may form "false stones" via condensation with the olive oil, and they can dehydrate you. People should avoid Epsom salts unless they are having no success with the traditional method.
- If you only want to flush your gallbladder instead of flushing both your gallbladder and liver, you can substitute "organic whole foods" for the apple juice.
- For more information, you can check the "Gallbladder Flushing" section of the SensibleHealth.com website.

# If your gallbladder was removed

If you no longer have a gallbladder, our products can still be used to help you prepare for a flush. In this case, instead of taking all 4 of the liver/gallbladder supplements at once, we recommend beginning with only Chinese Bitters and Coptis for three weeks. After this three week period has ended, you would switch over to taking GCG and Curcuma for another three weeks. At this time, you would be ready to do your flush.

If you still have some of the Chinese Bitters and Coptis left over, you can take these two tinctures again for a few days just prior to your flush, to ensure that any congestion in your liver is well softened and can come out easily.