

Hormonal Imbalances In Women



Hormonal imbalances can occur when too many or too little hormones are present in the bloodstream. These are essential as the body's chemical messengers; hence a slight imbalance can cause various symptoms.

Before you can correct a hormonal imbalance, you need to know which hormones are out of balance, and the best way to do this is through a combination of testing and recognising symptoms.

Some people experience continual, irregular hormonal imbalances. A person should speak to a doctor about long-term unexplained symptoms, especially those that cause pain, discomfort, or interfere with everyday activities.

There are many symptoms associated with hormonal imbalance. Listed below are some common symptoms representing a specific type of hormone imbalance.

1. Progesterone deficiency

This is the most common hormone imbalance among women of all ages.

Common symptoms of this include:

- PMS
- Early miscarriage
- Unexplained weight gain
- Anxiety, depression, and mood swings
- Insomnia
- Painful and/or lumpy breasts
- Cyclical headaches

- Infertility
- Abdominal pain
- Spotting between periods
- Vaginal dryness
- Low libido
- Low blood sugar
- headaches

2. Oestrogen deficiency

This hormone imbalance is most common in menopausal women.

Common symptoms of this include:

- Vaginal dryness
- Painful intercourse
- Bladder infections
- Hot flashes
- Night sweats

- Memory and concentration problems
- Lethargic depression
- Headaches
- Breast tenderness
- Fatigue

3. Excess oestrogen

Common symptoms of this include:

- Puffiness and bloating
- Weight gain
- Anxious depression
- Trouble sleeping
- Weepiness
- Swollen and tender breasts
- Heavy bleeding
- Mood swings
- Headaches

- Hair loss
- Cold hands or feet
- Fatigue
- Decreased sex drive
- PMS
- Irregular menstrual periods
- Fibrocystic lumps in your breasts
- Anxiety and panic attacks

4. Oestrogen dominance

When you don't have enough progesterone to balance the effects of oestrogen.

Common symptoms of this include:

- ♦ A combination of symptoms of progesterone and oestrogen deficiency
- Migraine headaches
- Foggy thinking
- Gallbladder problems

5. Excess androgens (Male hormones)

Common symptoms of this include:

- Acne
- Excessive hair on the face and BODY thinning on the head
- Ovarian cysts
- Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)
- Hypoglycaemia and/or unstable blood sugar
- Infertility

- Mid-cycle pain
- Cholesterol problems
- Deep or hoarse voice
- Insulin resistance
- Darkly pigmented areas on the skin
- High blood pressure
- Obesity around the mid-abdomen
- Enlargement of the clitoris

6. Cortisol deficiency

This is caused by tired adrenals, which is usually caused by chronic stress.

Common symptoms of this include:

- Debilitating fatigue not relieved by sleep
- Decreased ability to handle stress
- Mild depression
- Unstable blood sugar
- Low blood pressure
- Intolerance to exercise
- Difficulty getting up in the morning
- Craving salt and sugar
- Symptoms increase if meals are skipped or are inadequate

- Decreased sex drive
- Decreased ability to handle stress
- Mild depression
- Increased PMS
- Memory problems
- Decreased tolerance
- Decreased productivity
- Thoughts; less focussed & fuzzier
- Increased time to recover from illness

7. Androgen deficiency

Common symptoms of this include:

- Low Libido
- Fatigue
- Reduced sense of wellbeing

IF YOU HAVE SOME OF THESE SYMPTOMS, DIG DEEPER AND GET TO THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HORMONAL CONDITION.

◆ Don't wake up till 10. Afternoon low between 3 and 4 & feeling better after the evening meal



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