# CURING FORMULA

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#### **Biomedical Presentation**

Gastroenteritis, and motion sickness.

# Symptom Presentation

Low-grade fever, slight chills, headache, poor appetite, sudden and violent cramping, regurgitation, gastric hyperacidity, nausea, vomiting, abdominal bloating with pain, constipation or diarrhea.

#### Tongue

Slippery.

#### Pulse

Thick, slimy tongue coat.

# **Energetic Functions**

Dispels summertime wind-cold, eliminates dampness, regulates the center, and resolves food stagnation.

# **Chinese Medical Indications**

Summertime wind-cold and damp.

Food stagnation.

#### Herbal Ingredients and Analysis

Pharmaceutical	Latin Binomial	Pinyin	English
Sclerotium Poriae Cocos	Wolfiporia cocos	fu ling	Poria sclerotium fungus
Semen Coicis Lachryma-jobi	Coix lachryma jobi	yi yi ren	Coix seed
Cortex Magnoliae Officinalis	Magnolia officinalis	huo po	Magnolia bark
Rhizoma Atractylodis Macrocephalae	Atractylodes macrocephala	bai zhu	White Atractylodes rhizome
Herba Agastaches seu Pogostemi	Agastache rugosa	huo xiang	Agastache herb
Radix Puerariae	Pueraria lobata	ge gen	Pueraria root
Radix Angelicae Dahuricae	Angelica dahurica	bai zhi	Fragrant Angelica (bai zhi) root
Radix Aucklandiae Lappae	Aucklandia lappa	mu xiang	Saussurea root
Radix Trichosanthis Kirilowii kirilowii	Trichosanthes	tian hua fen	Trichosanthis root
Massa Fermintatae		shen qu	Fermented Leaven

# Herbal Ingredients and Analysis (cont.)

Pharmaceutical	Latin Binomial	Pinyin	English
Rhizoma Gastrodiae Elatae	Gastrodia elata	tian ma	Gastrodia rhizome
Flos Chrysanthemi Morifolii	Chrysanthemum morifolium	ju hua	Chrysanthemum flower
Pericarpium Citri Reticulatae	Citrus reticulata	chen pi	Citrus peel
Herba Menthae Haplocalycis	Mentha haplocalyx	bo he	Mentha (bo he) herb
Fructus Oryzae Sativae Germinantus	Orzya sativa	ди уа	Oryza sprout

Gastrodia rhizome and Fragrant Angelica (*bai zhi*) root dispel wind to relieve headache. Chrysanthemum flower, Mentha (*bo he*) herb, Pueraria root, and Trichosanthis root resolve wind-heat and resolve the muscles to relieve body aches. White Atractylodes rhizome, Coix seed, and Poria fortify the spleen and eliminate dampness. Saussurea root, Magnolia bark, Citrus peel, and Agastache herb move middle burner qi, regulate the center, check vomiting relieve pain, and eliminate dampness. Fermented Leaven and Oryza sprout fortify the spleen, stimulate the appetite, improve digestion, and resolve food stagnation.

# Formula Differentiation

Both **Agastache Formula** and **Curing Formula** treat gastric disorders due to summertime wind-cold and damp. Both treat some exterior symptoms such as slight chills and fever. Both treat abdominal distension, nausea and vomiting. The use of **Agastache Formula** is for exterior conditions where the damp is more predominant, specifically for stomach flu with diarrhea. **Curing Formula** is indicated for conditions where exterior symptoms exist, but its focus is more on abdominal distension, and lack of appetite due to food stagnation.

Both Coptis & Pinellia Formula and Curing Formula treat gastrointestinal pain, distention, nausea and vomiting. Coptis & Pinellia Formula treats conditions that are caused by a gallbladder and stomach disharmony with marked symptoms of phlegm-heat such as irritability, gnawing hunger, and bitter taste. Curing Formula is intended for conditions with mild exterior symptoms with indigestion, nausea, poor appetite, and abdominal bloating as predominant symptoms.

**Curing Formula** is particularly useful in cases of stomach upset due to overindulgence in food or drink, traveling, and motion sickness. As a remedy for travel or motion sickness, **Curing Formula** is taken 30 minutes to one hour before traveling.

#### Cautions and Contraindications

None noted.