

# Clay Packs

## Quantum-State Clay/ Moor Mud Packs

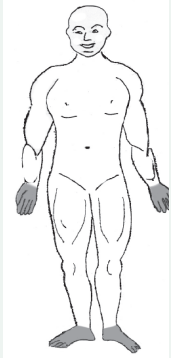
Applied externally to draw out deeply embedded toxins, including heavy metals (mercury, etc.), dioxin, petrochemicals, aniline residues (from injected anesthetics) and much more

### Clay Packs

- External packs made with therapeutic clay, moor mud, peat magma and shilajit and other agents; used for thousands of years in many cultures
- Helps increase circulation, boosts the immune system, eases muscle tension, rejuvenates the body\*
- Helps rapidly clear whole body burden of toxic bioaccumulation
- Initiates the “thermal effect”; an increased, deep intrinsic cleansing effect
- Avoid *oxidized peat, no weak or toxic clays, no irradiated/pesticided herbs*

### Spectacular Results

- **Easy to Apply, Very Safe**
- **Wholesale Toxin Release:** can eliminate up to 50% of the local bioaccumulation of toxic elements at a target body site in a single application
- **Quick Resolution** of many aches and pains; e.g., hand pain, frozen shoulder, hip problems, foot neuralgia, etc.
- **Drainage:** Apply the pack to the problem area but also include the drainage areas (e.g., for a neck problem, apply the pack to neck area and shoulder area)
- **Scar Therapy:** excellent for resolution of scar interference fields
- **Organ/Gland Detox:** apply externally to organ and gland areas

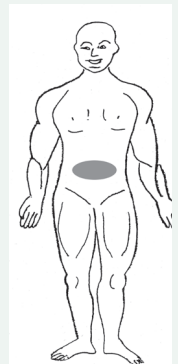


The Four Download Sites (hands and feet) are treated with clay packs first to allow drainage from congested body areas

### Step into the realm of Effective Detox

#### Get Great Results with every patient

- **A key overlooked factor in literally every disease:** hidden, deep-seated toxicity in the ground substance of the body (i.e., the external meridians and connective tissue) that prevents normal nerve and “chi” flow. These embedded toxins can mean years of delayed healing – *or none at all.*
- But how do you quickly eliminate years of these hidden toxins? Do what the ancients did: Therapeutic Clay Packs



An example of a C-section scar treated with a clay pack



A clay pack applied over the liver area (a key detox organ)

#### Practitioner Comments

“In my opinion, the main reason the magnificent body detox therapies of the past using clay and moor mud are so little used today is the lack of *therapeutic-grade* ingredients (i.e., some clays are even toxic).

With the clay packs, doctors can finally offer their patients deep-seated, whole body cleansing of the ground substance of the entire body. After using these with hundreds of patients, my wake-up call was that the meridian channels and connective tissue are routinely saturated with toxic “bio-garbage” which commonly prevents the full return to health. This embedded toxicity is often little affected by oral supplements.”

“In a single application of a clay packs to my left TMJ, all symptoms cleared (after years of therapies), I’ve seen many others with similar spectacular “overnight” results. What a great concept! Deep local cellular cleansing with mud packs to draw out “stuck” toxics. **Definitely one of the most overlooked therapies today.**”

# The Use of Moor Mud (Peat) in Health Therapies

## *Balneology (Balneotherapy) or Therapeutic Baths*

**The Arts and Science of Medicinal Bathing** is one of the oldest medical treatments according to documentation by Hippocrates (460-375 B.C.) Therapeutic bathing involves the application of hot and cold water to the body, used from very ancient times (as a key therapy in ancient Ayurvedic practices), and onward to the Roman time of Caracalla, and onward through the research studies by Lersch in 1863, to modern scientific research and recent documented double-blind studies.

Throughout its history, the benefits of therapeutic bathing have been recognized as preventative, palliative and curative. They were used to improve the general well-being of the body and spirit. In fact, the effectiveness of balneotherapy is perhaps best documented by the fact that dozens of Europe's spas have enormously longer continuous histories than any other type of medical institution known.

**Peat baths** were used in ancient Greece, and have been used in central Europe for the last 200 years, primarily for treating arthritis and gynecological disorders. In 1820, peat baths for the whole body were introduced in Europe. During the second half of the century, the chemical characteristics were intensively studied.

It soon became apparent that these peat products were able to achieve impressive results by the absorption of its various substances into the body. And thus, the manufacturing of peat extracts as admixtures to baths began. Today, peat preparations are used in a variety of diseases, from internal medicine to sports injuries, and from dermatology to cosmetology.

Balneotherapy utilizes the best of natural elements such as earth, water, and climatic factors; synchronized by chronological and circadian rhythmic phases. There are a variety of applications in balneotherapy involving full or partial immersion of the body, varying water temperatures, and regular time intervals, depending on the indication. The technique and proper application dictates the results.

### **The Use of Peat Hyperthermia**

In modern society, people are obliged to live under various injurious and stressful conditions to the body, such as constant air-conditioning, continuous artificial illumination, noxious air pollution, night-shift work, socio-psychological stress, and so on. Each day we are exposed to a multitude of toxins in the environment- through the water, ground, air and even our food. Our bodies try to process and eliminate these toxins but studies have shown that human tissues contain 400-600 different chemical residues.

Moreover, there is a remarkable rapid increase in the population of the elderly living under these circumstances, and with a high incidence of chronic diseases. Many forms of cancer and chronic disease have been clearly linked to environmental toxins, and the incidence of these diseases has increased dramatically over times. Heavy metal toxicities impair our immune systems, affect our cognitive functioning, and can cause skin reactions and disease. Toxins accumulate in our tissues and organ systems, impairing proper functioning, and even causing cell death and cell mutations

There is increasing need for preventing diseases, maintaining and promoting health, and establishing wellness, in which the body and mind are in balance. Clearly, with the large levels of chemicals and toxins in the environment, our bodies are not able to keep up with such a toxic load. Detoxification is essential.

Peat hyperthermia therapy plays an essential role in detoxification of the body. The local and systemic healing effects of Balneotherapy, helps to improve the body's self-healing potential and normalizes the body's systems and rhythms by affecting the autonomic and metabolic functions of the body in a positive manner. This makes medicinal Balneotherapy one of the most pertinent techniques from the past, present and future for the health of mankind.

In addition to general detoxification effects, Peat Hyperthermia Therapies also have numerous other beneficial effects on the body. Peat therapies allow people to heal faster and return to their daily activities with out the use of drugs to mask pain and their side effects. Pain relief can be immediate after just one peat treatment, and can last for up to three days. After several baths, pain relief can become longer term and often lasts for years.

### **Peat: 500,000 years in the making!**

A certain type of highly effective peat was formed at the end of the last ice age. It is extremely rich in highly bioavailable minerals, free of pollutants and has a high content of biologically active substances.

Peat, the cornucopia of natural earth elements and matter, contains a variety of essential natural minerals, trace minerals, organic acids and other natural substances that are products of natural earth environments, composed by biochemical degradation of organic materials such as herbs, grasses, and flowering plants. These biochemical processes occur over approximately 50,000 years. The unique molecular structure of peat substances are able to maintain either hot or cold temperatures.

Peat substances are dark colored, predominantly aromatic, acidic, hydrophilic, molecularly flexible poly electrolytes. While mud consists mostly of inorganic sediments, most peat has about 50% organic matter. High-moor peats are composed almost entirely of organic matter. Low-moor peats are deep level vascular peats, which are also make up of organic material formed by humification of vegetable matter. In addition, high quality peat is also minerals rich and pollutant-free.

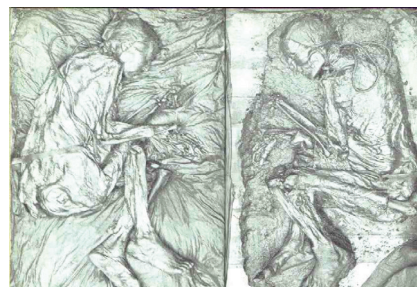
**Substances in peat include the following:**

acetic acid	galactan	malic acids	purine bodies
albumin	glucosides	manganese compounds	resins
alkali salts	glutamic acids	mannan	rhamnose
aluminum hydrates	hemicelluloses	metasilic acid	salicylates
amino acids	hexosans	methane	salts
ammonium	hormones	monosaccharides	saponins
antibiotics	humic acids	nitrates	silica acid
arabinose	humins	nitrogen compounds	silicon compounds
balsam	humolignin	oils	sodium compounds
biopterin	humus	organic sulfates	starch
bitumen	hydrogen sulfides	organic sulfides	succinic acid
butyric acid	hyper-sulphides	oxalic acid	tannic acid
calcium oxide	inorganic sulphur	pantothenic acid	trace elements (e.g. boron, barium, chromium, cop- per, titanium, vanadium, zirconium, strontium)
carbonic acid	inosites	pectins	valeriana
carotenes	iodine salts	penicillin (e.g. aureomycin, streptomycin, terramycin)	various sugars
cellulose	iron salts	pentosans	vitamins
chlorates	iron acids	phosphoric acid	volatile oils
chlorides	iron II	phyto-hormone substances	waxes
fats	iron III	potassium oxide	xylose
fatty acids	iron oxides	propionic acid	
folic acids	levulinic acid	protein	
formic acid	lignin		
fructose	magnesium salts		

**Peat's amazing preservation qualities** have been well documented by the discovery of the **Tollund Man** (The Bog People, *Discover Magazine*); a body so well preserved since his tragic death 2000 years ago that scientists were even able to extract his last meal, consisting of rice, grain, burnt bread. The Tollund man is one of hundreds of amazing (human mummy)

discoveries found by peat cutters as they were harvesting peat for medicine and fuel.

One of its most striking characteristics is peat's ability to interact with metal ions, oxides, hydro-oxide and organic c compounds to form water soluble and insoluble associations of widely differing chemical and biological stabilities.



**Tollund Man**

Notice the amazing effect of the peat: very well preserved skin that is over 2,000 years old!



# Moor Mud (*Peat Therapy*)

PubMed Research (*Over 840 research citations*)

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not statistically significant. sTNF-R55 serum values decreased by 0.4% after the therapy in group A, while in group B the decrease was -17.7%. sTNF-R75 was reduced by -21.17% in group A and by -10.6% in group B. In conclusion, through its thermic and anti-inflammatory activity mud pack treatment shows complex interaction with the most common factors of inflammatory and cartilage degradation. Our results suggest that the thermic component of this natural treatment is mainly involved in modulating inflammatory reaction and cartilage damage through binding of the circulating TNF, which controls the activation of the cells responsible for the production of proinflammatory cytokines. Randomized Controlled Trial. PMID: 12182234

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Clin Chim Acta 2001 Dec;314(1-2):209-14. **Effects of mud-pack treatment on plasma cytokine and soluble adhesion molecule levels in healthy volunteers**. Basili S, Martini F, Ferroni P, Grassi M, Sili Scavalli A, Strega P, Cusumano G, Musca A, Battista Rini G. Department of Medical Therapy, University of Rome La Sapienza, Viale Del Policlinico, 155 00161 Rome, Italy. [stefania.basili@uniroma1.it](mailto:stefania.basili@uniroma1.it) BACKGROUND: The suggested hypothesis of a direct anti-inflammatory property of mud-pack treatment has led us to speculate that its action on the cytokine network might counteract the heat-stress-related effects on platelet and endothelial cell function often reported following hot-spring baths. Therefore, the present study was designed to investigate the effects of a cycle of 12 daily mud-pack treatments on bio-humoral markers of inflammation, as well as on markers of in vivo platelet and/or endothelial cell activation, in plasma samples obtained from healthy volunteers. METHODS: Blood samples were obtained before (T(0)), at the end of the first treatment (T(1)) and after a cycle of 12 daily mud-pack treatments (T(2)). Plasma cytokines (TNF-alpha, IL-1beta, and IL-6) and adhesion molecules (sP-selectin, sE-selectin and sVCAM) levels, as well as hematocrit and complete and differential blood cell counts were determined at every time point. RESULTS: Plasma sP-selectin levels were not modified during treatment, as were not sE-selectin or sVCAM. Similarly, IL-1beta and TNF-alpha levels were unchanged through a 12 daily mud-pack treatment. Conversely, plasma IL-6 levels were significantly lowered at the end of a 20-min 47 degrees C mud-pack treatment (p<0.01). CONCLUSIONS: The lack of effects on in vivo platelet and/or endothelial cell activation suggests that hot mud-pack treatment might be used as a relatively safe procedure in patients with atherothrombotic disorders. Clinical Trial. PMID: 11718697

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Nitric oxide (NO) has recently been proposed as an important mediator in inflammatory phases and in loss of cartilage. In inflammatory arthritis NO levels are correlated with disease activity and articular cartilage is able to produce large amounts of NO with the appropriate inducing factors such as cytokines and/or endotoxin. Neutrophils also play an important role in inflammatory reactions and the level of myeloperoxidase, a constituent of neutrophil granules, is related to the intensity of the inflammation. Because there is evidence that suggests that mud packs influence the main cytokines involved in cartilage damage, we tried to determine whether NO and myeloperoxidase are involved in the mechanisms of action of mud bath treatment. We enrolled 37 subjects and randomly assigned them to two groups: 19 patients underwent mud bath treatment (group A) while 18 patients underwent bath treatment alone. Blood samples were obtained before and after the treatment cycles to assay serum levels of NO, myeloperoxidase (MPO) and glutathione (GSH)-peroxidase. The results showed a statistically significant decrease in NO and myeloperoxidase serum values in groups A and B, while GSH-peroxidase was not significantly increase in either of the groups; no correlation was found between NO, myeloperoxidase and GSH-peroxidase serum values. Mud bath treatment can exert beneficial effects on cartilage homeostasis and inflammatory reactions, influencing NO and decreasing myeloperoxidase serum values. The increase in GSH-peroxidase was not correlated with the reduction of other biochemical markers, suggesting that mud bath treatment has different mechanisms of action. Randomized Controlled Trial. PMID: 11314241

Minerva Med 2000 Oct;91(10):239-45. **Beta-endorphin and stress hormones in patients affected by osteoarthritis undergoing thermal mud therapy.** [Article in Italian] Pizzoferrato A, Garzia I, Cenni E, Pratelli L, Tarabusi C. Laboratorio di Patologia Clinica Istituti Ortopedici Rizzoli, Bologna. **BACKGROUND:** Thermal mud is a therapeutic agent widely used in the treatment of painful arthritic processes. The mechanism by which mud therapy works is still not well known. Its effect continues for months after completion of treatment. In order to verify whether thermal mud treatment brings about changes in the production of hormone peptides from proopiomelanocortin, the levels of plasma beta-endorphin and some hormones of the pituitary-adrenal glands (ACTH and cortisol) were determined in patients affected by osteoarthritis undergoing thermal mud therapy. **METHODS:** The levels of plasma beta-endorphin and some hormones of the pituitary-adrenal glands (ACTH and cortisol) were assessed by radiometric methods in seventeen males affected by osteoarthritis. The patients underwent a cycle of twelve sessions of thermal mud therapy. The tests were carried out immediately before thermal treatment, immediately after the first session, twelve days after the start of treatment, and again one month after completion of the treatment. **RESULTS:** beta-endorphin levels decreased significantly twelve days after the start of treatment. The level was still lower, although not significantly, even thirty days after completion of the treatment. Plasma ACTH also decreased during treatment. The decrease of this hormone was progressive and persisted after completion of treatment. Significant variations compared to baseline were found only thirty days after completion of treatment. Plasma cortisol decreased significantly after only one session of mud therapy. This hormone did not decrease any further during treatment, however, after twelve days it was still significantly lower than baseline. After completion of treatment, cortisol slightly increased, but thirty days later it was still lower, although not significantly, than baseline. **CONCLUSIONS:** It may be suggested that thermal treatment, by reducing inflammation, reduced pain and therefore diminished the cause of stress.

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changes of blood vessels of ovaries and oviducts, destruction of the part of follicular epitheliocytes and disruption of other structures of blood-follicular barrier occur at the early period of experimental inflammations of appendage uterus on the background of traditional antibiotic therapy. All changes lead to atresia of growing follicles. Fibrotic-sclerotic changes develop on the 30th day and during later period. Course of epler phonophoresis decreases ultrastructural disruptions of vessels, follicular apparatus of ovaries and oviducts epithelium. Effect of physiotherapy is manifested through activity of fibroclasts and macrophages, that regulate collagen production/ resorption ratio thus preventing the development of fibrotic changes of ovary stroma and oviduct wall. PMID: 10853255

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