

## **Naturopathic support for Cancer**

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Naturopathic medicine can offer a patient diagnosed with cancer a tremendous amount of support. Whether someone is newly diagnosed with cancer, having a recurrence, looking to prevent cancer or seeking support following cancer, naturopathic medicine can help. Dr. Marchese utilizes an integrative approach blending both convention and natural treatments.

Numerous studies support the use of naturopathic treatment modalities for many health conditions including cancer. Diet and nutritional counseling along with education on prevention is a key component to care. Naturopathic medicine can treat cancer, support the immune system, treat the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation, and decrease healing time after surgery.

Treatment offered by Dr. Marchese include high dose IV vitamin-C infusions. Herbal medicines, amino acid therapy, and nutraceuticals specific to each type of cancer. Environmental evaluation with chelation and detoxification may be considered as well.

Some medications used for other conditions have recently been proven to be effective for certain cancers. An example is metformin for diabetes has had good results with triple negative breast cancer. Dr. Marchese takes an integrative approach to care utilizing the full spectrum of treatment options and working with medical oncologists as needed. So, whether you or someone you know is looking for cancer care and support, consider all that naturopathic medicine has to offer.