## **Castor Oil Pack**

## **Equipment Needed:**

- 1. Flannel or Wool Cloth
- 2. Hot Water Bottle or Heating Pad
- 3. Plastic Wrap
- 4. 4 6 ounces of castor oil

**Indications**: Castor oil is an anti-inflammatory agent and has analgesic properties. It can be used for many situations. Listed below are just a few.

- 1. Liver Cleansing
- 2. Inflammation, pain and/or infection if closed
- 3. Breast Infection and/or plugged milk duct
- 4. Peptic Ulcers
- 5. Colitis
- 6. Prostate or female pelvic problems (apply over low abdomen, groin, medial thighs, and seat area).
- 7. Arthritis
- 8. Chest colds

## **Procedure:**

- 1. Fold 1 to 2 inch thickness of flannel cloth about 10" x 12" for abdominal applications.
- 2. Dampen the cloth and pour castor oil onto the cloth.
- 3. Heat castor oil pack in oven on cookie sheet at a low temperature. You want the cloth to be as hot as possible without burning your skin and/or the cloth while in oven.
- 4. Place over treatment area and place plastic wrap over the castor oil pack to prevent soiling your clothes or sheets.
- 5. Place heating pad or hot water bottle on top. Pack may remain in place 1 8 hours. Minimal treatment time is 1 hour.
- 6. After treatment, if you choose, you may clean off castor oil with soda water prepared by adding one teaspoon baking soda to one pint of cool water. Dip a cloth into soda water and rub skin briskly until thoroughly cleansed.
- 7. Castor oil pack may be kept up to one year in a plastic container or zip lock bag.

**Prescription:** Usually, the castor oil pack in an acute situation is used 1 - 3 times/day. For a more chronic situation the pack is usually applied 1 - 3 times/week.

## **Personal Prescription:**



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