

Digestive problems comprise the number one health problem in North America. These concerns, encompassing everything from hemorrhoids to colon cancer, result in more time lost—at work, school, and play—than any other health problem. They also appear to be occurring with much more frequency—while many of them were almost unheard of in our grandparents' times, they are cropping up more and more and at an earlier and earlier age.

A digestive concern we should all be aware of is the increasing prevalence of parasites. We need to understand the effect parasites may have on the digestive system and what we can do to maintain a parasite-free system.



Parasites live within the organs and tissues of the body and are often harmful. Any number of them can infect your gastrointestinal tract. Eventually, they are excreted in the feces; however, they are one of the major causes of diarrhea and as such may be seen as the greatest single cause worldwide of illness and death.

## How do I know if I have parasites?

A parasitic infection could be manifested by any number of signs. These include constipation, diarrhea, gas and bloating, irritable bowel syndrome, joint and muscle aches and pains, anemia, allergies, skin conditions, nervousness, sleep disturbances, teeth grinding, and chronic fatigue.

## Treatment

If you suspect you have parasites, a health practitioner can arrange a number of tests. These include stool tests, blood tests, tissue swabs, and others. However, these tests are often inconclusive as parasites can reside in tissues and organs and in the blood and will not be found in fecal samples. Often, only parasite eggs will be passed in the stool.

Treatment options include:

- **Conventional medications.** Drugs are unique to the parasite and can have side effects. With severe and prolonged diarrhea, replacement fluids may also be necessary.
- **Herbs.** Many herbs, including those in **AIM Para 90<sup>®</sup>**, have helpful properties. For example, garlic is useful against amoeba and hookworm, and pumpkin seed is useful against tapeworm. Sweet Annie and black walnut were used in traditional medicine as far back as the early 1800s.
- **Natural therapies.** The digestive enzymes in **AIM PrepZymes<sup>®</sup>** will help ensure that foods are more completely digested, helping to eliminate potential problems due to toxins. The fiber and herbs in **AIM Herbal Fiberblend<sup>®</sup>** will help cleanse the colon. Probiotics, such as in **AIM FloraFood<sup>™</sup>**, will recolonize the helpful bacteria in the intestines and create a hostile environment for parasites. Colonics also help cleanse the colon.
- **Dietary changes.** Avoid eating uncooked foods or

## Parasite frequency

Although North Americans often consider parasites something to only worry about when traveling, this is not true. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention carried out a nationwide survey that showed that one in every six people selected at random had one or more parasites.

Parasites enter your body in one of four ways: through food and water intake; through a transmitting agent, such as a mosquito; through sexual contact; and through the nose and skin. They are also carried by household pets and livestock, and spread through international travel.

## What are parasites?

Parasites are organisms that grow, feed, and are sheltered on or in other living organisms, known as “hosts,” without contributing anything to the survival of the host. There are two broad groups of parasites, protozoa (one-celled organisms) and helminths (worms). Parasites can be transmitted from animal to animal, animal to man, and in some cases, man to animal. Some parasites are larger than bacteria and viruses but they are usually so small that you cannot see them without a microscope. Others, such as worms, can grow quite large and can be seen with the eye.

foods from doubtful sources. Even undercooked meat, fish, and poultry can present problems. When camping, do not drink stream water.

- **Pet care.** Ensure regular deworming and maintain good hygiene when handling your pet.

## AIM Para 90®

AIM Para 90® is an herbal cleansing dietary supplement. It combines a number of herbs with cleansing properties plus bromelain, a digestive enzyme.

## How to use AIM Para 90®

- It is recommended that you use AIM Para 90® every three months for cleansing.
- Take 1 to 3 capsules three times per day for 30 days. Can be taken with or without meals.
- Do not use AIM Para 90® if you are pregnant or nursing. Keep out reach of children.
- If you have digestive concerns or have had a colostomy, consider consulting a healthcare practitioner.
- Close tightly after opening and store in a cool, dry, dark place (70-75 F; 20.1-23.8 C). Do not refrigerate.

## Q & A

*How do I know whether AIM Para 90® is working? Will I experience any side effects or detoxification symptoms?*

Most people look for parasites in their stools, and many do see them. Not everyone does, however. Positive signs are a “pokey” feeling in the abdomen or an “itchy” or “crawly” sensation on the skin.

You should remember that in the process of cleansing, there may be some discomfort; parasites are not easily dislodged. Some users’ skin has broken out, and others feel nausea or somewhat tired. You may also notice increased bowel movements, looser stools, and more frequent urination.

*If I have been taking AIM Herbal Fiberblend®, do I need AIM Para 90®?*

AIM Herbal Fiberblend® does have a cleansing effect, but it will not work against as wide a range of parasites as effectively as AIM Para 90®. If you have been taking AIM Herbal Fiberblend®, you probably have fewer problems with parasites.

*What else can I do to help the cleaning?*

Many people recommend having colonics and using a

probiotic such as AIM FloraFood™ to recolonize the intestinal tract after using AIM Para 90®. Others take AIM Para 90® in conjunction with AIM Herbal Fiberblend®. Digestive enzymes such as AIM PrepZymes™ are also beneficial.

*Is there anyone who should not use AIM Para 90®?*

Pregnant or nursing women should not use AIM Para 90®. Very frail elderly people, children, and people with digestive concerns or who have had a colostomy should consult a health practitioner.

## Ask About

*The Parasite Menace audio*

## Benefits and Features

### Benefits

- Helps maintain digestive health
- Intestinal cleanser
- Antiparasitic

### Features

- More than 10 years of safe and beneficial use by AIM Members
- 550 mg of herbs per capsule
- Combines 14 cleansing herbs, one extract and one digestive enzyme
- Formula approved by herbalists
- 90-count vegetarian capsules

*AIM Para 90® is a Digestive Health product. The complete Digestive Health line consists of AIM Herbal Fiberblend®, AIM PrepZymes®, AIM FloraFood™, and AIM Para 90®. Use these products to help yourself maintain your digestive health.*

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