



## RICTAT CLIENT AFTERCARE ADVICE – COLONIC HYDROTHERAPY

Many people report immediate positive benefits as soon as they have had a colonic. It is up to you also to take an active part by reviewing your diet, lifestyle and consider having regular colonics as part of your journey for improving and maintaining your health and wellbeing.

If you can, take time to 'Rest and Digest.' Have a relaxing day and take some time for yourself. Try to follow the advice as discussed with your therapist, eat lightly, simply and remember to chew well. Drink an extra litre of un-chilled water especially for the first 48 hours. You will have absorbed a lot of water during your treatment, so you may pass more water than usual, this will settle quickly. You may experience more gas and 'rumbling.' This is the colon settling itself.

Some people feel a little 'washed out' for a while after a treatment. Your digestive system has been working and can make you feel tired. If you are tired then rest. This is known as a 'healing crisis' and can be mild or quite noticeable.

It is the body readjusting itself and should disappear within 24-48 hours

Not all people experience this, but it is something to be aware of, it is a positive reaction.

You may experience cold like symptoms, headaches, tiredness, skin blemishes, passing more urine.

Drink plenty of water to help your body flush things through and encourage waste to be eliminated.

### **Here are some things to try and change in your diet/lifestyle:**

**Please note: If you are taking any medications or have any health conditions or feel you need medical advice prior to making any diet or lifestyle changes; please contact your GP or medical adviser first.**

- CHEW! CHEW! CHEW! An old saying 'Drink your food and chew your water!' Well chewed food, instead of larger chunks can assist in better digestion.
- Drink plenty of fluids, preferably filtered water. Try to drink 2-3litres per day, little and often. NOT WITH MEALS as this dilutes your digestive juices and can flush your food through your stomach too quickly. The rule is to avoid drinking half an hour before, during eating and half an hour after food. Try to avoid alcohol, fizzy drinks, coffee, tea and other caffeine drinks.
- Try to source quality meat, organic, grass fed, 'Lighter' meats including fish and chicken which are easy to digest.
- Avoid processed carbs, does it have a long list of ingredients? Do you recognise them? Is it just convenience food?
- Eat lots of different vegetables. Make fresh soups, easy and tasty. Roast or stir-fry - don't overcook keep the crunch. Eat a 'rainbow' of colours – more antioxidants.
- Try and eat what the planet gives us – natural, organic, and unprocessed foods. Get interested in what makes you – 'YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT AND CAN ABSORB!'
- If you have a problem with wind or you get 'gripes' drink warm fennel, chamomile or peppermint tea, not cold or carbonated drinks, don't eat 'gassy' foods.
- Increase your water intake: the recommendation is 2-3 litres per day, try to avoid mealtimes when drinking as mentioned above.
- Cook with high 'flash-point' oils such as sunflower, groundnut, ghee or coconut oil. Don't cook with extra virgin olive oil at high temperatures – put it ON food after cooking!
- Add beans and pulses, nuts and seeds to your diet – especially pumpkin seeds! This can act as a natural exfoliation.
- **Foods to avoid to help your bowel re-balance**
- Reduce the Yeast – bread, 'mouldy' cheeses, yeast extract spreads (Marmite), wine, beers or lagers.
- Sugars – stop adding sugar to food, if needs be, a natural source like honey or yacon.
- Avoid Artificial sweeteners, refined and convenience/ contain 'non-natural' additives and chemicals which our body never had to process until more recent years.
- Avoid too much mucus producing dairy products and refined flour products. Try coconut milk as an alternative.

### **DO NOT HESITATE IN CONTACTING US FOR FURTHER ADVICE**

Colonic Hydrotherapy should not be seen as an alternative to seeing your GP if you have any health concerns. Neither is it intended to infer or imply symptoms of IBS or other bowel conditions will be solved.



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Occasionally you may experience a feeling of bloating after a colonic treatment.

Sometimes when your bowel has been under pressure for a time a few things happen.

Gases build up as the congested waste matter ferments, and the excess waste puts the bowel under physical pressure.

During a colonic we help your bowel to release the waste matter and gases.

Afterwards it can take a little while for the bowel to relax properly back to its natural state and often there can still be gas trapped that starts to move.

The gas molecules become 'excited' and create pressure inside the bowel, a bit like shaking a bottle of fizzy pop, and it can take time to release and then for the bowel to relax back.

Muscles also use glucose and oxygen to function and excrete carbon dioxide and lactic acid as waste products.

If your bowel has been under pressure for a long time, it takes time for the carbon dioxide and lactic acid to be excreted and be replaced with the glucose and oxygen nutrients.

A bit like a cramp in your leg can be a bit achy or sore for a time after the cramp has gone away.

That's why sometimes your abdomen can feel bloated or grumpy afterwards, so drink plenty of warm fluid, eat a light diet and take a warm bath if you can.