

The Root of Your Migraines

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The Migraine Story

Cathy had experienced headaches daily for years; in fact she really couldn't remember *not* having headaches. Some days they were debilitating and others she just soldiered on. As a single mom and a teacher she just learned to live with them. While she had been prescribed a variety of medications, none of them worked and she really did not like taking medication in the first place. Now Cathy was retired she had the time to look for other options to address the migraines and improve her quality of life.



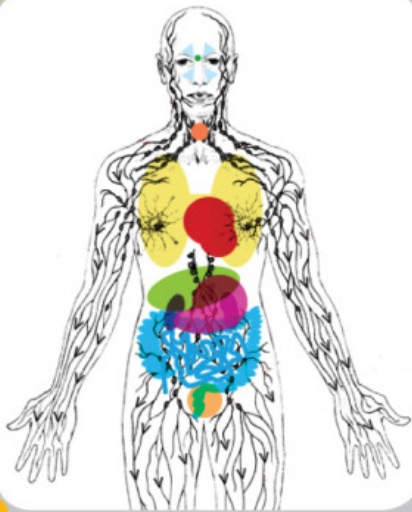
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Listening to Cathy tell her story gave me a few key clues that her problems were not in her head as one would expect. As we made our way through her intake these facts stood out:

- She had just one bowel movement daily and sometimes only every other day.
- She experienced acid reflux on a daily basis.
- She was out of bed frequently to urinate at night.
- Throughout the day when coughing or sneezing she may involuntarily leak urine.

These symptoms told me simply that her bowels were not doing their job of removing wastes, so her kidneys were forced to overwork. The headaches were occurring because her elimination systems were compromised, thus keeping the acidic wastes from moving out of her body. This stagnation had backed all the way up to her head. Stagnant lymphatic fluids are acidic and cause pain.

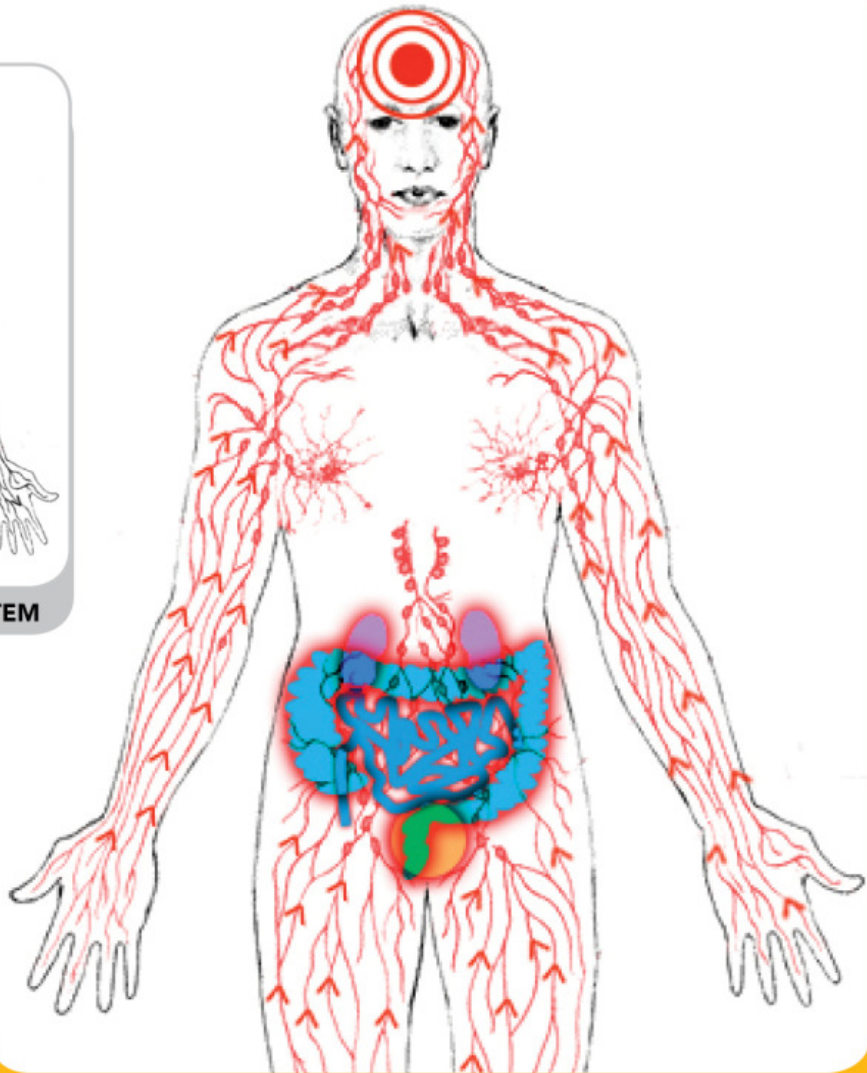
THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM: MIGRAINES



A HEALTHY SYSTEM

The origin of frequent headaches and migraines is often not in your head. While it is always good to rule out more serious causes, a very likely origin of this pain is a bit further down from the source. Chronic headaches or migraines are generally a secondary symptom of weak and overworked kidneys

and sluggish bowels. The wastes not being filtered by those two major organs over time can create a state of acidosis in your head. Acid=Pain and any of you who suffer from this chronic condition know just how painful that can be. Supporting your kidneys and bowels with an individualized gemmotherapy protocol and following the Radically Simple diet can help your body clean itself and heal that condition.



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I believed we had one primary task:

- Activate her lymphatic system in order to support adequate bowel elimination and reduce the lymphatic stagnation in her head.

Simply put, the plan was to move the acid wastes downward and out of her body instead of upward into her head.

We addressed this primary task with these steps:

1. Replaced Cathy's routine "American" breakfast of two cups of coffee, a piece of toast and maybe a banana with the Living Well™ breakfast of fruit and only fruit—the juicier and the more the better.
2. Lunch could be a continuation of breakfast or raw veggie salads with or without protein.
3. Dinner would be the same as she had been doing.
4. She started taking 3 different gemmotherapy extracts daily. In the mornings one for kidneys, one midday to particularly support bowel elimination in post menopausal women, and in the evening one to support physical and emotional digestion.

I warned Cathy that while I was certain we could shift this problem, my experience was that the longer a symptom has been present the longer it will take to go away, however, the more diligently she stuck to the program the sooner she would see results.

Cathy was an all-star when it came to adopting a new way of eating and taking her gemmotherapy protocol. Even knowing of her all-out efforts, I was shocked when she emailed a week later to say she had not had any migraines in the previous few days.

I asked Cathy to share a bit of her experience and here is what she had to say:

"I have had headaches since I was sixteen years old. Some were tension and others were migraines. Some were so debilitating that I would have to throw up and go to bed to "sleep them off." I had tried so many prescription medicines and really nothing seemed to help for any length of time. I had heard of the homeopathic remedies, but had never really given them much thought. I decided to try one more thing. What could it hurt? After beginning my gemmotherapy drops and eating only fruit

for breakfast, I had a new feeling. I had energy and NO HEADACHE! It was a miracle! I feel better than I have felt in years.”

Over the next months Cathy has been steadfast with her diet and we are currently working on some of the underlying symptoms now that her migraines are a thing of the past. While I helped Cathy uncover the root of the problem with her migraines and created a protocol to support her bowels and kidneys as we reversed the acidosis in her head, the daily work fell on Cathy. Her willingness to look at her symptoms from a different perspective and openness to experiment with her diet are what moved this process along so quickly. While there is still quite a bit of clean-up work to do, her quality of life has improved tenfold.

Be on the lookout for next Friday's post where I share a host of practical tips to support your kidneys.