

IMPROVE YOUR FERTILITY WITH A PARASITE CLEANSE



Discover how to enhance fertility through effective cleansing methods and natural remedies for holistic health.

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Parasite Cleanse for Supporting Fertility

Many of us carry some form of parasite in our bodies—organisms that rely on us for nourishment. While low-level parasitic presence may be common and sometimes harmless, a heavier infestation can disrupt overall health. In women, especially those hoping to conceive, parasitic infections might interfere with nutrient absorption, immune balance, and hormone regulation.



This guide shows you how to adjust your body's internal environment to make it less inviting for parasites to thrive. By doing so, you may not only reduce unwanted symptoms but also support a healthier foundation for fertility. We'll cover practical steps to cleanse and fortify your system, with a special focus on women in their reproductive years who want to blend functional, holistic methods with evidence-based insights.

How Parasites May Affect Fertility

Your reproductive health depends on a delicate balance of nutrients, hormones, and immune function. Certain parasites may interfere with these systems, potentially making it harder to conceive. Here's how:

Nutrient Deficiencies Some intestinal parasites, such as *Giardia lamblia* and tapeworms, may block your ability to absorb key nutrients like iron, zinc, and B12—nutrients essential for hormone production and egg quality. Without proper nutrition, ovulation and menstrual cycles can become irregular.

Chronic Inflammation & Immune Disruption When parasites trigger ongoing inflammation in the gut or reproductive system, the immune system may become overactive. This can disrupt hormonal communication, making it harder for a fertilized egg to implant properly in the uterus.

Direct Infection of the Reproductive System Some parasites, like *Trichomonas vaginalis*, directly infect the vaginal and cervical tissues, leading to irritation, discharge, and an increased risk of other infections. If left untreated, this type of infection can contribute to pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), which is linked to infertility.

Impact on Gut Health & Detoxification Your liver and digestive system play a crucial role in eliminating excess hormones and toxins. If parasites interfere with gut function, they may also contribute to estrogen dominance, which is associated with conditions like PCOS, fibroids, and irregular cycles.

Can a Parasite Cleanse Improve Fertility?

If you struggle with unexplained infertility, irregular cycles, or chronic digestive issues, assessing your parasite load might be worth considering. While not every woman with fertility challenges has parasites, supporting your body's natural detox pathways and improving gut health can be beneficial for overall reproductive health.

Common Parasites

Parasites come in many forms, and their effects on the body vary. Some interfere with digestion, while others can interfere with nutrient absorption or immune function. Below are some of the most common parasites, how they spread, and their possible symptoms.

1. Intestinal Parasites That Affect Nutrient Absorption

These parasites live in the digestive tract and can make it harder for your body to absorb essential nutrients, which may impact fertility.

- **Tapeworms** – Found in undercooked meat or fish. They can grow up to several feet long and may cause weight loss, anemia, and bloating.
- **Hookworms** – Enter the body through contaminated soil (walking barefoot in infected areas). They latch onto the intestines and can lead to iron deficiency anemia and fatigue.
- **Giardia** – A microscopic parasite found in contaminated water. It can cause bloating, diarrhea, and malabsorption of fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K), which are crucial for hormone production.

2. Parasites That Disrupt Gut Health & Hormonal Balance

The gut plays a major role in processing and eliminating excess hormones like estrogen. Parasites that inflame or damage the gut lining may contribute to estrogen dominance, irregular cycles, and PMS.

- **Cryptosporidium** – Often found in contaminated water. It can lead to diarrhea, gut inflammation, and difficulty absorbing nutrients.
 - **Blastocystis hominis** – A protozoan found in many people's intestines; its effects vary, but some people experience chronic bloating, skin rashes, and fatigue.
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Common Parasites



3. Parasites That Directly Affect the Reproductive System

Some parasites can infect the reproductive organs, leading to inflammation and increased risk of infertility.

- **Trichomonas vaginalis** – A sexually transmitted parasite that causes vaginal irritation, unusual discharge, and discomfort during sex. If untreated, it can increase the risk of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), which is linked to infertility.

4. Parasites Common in Children (But Can Spread to Adults)

Some parasites are easily transmitted in households, particularly in families with young children.

- **Pinworms** – Tiny worms that lay eggs around the anus, causing intense itching (especially at night). They spread through contact with contaminated hands, surfaces, or bedding.

Can You Have Parasites Without Knowing It?

Many people with parasites don't experience obvious symptoms, or they may have non-specific signs like fatigue, bloating, or food cravings. If you have ongoing gut issues or unexplained nutrient deficiencies, a functional medicine approach—focusing on gut health and detoxification—may help.

Could Parasites Be Affecting Your Health?

Parasites don't always cause noticeable symptoms, but when they do, they can impact multiple systems in the body. Below are some possible signs of parasitic infection, grouped by category.

1. Digestive Symptoms (Most Common)

Since many parasites reside in the gut, they often trigger chronic or recurring digestive problems, including:

- Bloating, gas, and cramping (especially after eating)
- Diarrhea or constipation that doesn't resolve easily
- Nausea or loss of appetite
- Unexplained weight loss or difficulty gaining weight
- Food sensitivities or cravings, particularly for sugar and processed foods

2. Nutrient Deficiencies & Fatigue

Some parasites compete for nutrients, leading to deficiencies that may cause:

- Low iron levels (anemia), resulting in weakness and dizziness
- Vitamin B12 deficiency, affecting energy and brain function
- Persistent fatigue, even with enough sleep

3. Reproductive & Hormonal Imbalances

Parasites may indirectly contribute to hormonal imbalances by stressing the immune system or disrupting gut health, which plays a role in hormone regulation. Signs may include:

- Severe PMS symptoms (mood swings, cramps, bloating)
- Irregular menstrual cycles or missed periods
- Frequent yeast infections or urinary tract infections (UTIs)

4. Skin Issues & Allergic Reactions

Certain parasites can provoke an immune response, leading to:

- Chronic itching or rashes
- Unexplained hives or eczema-like skin irritation
- Dark circles under the eyes (potentially linked to nutrient depletion)

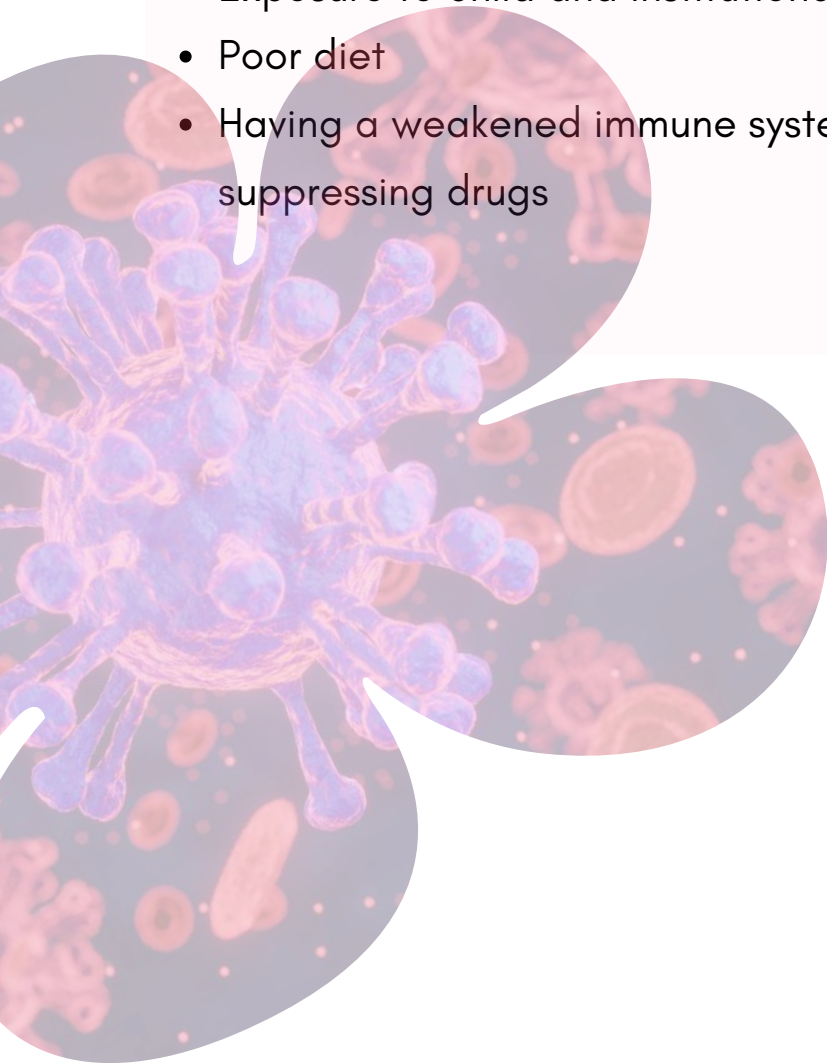
5. Mood & Neurological Symptoms

Inflammation, nutrient depletion, or gut-brain axis disruption could lead to:

- Irritability or anxiety
- Brain fog or trouble concentrating
- Disturbed sleep or teeth grinding (bruxism) at night

Things that will raise your risk for getting intestinal parasites

- Living in or visiting an area known to have parasites
- International travel especially to third-world countries
- Poor food and water sanitation
- Poor hygiene like forgetting to wash your hands or to clean under your fingernails
- Age - children and the elderly are more likely to get infected because of poor hygiene practices
- Exposure to child and institutional care centers
- Poor diet
- Having a weakened immune system e.g., HIV or AIDS or immune-suppressing drugs



How do we catch parasites?

Eating raw meat or fish.

If you eat sushi or tar-tar chances are high you have parasites.

International travel.

In developing countries the water may be contaminated. In some countries it is very common that food is grown in soil mixed with human faeces, which can be infected with parasites.

When travelling:

- avoid drinking tap water
- brush your teeth with bottled water
- avoid meat and fish markets
- avoid raw food in a restaurant. They might use tap water to wash the fruits and veggies (if it's washed at all)

Poor hygiene.

A handshake, touching door handles, dishes, and clothes can pass around parasites. The simple act of washing your hands after visiting the bathroom can help prevent infections.

Owning a pet.

Pets carry many critters that can be transmitted with cuddles and kisses.

How Do You Test for Parasites?

Detecting parasites isn't always straightforward. While standard medical tests can be useful, they don't always catch every infection. Here's what you need to know about common testing methods and their limitations.

1. Standard Medical Tests for Parasites

Doctors typically use one or more of the following methods to diagnose parasitic infections:

- Stool Testing (Ova & Parasite Test, or O&P):
 - Detects eggs (ova) or actual parasites in stool samples.
 - Most effective when multiple stool samples are tested over several days.
 - Limitations: Some parasites shed eggs intermittently, leading to false negatives if they aren't present in the sample tested.
- Blood Tests:
 - Can identify certain parasitic infections by detecting antibodies or proteins produced by the immune system in response to an infection.
 - Limitations: Antibodies can remain in the system even after the parasite is gone, making it hard to distinguish between an active or past infection.
- Endoscopy/Colonoscopy:
 - Used if parasites are suspected in the upper digestive tract.
 - Involves inserting a camera into the stomach or intestines to look for parasites.
- Limitations: Only useful for parasites that attach to the intestinal wall; not effective for microscopic parasites.

2. Why Can Testing Produce False Negatives?

Even if you have symptoms of a parasitic infection, testing may not always confirm it. Here's why:

- Intermittent Shedding: Some parasites release eggs or toxins only at certain times, meaning a single stool sample may miss them.
 - Operator & Lab Limitations: Not all labs specialize in parasite detection, and less experienced technicians may overlook parasites.
 - Coinfections: Other gut imbalances, such as bacterial overgrowth or candida, may mask parasitic symptoms.
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How Do You Test for Parasites?

3. Functional & Advanced Testing Options

If you suspect a parasite infection but standard tests come back negative, consider these options:

- Comprehensive Stool Analysis (PCR-Based Testing)
 - Uses DNA technology to detect parasites, even if they aren't shedding eggs.
 - Labs such as GI-MAP or Doctor's Data offer advanced parasite screening.
- Multi-Day Stool Collection
 - Instead of a single sample, some practitioners recommend collecting stool over 3-5 days to increase the likelihood of detection.
- Microscopy & Live Blood Analysis (Note: This is controversial in mainstream medicine)
 - Some alternative practitioners examine blood samples under a microscope to identify potential parasite activity.
- Limitations: Not widely accepted in conventional medicine.

4. Should You Get Tested or Just Start a Cleanse?

If you have chronic digestive issues, persistent nutrient deficiencies, or unexplained symptoms, testing can provide valuable insights. However, some practitioners prefer to address symptoms holistically, using dietary changes, anti-parasitic herbs, and gut healing protocols, even without a confirmed diagnosis.

For best results, consult a functional medicine practitioner who understands both conventional and alternative testing approaches.

Parasite Cleansing for Preconception & Pregnancy

Your fertility is influenced by nutrient status, immune function, and hormonal balance—all of which can be affected by your gut health. Parasite cleansing may be a beneficial step in preconception care, but it's important to approach it strategically and with awareness of what's safe if you're already pregnant.

1. Can Parasites Affect Fertility?

Certain parasites can interfere with reproductive health in a few key ways:

- **Nutrient Deficiencies** – Some parasites block the absorption of iron, B vitamins, and zinc, which are essential for hormone production and egg quality.
- **Inflammation & Immune Disruption** – Chronic gut inflammation may lead to increased cortisol and estrogen imbalances, impacting ovulation and menstrual cycles.
- **Reproductive Infections** – *Trichomonas vaginalis*, a sexually transmitted parasite, can cause vaginal inflammation and increase the risk of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), which is linked to infertility.

While parasites can be harmful, not all infections automatically reduce fertility. In fact, emerging research suggests that some helminths (worms) may play a role in immune regulation, though this is still being studied and is not a reason to avoid cleansing.

2. When & How to Do a Parasite Cleanse for Fertility

If you're trying to conceive, timing your gut and parasite cleanse properly is important.

Best Time for a Cleanse:

- 3-6 months before conception – This allows your body to detox effectively.
- Alongside gut healing & detox support – Combining anti-parasitic herbs with gut-healing nutrients (glutamine, collagen, probiotics) can improve results.

Safe Option If You're Already Trying to Conceive:

- If you're actively trying to conceive, the next best time to cleanse is during the follicular phase (from menstruation until ovulation). This phase aligns with your body's natural detoxification processes, making it a safer time to eliminate parasites.

⚠ Stop Cleansing at Ovulation – Once ovulation occurs, discontinue the cleanse, as your body shifts into a hormone-driven phase focused on potential implantation and early pregnancy support.

Why Avoid Cleansing Too Close to Conception?

- Detox reactions can temporarily stress the liver, affecting hormone metabolism.
- Toxins mobilized during cleansing could create an inflammatory response that is not ideal for implantation.
- Intensive detoxing post-ovulation may interfere with early pregnancy, even before a positive test.

Post-Cleanse Fertility Support

After completing a parasite cleanse, focus on replenishing nutrients and optimizing hormone balance:

- **Restore key fertility nutrients** – Prioritize iron, zinc, magnesium, and B vitamins.
- **Strengthen gut health** – Use probiotics, collagen, and L-glutamine to restore the gut lining.
- **Support liver function gently** – Include foods like leafy greens, beets, turmeric, and cruciferous vegetables.

3. Is Parasite Cleansing Safe During Pregnancy?

Once pregnant, it's best to pause intensive parasite cleansing, as many anti-parasitic herbs can stimulate uterine contractions or be too harsh for the baby.

🚫 Herbs to Avoid During Pregnancy:

- **Wormwood & Black Walnut** – Can be too strong for pregnancy and may affect the nervous system.
- **Clove** – A strong antimicrobial that may not be safe in large doses.
- **Berberine-containing** herbs (Goldenseal, Barberry) – Can interfere with fetal development.

✅ Safer Alternatives for Pregnancy:

If you suspect a parasite issue while pregnant, focus on gentle gut support instead of a full cleanse:

- **Pumpkin seeds & papaya seeds** – Natural anti-parasitic foods that are generally safe.
- **Probiotics** – Support gut balance and immune health.
- **Hydration & fiber** – Help naturally eliminate waste and keep digestion moving.

Final Considerations: Should You Do a Parasite Cleanse?

If you experience digestive issues, hormonal imbalances, or unexplained fertility struggles, a well-timed parasite cleanse may help.

Supportive Natural Remedies

A parasite cleanse can be a powerful tool for improving gut health, reducing inflammation, and optimizing fertility. However, before beginning a cleanse, it's essential to prepare the body properly to ensure all detox pathways—liver, kidneys, lymphatic system, and digestion—are functioning optimally.

For best results, it's recommended to **first complete the 12-Week Fertility Program** to strengthen your gut, balance your hormones, and support natural detoxification. This helps prevent unwanted detox reactions and ensures that parasites can be effectively eliminated from the body without causing unnecessary stress.

1. Preparing Your Body for a Parasite Cleanse

Before starting a cleanse, it's important to ensure your digestion and detox pathways are working well.

Regular Bowel Movements: Aim for at least one soft, complete bowel movement per day to prevent toxins and parasites from accumulating in your system. If you struggle with constipation, support digestion first with:

- Hydration – Drink plenty of filtered water.
- Magnesium citrate – Helps soften stools and promote bowel movements.
- Fiber-rich foods – Ground flaxseeds, chia seeds, and psyllium husk encourage waste elimination.

Liver & Lymphatic Support: The liver plays a key role in filtering toxins released during a cleanse. To strengthen its function:

- Include cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts) to support detox pathways.
- Drink dandelion or milk thistle tea to nourish the liver.
- Engage in gentle movement (walking, rebounding, or dry brushing) to stimulate lymphatic drainage.

Nourish Your Gut Before Cleansing: A strong gut barrier and diverse microbiome help resist parasitic infections. Include:

- Probiotics – Support beneficial bacteria that compete with parasites.
- L-Glutamine – Strengthens the gut lining.
- Digestive enzymes – Help break down food properly and prevent parasites from thriving.

◆ **Important Note:** Completing the 12-Week Fertility Program first ensures that all detox pathways are open and functioning efficiently before introducing anti-parasitic herbs.

2. Herbs & Supplements for Parasite Cleansing

Once your body is ready, the following herbs and supplements can help eliminate parasites naturally:

🌿 **Wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*)** – A powerful herb effective against intestinal worms and parasites. Best taken in combination with black walnut and cloves for a complete cleanse.

🌿 **Black Walnut Hull** – Traditionally used to kill parasites and their eggs. It also supports digestion and bile flow.

🌿 **Clove** – Contains eugenol, a compound that disrupts parasite eggs, preventing reinfestation.

🌿 **Berberine** (from Goldenseal & Barberry) – A strong antimicrobial effective against protozoan parasites like Giardia.

🌿 **Ginger & Turmeric** – Help reduce gut inflammation, aid digestion, and support detoxification, making them excellent supportive herbs during cleansing.

🌿 **Diatomaceous Earth (Food-Grade DE)** – A natural silica compound that may help eliminate parasites mechanically. Start with ½ teaspoon per day and gradually increase.

🌿 **Activated Charcoal & Bentonite Clay** – Binders that trap toxins and die-off waste, reducing detox symptoms like bloating, headaches, or nausea during a cleanse.

3. Anti-Parasitic Foods

Diet plays a major role in reducing parasite load and supporting gut health. These foods help starve parasites while nourishing your digestive system.

- **Fiber-Rich Foods** – Help sweep out parasites and their eggs. Best sources: Ground flaxseeds, psyllium husk, chia seeds, leafy greens.
- **Garlic & Onions** – Contain sulfur compounds that naturally kill parasites and support liver detox.
- **Pumpkin Seeds** – Rich in cucurbitacin, a compound that paralyzes intestinal worms, making them easier to expel.
- **Papaya Seeds** – Shown in studies to help remove intestinal worms. Best consumed crushed in smoothies or with honey.
- **Fermented Foods** – Support a strong gut microbiome, making it harder for parasites to thrive. Best sources: Sauerkraut, kimchi, kefir, coconut yogurt.

🚫 Foods to Avoid During a Cleanse:

- Refined sugar & processed foods (feed parasites)
- Alcohol (suppresses immune response)
- Raw or undercooked meats & fish (potential parasite carriers)

4. How Often Should You Do a Parasite Cleanse?

Parasite cleansing is not required for everyone, but it can be beneficial for those experiencing persistent gut issues, fatigue, or hormone imbalances.

◆ **Best Approach for Fertility:**

- First, complete the **12-Week Fertility Program** to prepare detox pathways and ensure a more effective cleanse.
- Then, follow a cycle-aligned cleanse strategy:
 - Cleanse 3–6 months before conception for the safest and most thorough detox.
 - If actively trying to conceive, only cleanse during the follicular phase and stop at ovulation.

🚫 **When to Avoid Cleansing:**

- If you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or dealing with adrenal fatigue, focus on gut healing and liver support instead of intensive cleansing.

Final Thoughts: A Holistic Approach to Parasite Cleansing

A parasite cleanse should not be a standalone strategy—it works best as part of a comprehensive fertility-supporting plan that includes gut healing, hormone balancing, and detoxification support.

For best results:

- ✓ Start with the **12-Week Fertility Program** to open detox pathways and prepare your body.
- ✓ Use targeted herbs, binders, and gut-supporting foods for a safe and effective cleanse.
- ✓ Time your cleanse correctly—preferably months before conception or during the follicular phase if actively TTC.

If you suspect a parasite issue, consider working with a functional medicine practitioner to customize a cleanse protocol that supports your fertility journey.

What to expect during cleansing your body of parasites?

Cleansing your body of parasites is a natural detoxification process, but it's important to know what to expect so you can support your body effectively and minimize discomfort. While some people feel better quickly, others may experience temporary symptoms as parasites die off and exit the body.

These reactions are normal and can often be managed with proper hydration, binders, and rest.

1. Common Symptoms During a Parasite Cleanse (Die-Off Reactions)

As parasites are eliminated, they release toxins and inflammatory compounds, which can temporarily stress the body. This is known as a Herxheimer reaction (or die-off reaction), and symptoms may include:

- **Digestive Changes:** Temporary bloating, gas, mild cramping, or loose stools as the body clears parasites from the gut.
- **Fatigue or Low Energy:** Detoxing requires energy, and the liver works harder to eliminate waste.
- **Skin Reactions:** Rashes, itching, or breakouts may occur as the body pushes toxins out through the skin.
- **Headaches or Brain Fog:** Toxin release can affect the nervous system, leading to mild headaches or temporary difficulty concentrating.
- **Changes in Appetite:** Some people experience food cravings (especially for sugar) or, alternatively, reduced hunger.
- **Mood Swings or Irritability:** Gut health influences mood, so shifting gut bacteria and detoxing parasites may lead to temporary emotional fluctuations.

⚠ **Note:** These symptoms should be mild and temporary—lasting a few days to a week. If symptoms become severe or prolonged, it's a sign to slow down the cleanse and support detox pathways (see below).

2. How to Reduce Discomfort & Support Your Body

While mild symptoms are a normal part of detoxing, there are ways to support your body and minimize discomfort:

Stay Hydrated – Drink at least 2–3 liters of filtered water daily to help flush out toxins.

Herbal teas (dandelion, ginger, peppermint) can support digestion and liver function.

Increase Fiber Intake – Eating high-fiber foods (flaxseeds, chia seeds, psyllium husk, leafy greens) helps bind and eliminate parasites and toxins through the stool.

Use Detox Binders – Activated charcoal or bentonite clay can help trap toxins and reduce symptoms like headaches, bloating, or fatigue. Take away from food and supplements.

Support Your Liver & Lymphatic System

- Drink warm lemon water in the morning to stimulate bile flow.
- Dry brushing and light movement (walking, rebounding) help drain lymphatic fluid.
- Consider milk thistle or dandelion tea to support liver detox.

Prioritize Rest & Sleep – Healing takes energy, so aim for at least 7–9 hours of quality sleep per night. Listen to your body and take breaks as needed.

Ease Symptoms with Herbal Support – Ginger, peppermint, and chamomile can soothe digestive discomfort and help with nausea.

3. What to Expect at Different Stages of the Cleanse

◆ **First Few Days (Days 1–3)**

- Your body adjusts to the cleanse, and you may feel an increase in bloating, gas, or mild headaches.
- Drink extra water and start slowly with anti-parasitic herbs to avoid overwhelming detox pathways.

◆ **Mid-Cleanse (Days 4–10)**

- Parasites begin to die off and exit the body. You may notice digestive changes (increased bowel movements, visible parasites in stool).
- Energy may fluctuate, with some days feeling better and others more sluggish.
- Support your body with fiber, binders, and rest to minimize discomfort.

◆ **End of Cleanse (Days 11–14)**

- Symptoms begin to subside, and digestion may feel lighter or more efficient.
 - Energy levels improve, and some people experience clearer skin, reduced bloating, and fewer cravings.
 - Focus on gut restoration with probiotics, fermented foods, and nutrient-dense meals.
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4. Signs Your Cleanse is Working

- ✓ More regular bowel movements (1-3 per day, without straining).
- ✓ Reduced bloating and digestive discomfort.
- ✓ Better energy levels and clearer thinking after the detox phase.
- ✓ Improved skin health as the body eliminates toxins.
- ✓ Less sugar and carb cravings as gut bacteria rebalance.

5. After the Cleanse: How to Maintain a Parasite-Free Body

To prevent reinfection and maintain gut health:

- ◆ Continue eating anti-parasitic foods like garlic, onions, pumpkin seeds, and fermented vegetables.
- ◆ Take probiotics daily to support gut balance and immune function.
- ◆ Maintain regular bowel movements by staying hydrated and consuming fiber-rich foods.
- ◆ Wash hands thoroughly after handling raw meat, pets, or soil.
- ◆ Avoid drinking untreated water when traveling to high-risk areas.

Cleansing as Part of a Bigger Fertility Plan

A parasite cleanse can be a powerful step toward better digestion, hormone balance, and overall fertility, but timing and preparation are key. Completing the 12-Week Fertility Program first ensures that all detox pathways are open and functioning, so the cleanse is safer and more effective.

- ✓ If you experience severe symptoms, pause and support detox pathways before continuing.
 - ✓ If you're actively trying to conceive, only cleanse in the follicular phase and stop at ovulation.
 - ✓ This cleanse is designed as a 12-day protocol, followed by a supplement break until your next period starts. For a more thorough cleanse, this protocol can be repeated for up to 3 rounds (totaling 6 weeks), with a luteal phase break between each round to allow the body to reset.
 - ✓ After cleansing, focus on gut repair, nutrient replenishment, and hormone balance for optimal fertility.
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The Parasite Cleanse Protocol

W E A K E N & B I N D

Binders trap toxins and waste so your body can clear what the botanicals loosen.

- Supports toxin elimination, reduces gas/bloating, breaks down biofilms, and prevents toxin buildup.
- How to take: On an empty stomach, 30–60 min before food/supplements/meds.

✓ Choose one:

Biocidin, G.I. Detox or

Yerba Prima, Activated Coconut Charcoal or

Codeage, Full Spectrum Binder

Heavy die-off? Add a second binder dose midday, still away from meals.

E L I M I N A T E

Now we actively target parasites with botanicals. Choose ONE primary formula:

Choose one:

✓ **Kroeger, The Original Wormwood Combination** 2 caps with meals or

✓ **Zahler, ParaGuard** 30 drops with meals

✓ Kill booster (pick **ONE**, Days 1–10):

- **Berberine HCl 500 mg** with breakfast + lunch
- **Garlic/allicin: 3 freshly crushed cloves daily** (split across meals; let sit 10 min) or stabilized allicin 180–360 mg/day.

✓ Mechanical movers (daily): **Pumpkin seeds 2–4 Tbsp + fiber (psyllium or flax 2 Tbsp) + 2–3 L water** to sweep debris.

✗ Not recommended for people with gut damage, severe constipation, or in pregnancy.

✗ Stop at ovulation if TTC; do not use during pregnancy.

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FOOD

During the cleanse it is best to focus on whole foods in their natural form and avoid added sugars. I recommend limiting your carbohydrate to one meal a day.

Foods to Avoid & Limit During a Parasite Cleanse

🚫 **Foods to Avoid (These directly feed parasites, increase contamination risk)**

- Refined sugars & sweeteners – Includes white sugar, maple syrup, agave nectar, and artificial sweeteners (includes aspartame, sucralose, saccharin, and sugar alcohols like maltitol & sorbitol). Parasites thrive on sugar. Many artificial sweeteners (such as aspartame, sucralose, saccharin) alter gut microbiota, creating an imbalance that may make it easier for parasites to thrive.
- Processed foods – Often contain hidden sugars, additives, and preservatives that disrupt gut health.
- Alcohol – Weakens the immune system and disrupts liver detoxification.
- Pork & raw fish – These can be contaminated with parasites and should be avoided entirely during a cleanse.
- Fruit juices & soda – High in sugar, stripped of fiber, and can feed parasites.

⚠️ **Foods to Limit (Consume in moderation to avoid feeding parasites)**

- Most fruit – Limit to 2-3 servings per day (exceptions: low-sugar fruits like berries, papaya, and green apples).
 - Refined grains – White flour, white bread, and processed cereals break down into sugar quickly. Instead, opt for fiber-rich whole grains.
 - Starches – Potatoes, corn, and white rice convert to sugar rapidly and should be minimized.
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Foods to Eat during the Parasite Cleanse

✓ **Fruits (Low-Sugar & Anti-Parasitic)**

- Pineapple, Papaya, Pomegranate, Strawberries, Blueberries, Raspberries, Blackberries, Cherries, Jackfruit, Coconut Meat, Coconut Flakes, Lemon, Lime, Avocado, Green Apples, Grapefruit
- Dates – Limit to 1-2 per day due to sugar, but they contain antiparasitic tannins.

✓ **Natural Sweeteners – In moderation**

- Honey
- Stevia
- Monk Fruit extract

✓ **Vegetables (All, with Gut & Detox Benefits)**

- Focus on leafy greens & cruciferous veggies (broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower)
- Bitter greens – Dandelion, arugula, endive (support digestion & liver detox)
- Fermented vegetables – Sauerkraut, kimchi, pickles (promote gut health)

✓ **Protein Sources (Animal-Based & Plant-Based)**

- Red meat (lamb, beef) – Prioritize grass-fed
- Cooked fish – Choose wild-caught options, avoid high-mercury fish
- Eggs – Opt for pasture-raised
- Bone broth – Supports gut lining & detox

✓ **Legumes, Nuts, & Seeds**

- All legumes – Best if soaked or sprouted for easier digestion
- Pumpkin seeds – Known for anti-parasitic properties
- Flaxseeds & Chia Seeds – Support natural elimination

✓ **Grains & Gluten-Free Alternatives**

- Quinoa, Amaranth, Oats, Brown Rice, Buckwheat
- Flours: Chickpea, Teff, Quinoa, Coconut

✓ **Pasta Alternatives**

- Lentil pasta, Chickpea pasta

✓ **Detox & Mineral-Rich Foods**

- Seaweed, Nori, Kelp (binds to toxins)
- All herbs (support digestion & detox pathways)

The Parasite Cleanse Protocol

ELIMINATE: Supporting Detox & Bowel Regularity

During your parasite cleanse, proper elimination is essential to flush out toxins and waste effectively. Ensuring adequate fiber intake and hydration will help support digestion and prevent toxin buildup.

Prioritize Fiber & Hydration

- ✓ Eat fiber-rich foods daily – Fiber helps "sweep" parasites and waste out of the body while supporting smooth digestion.
- ✓ Drink plenty of purified water – Aim for 2-4 liters per day to support kidney function and toxin elimination.
- ✓ Start your morning with lemon water – Drink 1-2 glasses of water mixed with the juice of 1 lemon on an empty stomach to support digestion and liver detox.

Optional: Natural Support for Regular Bowel Movements

If you need extra digestive support, consider these gentle, natural fiber sources:

- Flax Seeds: 3 tablespoons per day
- Psyllium Husk: 3 teaspoons per day
- Chia Seeds: 2-4 tablespoons per day (soaked)

Magnesium Citrate (Optional, Use with Caution)

- Dosage: 400 mg per day, if needed.
- Note: Magnesium citrate is a saline laxative. Frequent use may cause dependence, so consult your healthcare provider before adding it to your routine.

Additional Elimination Support

- ✓ Enemas (Optional) – Use once or twice per week to support waste removal, but do not overuse.
- ✓ Gentle Movement & Hydration – Walking, stretching, and light exercise can encourage regularity.

By prioritizing fiber, hydration, and gentle digestive support, you can optimize elimination and detoxification throughout your parasite cleanse.

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ELIMINATE: Supporting Detox & Bowel Regularity

PROBIOTIC: Restoring Gut Balance After a Parasite Cleanse

✓ **Potency:** Choose a probiotic with at least 50 billion CFU for strong microbiome support.

✓ **Diversity:** Look for a supplement containing at least 14 different strains, as a wide variety of beneficial bacteria can provide better gut restoration and immune benefits.

✓ **Strain Rotation:** To build a resilient gut microbiome, switch probiotic brands every two rounds to introduce new bacterial strains and promote diversity.

💡 **Best Strains for Post-Cleanse Recovery:**

- **Lactobacillus rhamnosus & Lactobacillus acidophilus** – Support gut lining repair and overall digestion.
- **Bifidobacterium breve & Bifidobacterium bifidum** – Help restore gut balance and reduce bloating.
- **Saccharomyces boulardii** – A probiotic yeast that fights pathogens and supports gut detox.

Additional Considerations:

◆ **Timing Matters** – Take probiotics away from binders like activated charcoal or bentonite clay to prevent them from being absorbed.

◆ **Fermented Foods as an Alternative** – If you prefer natural sources, raw sauerkraut, kimchi, and kefir are great options.

Recommendations:

Innate Response Formulas, Flora 50-14, Clinical Strength

InnovixLabs, Multi-Strain Probiotic

Cymbiotika, Probiotic

The Parasite Cleanse Protocol

What You Will Need for Your Parasite Cleanse

Protocol - Supplements

Binder (Supports Toxin Removal)

- Choose One: GI Detox: 1 capsule once daily
- Activated Coconut Charcoal: 2 capsules once daily
- Full Spectrum Binder: 1 capsule daily
- Take on an empty stomach, at least 30-60 minutes before food or other supplements.

Botanicals (Kills Parasites & Eggs)

- Choose One: Zahler ParaGuard: 30 drops
- Kroeger Wormwood Combination: 2 capsules
- Dosage: Days 1-6: Take twice daily
- Days 7-12: Increase to three times daily
- 2nd & 3rd Round (Days 1-12): Take three times daily
- Take with meals for better absorption.

Kill Boosters (Optional, pick ONE only)

- **Berberine HCl 500 mg:** with breakfast + lunch (can increase to 3x daily if tolerated, max 10 days).
- **Garlic/allicin:** 3 cloves daily (split across meals, let sit 10 min before swallowing) OR stabilized allicin (180-360 mg/day).

Daily Sweepers (Non-negotiable foods)

- Pumpkin seeds: 2-4 Tbsp daily
- Fiber: psyllium husk or ground flax, 2 Tbsp daily
- Water: 2-3 L daily

✗ Not recommended for people with gut damage, severe constipation, or in pregnancy.

✗ Stop at ovulation if TTC; do not use during pregnancy.

1st ROUND

The Parasite Cleanse Protocol (days 1–4)

Start on the first day of your menstrual cycle.

Example of a Daily Parasite Cleanse Routine

- ◆ Upon waking: Drink lemon water and take your binder (GI Detox, Activated Coconut Charcoal, or Full Spectrum Binder).
 - → Always take on an empty stomach, at least 30–60 minutes before food or supplements.
 - 1 hour later, just before breakfast: Take your botanicals (ParaGuard or Kroeger Wormwood Combo) + your probiotic.
- Supports parasite elimination and gut microbiome balance.

Breakfast

Coconut smoothie idea (blend until smooth):

- 1 cup coconut water, 1 tbsp chia seeds (soaked), 2 tbsp pumpkin seeds, 2 tbsp psyllium husk, 1 scoop protein powder (whey or plant-based), 1 frozen or fresh banana, 1 cup spinach, 1 tsp unsweetened nut butter
- Optional add-in: Berberine 500 mg (if using as booster) or eat a 1 clove of freshly crushed garlic with the smoothie (cut into tiny pieces and swallow).
- ◆ (Optional) After breakfast: 350–400mg Magnesium citrate (if needed for bowel support).

◆ 2 hours after breakfast: 1–2 cups water or herbal tea (ginger, peppermint, dandelion).

◆ Just before lunch: Take botanicals and booster again.

◆ Lunch: 2 cups of cooked non-starchy vegetables with a protein source, such as beef, lamb, chicken, fish, tofu, or legumes. Add pumpkin seeds and/or flax meal if not in a smoothie.

◆ Optional Snack: Veggie sticks with hummus.

◆ Dinner: Meat + 1 large, boiled potato + 2 cups of cooked vegetables.

- From Day 7 onward: add a third botanical dose with dinner.

2nd + 3rd ROUND

The Parasite Cleanse Protocol (days 1–4)

Start on the first day of your menstrual cycle.

Example of a Daily Parasite Cleanse Routine

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 - → Always take on an empty stomach, at least 30–60 minutes before food or supplements.
 - 1 hour later, just before breakfast: Take your botanicals (ParaGuard or Kroeger Wormwood Combo) + your probiotic.
- Supports parasite elimination and gut microbiome balance.

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◆ Optional Snack: Veggie sticks with hummus.

◆ Dinner: Meat + 1 large, boiled potato + 2 cups of cooked vegetables.

- Take botanical and booster with dinner.

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Breakfast ideas:

- Oatmeal made with water and almond or oat milk, with chia seeds, ½ cup pumpkin seeds, 2 tbsp psyllium husk, coconut flakes, blueberries, and protein powder
- 2 eggs, ½ avocado on gluten-free seed crackers, grilled zucchini, and snack on ½ cup pumpkin seeds throughout the day.

Lunch ideas:

- Salad with lettuce, kale, dandelion greens, baked chickpeas, pumpkin seeds, quinoa, and mustard and lemon dressing, with a side of steak.
- Chicken stir fry with broccoli, green onions, and roasted pumpkin.
- Cooked cauliflower florets bowl with garlic, onion, spinach, and chili spices, topped with wild-caught salmon.

Dinner ideas:

- Brown rice and vegetable stir fry with broccoli, kale, carrot, pineapple, and ginger topped with chicken.
- Grass-fed lamb with a side of grilled zucchini and bell peppers.
- Curry brown rice bowl with grilled bell Peppers, coconut cream, and wild-caught salmon.



Helpful Tools

Lunch and dinner recipe ideas

Please refer to the Paleo Diet (excluding pork and raw fish) during cleansing. You will find an abundance of recipes that suit the cleanse protocol.

BEATING CRAVINGS

Optional helpful supplement – **L-glutamine**. It's a little miracle cure against cravings.

1. Supports gut health & reduces inflammation – Helps heal leaky gut, improving nutrient absorption for fertility.
2. Reduces sugar cravings – Lowers firmicutes (gut bacteria that promote sugar addiction) and reduces ghrelin (hunger hormone).
3. Helps balance blood sugar – Prevents insulin spikes, which is crucial for hormonal health & ovulation.
4. Supports satiety & prevents overeating – Can aid in stabilizing appetite, reducing cravings for processed carbs.

Recommended Dosage for TTC:

- Start with 5g once or twice per day (mix in water or a smoothie).
- Do not exceed 10g per day unless advised by a healthcare professional.
- Take when cravings hit or between meals to maintain blood sugar balance.

💡 L-glutamine is best used alongside a fertility-focused diet that includes protein, healthy fats, and fiber-rich vegetables.

FAQs: Parasite Cleanse & Fertility

Can I prolong the cleanse up to ovulation if I ovulate later than day 13/14?

Yes, but it's important to stop all cleansing supplements at least 1-2 days before ovulation to allow your body to return to balance before potential conception. If you ovulate later than expected, adjust accordingly but avoid cleansing past ovulation.

What should I do if I don't know when I ovulate?

If you're unsure of your ovulation date, use ovulation predictor kits (OPKs), basal body temperature (BBT) tracking, or cervical mucus observations to identify it. If you don't track yet, play it safe and stop the cleanse by day 13 of your cycle.

Should I stop trying to conceive while cleansing?

For best fertility support, it's ideal to focus on cleansing before conception. However, if you're actively trying, you can do the cleanse only during the follicular phase (before ovulation). Do not attempt deep detox past ovulation if there's a chance of conception.

Can I repeat the cleanse next cycle if I don't conceive?

Yes! You can repeat the 2-week cleanse for up to 3 rounds (total of 6 weeks), with a luteal phase break in between cycles. Just ensure your detox pathways are supported (hydration, fiber, probiotics) before starting another round.

Can I do a parasite cleanse while pregnant?

No, deep detoxing is not recommended during pregnancy. Your body will naturally eliminate some pathogens, but active parasite-killing herbs and binders may mobilize toxins that could affect the baby.

Can I do a parasite cleanse while breastfeeding?

Cleansing while breastfeeding is not advised, as toxins may be released into breast milk. Instead, focus on gut health, gentle detox support, and nutrient replenishment until you finish breastfeeding.

What if I experience detox symptoms (fatigue, bloating, headaches)?

Mild detox symptoms are normal but can be managed by:

- ✓ Drinking more water (at least 2-3L daily)
- ✓ Supporting digestion (fiber, magnesium, probiotics)
- ✓ Slowing down the cleanse (lower doses of supplements if needed)

Do I have to follow a strict diet during the cleanse?

Yes and no—while strict dieting isn't required, reducing sugar, processed foods, alcohol, and refined carbs will increase the effectiveness of the cleanse. Focus on whole, nutrient-dense foods that naturally support gut health and parasite elimination.

Can men do this parasite cleanse too?

Yes! Parasites don't discriminate—this cleanse is equally beneficial for men who want to improve gut health, immune function, and detox pathways.

Final Thoughts & Next Steps

I recommend a 4-week parasite cleanse once or twice a year for optimal gut and immune health if you are not currently trying to conceive. This cleanse can help reset your digestive system, support detoxification, and improve overall well-being.

If you are actively trying to conceive, it is best to cleanse only during the follicular phase and focus on gentle detoxification through nutrition, hydration, and lifestyle support.

For ongoing maintenance, a 3-day mini parasite cleanse can be done once a month during the full moon cycle (one day before, on the day of the full moon, and one day after), when parasites are believed to be most active.

Need More Support? Join The Fertility Circle!

Detoxing, nourishing your body, and balancing hormones are all easier with the right guidance and community.

🌱 Inside The Fertility Circle, you'll get:

- ✓ Live support & expert guidance on how to prepare your body for conception.
- ✓ Exclusive Q&A sessions to help you navigate your health journey.
- ✓ A supportive community of women on the same path—so you never feel alone.

✨ Join us today and take the next step toward a healthy pregnancy! ✨

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♥ Sending baby dust and strength on your journey to motherhood. You are not alone, and with the right support, your body can become the perfect home for new life. With love,

Carmen Mair

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