



Skin Problems

Client Information

Key Information – Skin Problems

Thank you for your enquiry about whether reflexology will help a particular condition. We have provided you with this information sheet because the condition that you have stated is medically considered to be within this group.

Firstly it is important to understand that reflexology does not claim to cure. Reflexologists may claim only to help relaxation and stress, however as stress is involved in many illnesses the prevention or reduction of stress may well help you. With a reduction in stress many other 'problems' may show an improvement.

The theory behind reflexology is that it returns the various systems of the body back to homeostasis, or back to working at their natural level and in doing so that it helps all systems work properly with each other.

The skin is very complex and can be unsettled by lots of external forces. Stress certainly can play a part here but also chemicals, allergies, hormones and friction may promote a skin problem or make an existing one worse. Reflexology may help balance those areas that are due to an over reaction of the body by re balancing it but will probably not make a difference to those caused by bodily harm, such as open wounds or sores. In many cases of skin irritation the problem

may well become worse before it gets better as the body needs reset itself before beginning healing.

Like most other complementary therapies reflexology works on an individualised basis and the degree of effect is specific to the individual. The only way to know whether reflexology will help your particular symptoms or problems is to try it and see.

Should you have any concerns about receiving reflexology especially in conjunction with other medications or treatments then it is suggested that you seek medical advice before commencing treatment.

The Association of Reflexologists can help you to find a qualified Reflexologist in your area, log on to www.aor.org.uk and do a postcode search and then choose a therapist or two and phone and ask if they are experienced in treating problems like yours. The most important thing about finding a therapist is that they are well qualified and that you like them.