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# Guide to Fighting Flare-ups fast

Even though acne needs to be solved from the inside out to truly go away, you need to know what to do when a zit pops up. After solving my own awful acne and working with patients for over 10 years, I want to share some of my best tricks to fight your flare-ups fast! Think of this as Emergency Medicine for Zits.



# What to do at the first sign of a flare-up.

You know when you first feel a zit coming on? This is the best time to treat it with ice! Green tea contains a powerful anti-oxidant called ECGC that has been scientifically proven to reduce acne blemishes by up to 75% when applied topically. Combining green tea with hydrotherapy, which has been used for thousands of years to reduce inflammation, is a potent combination.

After applying ice to the blemish 3 times, apply my Manuka Honey Spot treatment OR my Castor Oil Spot Treatment. Choose whichever treatment works best for you (you might have to experiment a bit).



1. Wrap a green tea ice cube\* or a plain ice cube in a piece of gauze.
2. Place the ice cube on the blemish for 60 seconds.
3. Wait 5 minutes.
4. Repeat 3 times.
5. Apply Manuka Honey Spot Treatment\* OR the Castor Oil Spot Treatment\*.
6. Repeat this entire process 3-4 times per day.
7. Leave the Manuka Honey Spot Treatment\* OR Castor Oil Spot Treatment\* on overnight. Apply a small, round band-aid over the spot treatment.

# What to do when the zit won't go away.

When a blemish has been around for a few days, contrast hydrotherapy (applying hot and then cold to the blemish) increases circulation and detoxification in the area. This helps to mobilize inflammation and either bring the blemish to a head (ie. a whitehead forms) or help it to resolve on its own.

If a whitehead forms, gently squeeze the blemish with a very light pressure using a sterile gauze (of course, ensure that your hands and face are freshly cleaned before doing this). If the whitehead does not release with a very light pressure, immediately back off and allow it to resolve on its own.

1. Soak a gauze in a solution of ½ cup very warm water and 10 drops of tea tree oil.
2. Apply this gauze to the blemish for 3 minutes. Make sure that the water is not so hot that it burns the skin.
3. Wrap a green tea ice cube\* or a plain ice cube in a sterile gauze.
4. Place the ice cube on the blemish for 1 minute.
5. Repeat this process 3 times.
6. End with the ice cube on the blemish for 1 minute.
7. Apply the Manuka Honey Spot Treatment\* or Castor Oil Spot Treatment\*.
8. Repeat 3-4 times per day.
9. Leave either the Manuka Honey Spot Treatment\* or Castor Oil Spot Treatment\* on overnight underneath a small, round band-aid.



# Recipes

## Green Tea Ice Cubes

1. Bring a pot of filtered water to a boil
2. Combine ½ cup of boiling water with 5 organic green tea bags.
3. Allow tea to steep for 5 minutes.
4. Remove the tea bags and allow the tea to cool.
5. Pour the tea into an ice cube tray and freeze.
6. Once the green tea ice cubes are ready, place them in a zip loc bag in the freezer.
7. Use a green tea ice cube to treat acute flare-ups.



## Manuka Honey Spot Treatment

1. Place 2 tbsp of raw Manuka honey in a small bowl
2. Add 5 drops of tea tree oil
3. Mix together
4. Apply on blemishes as directed above
5. Tea tree oil may be aggravating for some (ie. redness may occur). If this is the case, try reducing the amount of tea tree oil to only 1-2 drops. If that is too much, just use the Manuka honey plain.

## Castor Oil Spot Treatment



1. Place 2 tbsp of organic castor oil in a small bowl
2. Add 5 drops of tea tree oil
3. Mix together
4. Apply on blemishes as directed above

Tea tree oil may be aggravating for some (ie. redness may occur). If this is the case, try reducing the amount of tea tree oil to only 1-2 drops. If that is too much, just use the castor oil plain.

\* See recipe section to make this skin care product

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