

3 Medieval Remedies To Heal The Common Cold

I think it was Hippocrates who said something along these lines: "let thy food be thy medicine and thy medicine be thy food".

Today's article is about trying to find a cure for the common cold or, more precisely, reviving ancient remedies from medieval Europe.

And speaking of cures for cold, there's another saying in my neck of the woods: if you take cold medicine, you'll get better in seven days, otherwise you'll be sick for a week.

Do you see where this is going?

Let me tell you another interesting little story: despite the fact that there are only a small number of basic ingredients to be found in OTC (over the counter) cold-medicine—around ten, give or take (ephedrine, ibuprofen, paracetamol, aspirin, pseudo-ephedrine etc.)—the number of cold-related drugs in your pharmacy is in the hundreds.

Each major pharmaceutical company that has a hand in the cold industry typically has at least 10 different types. Many have 20 or 30 or even more.

That's pretty confusing, especially when [you're knocked out by a bad case of flu or cold](#), you can't think straight, and you just want something to get you out of your misery. You'll gladly spend a bunch of money to feel better.

Little do you know you're wasting it on pure crap. Do you think I am exaggerating?

Basically, in the cold medicine racket, the name of the game is making money via marketing and brainwashing. Have you

noticed the huge number of drug-ads on TV? 70% of the money a television is making outside an election is from Big Pharma, so let that sink in really well.

I am writing this article because last week I suffered from a bad case of cold, which rendered me pretty much useless until I started making and drinking an old cold/cough remedy that I learned from my grandmother.

Onion tea

It worked from day one, put me back on my feet, allowed me to think straight, to breathe and to write; you know what I mean.

And then I realized that for us preppers, knowing ancient remedies for a disease that is wreaking havoc this time of the year would make for an interesting article. So, if you're into staying healthy without taking drugs, keep reading.

Let me tell you how it all began: awake at 4 AM. Can't think, can't write, can't breathe, [stuffy nose](#), sore throat. Does it sound familiar?

Well, I managed to crawl to my car and hit a local pharmacy. I bought some stuff pompously titled "cold medicine", got home, medicated myself, hit the bed, and woke up 3 hours later still feeling horrible.

Then, it hit me: my grandmother used to make onion tea when I was little and I had a bad case of cold. I remember it smelled awful and tasted like rotten pig guts, but if I was a good boy and drank a lot of it, it worked.

With these things in mind, I went to the kitchen, gathered 3 onions, washed'em up pretty good, and put them in the kettle to boil.

The idea is to take 2-3 small onions and boil them slowly in a full kettle until the water is reduced by half via evaporation, then drink the tea as hot as you can stand it.

Trust me folks, it really works: sore throat-gone, stuffy nose-gone, I was alive again. It does taste hideous, unless you're a die-hard onion lover, but it's a small cost to pay.

Basically, with this magic potion you'll be able to function, to be active: to be alive, so to speak, from day 1.

You must drink two 3/4 cups of tea per day, essentially one in the morning and one before bed, that's important.

If you manage to squeeze 3 more in during the day, it will work like a Swiss watch.

If all you have in the house are big-fat onions, you'll just have to cut them in half before boiling it, but remember: don't remove the peel. That's essential; just wash the onion thoroughly.

How does onion tea work? I really don't know. There aren't any "official" studies that I know of, probably because you can't patent onions and sell them for 5 bucks a pop. It just does, provided you drink it hot as hell and you follow the recipe above.

Vitamin C

Besides onion tea, supplementing with vitamin C and D3 is also very important when it comes to mitigating colds and flu (these vitamins play an essential role in immunity overall), but it's important to take big doses. The RDA is a joke.

For example, I am talking about 2-3 grams of vitamin C per day, together with eating lots of fruit: oranges, grapefruits, lemons, kiwis, apples and, again very important, raw onions and garlic (natural antibiotics).

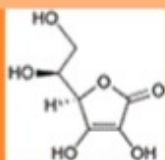
The RDA is the minimal amount of Vitamin C (or whatever) to be taken daily in order to avoid getting scurvy (speaking of vitamin C). To be healthy, it takes for much more than that; remember that.

Vitamin C Knowledge

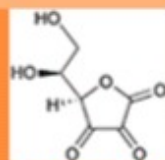


Vitamin C, or technically L-ascorbic acid, is an essential water-soluble vitamin known to exhibit antioxidant properties. It was first isolated in 1927 and is vital to human survival.

Two of the
vitamers of
Vitamin C:



ascorbic acid (reduced form)



dehydroascorbic acid (oxidized form)

United States Vitamin C Recommendations

Recommended Dietary Allowance (adult male)	90 mg per day
Recommended Dietary Allowance (adult female)	75 mg per day
Tolerable Upper Intake Level (adult male)	2,000 mg per day
Tolerable Upper Intake Level (adult female)	2,000 mg per day

Benefits of Vitamin C

- effective antioxidant
- cancer risk reduction
- Reduce risk of: myocardial infarction, stroke, cardiovascular mortality, or all-cause mortality
- Chronic diseases
- Acute care
- Treats common cold
- Cataract

Vitamin C Deficiency

- bone pain
- fatigue
- lethargy
- anemia
- myalgia
- general malaise
- easy bruising
- perifollicular hemorrhages
- gum disease
- mood changes
- scurvy

10 Foods High in Vitamin C



Kale



Acerola



Seabuckthorn



Red Pepper



Orange



Kiwifruit



Brussels sprout



Lychee



Strawberry



Lemon

Tomato Tea

Another way of naturally treating a stuffy nose/nasal congestion is tomato tea.

The recipe is:

- 1 cup of [tomato juice](#), (but I'd use 2-3 tomatoes cut in half instead of tomato juice)
- a teaspoon of fresh garlic (basically a clove)
- half a teaspoon of chili sauce (I'd use a small red hot chilli pepper instead)
- one teaspoon of lemon juice (again, I'd use a whole fruit instead).

Add a pinch of salt into the mix and heat them together in the kettle until they start boiling, then drink the tea as hot as you can take it.

During the day, you can drink a mix of green tea and ginger tea with honey, as these ingredients boost the immune system and they break up phlegm naturally (the drugs are called expectorants).

Streptococcal pharyngitis or strep throat is a common occurrence when it comes to seasonal colds and flu, and besides my aforementioned magic onion tea recipe, you should try 2 additional tricks if you want to get better ASAP: first, gargle with apple cider vinegar after you dilute it in a glass of warm water (1-3 teaspoons of vinegar in 8 oz of water).

Second, gargle with salt-water and if you're hardcore, you can try rubbing your infected tonsils with [salt](#) (using your finger that is). It's not a pleasant experience, but it works amazingly well. You can boost the recipe's effectiveness by adding powdered cayenne pepper into the mix.

Add one teaspoon of cayenne pepper plus one teaspoon of salt in an 8 oz. glass, and mix well together, obviously. Gargle

vigorously with this formula until you get better. It will definitely break up the bacteria coating in your throat so expect to spit profusely for a couple of minutes afterwards.

It's very important to use high-quality, organic salt; not refined/processed stuff. I would recommend Himalayan salt (the pink variety), or salt-mine salt (the one that looks dirty). Processed, refined, snow white salt doesn't work too great as it's stripped of its essential trace elements.

I hope the article helped and I can't wait to see your comments in the dedicated sections below, AFTER trying my onion tea, obviously.

Stay healthy folks and click the banner below to discover more ancient secrets that helped our ancestors survive harsh times!



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