# Menopause Warriors Scotland

"We can all make the change, if we do it together"



#### What we will cover Tonight

- 1. Purpose of Menopause Warriors Support Group
- 2. What is Menopause
- 3. Our Menopause
- 4. Shared Experience of Menopause Warriors Support Group
- 5. Symptom's by the Support Group
- 6. Treatments used by the Support Group
- 7. Menopause and Relationships
- 8. HRT
- 9. Menopause in the Workplace
- 10. How to support us

#### Why did we start the Menopause Warrior Group?

Talking is free

No Support

Information was difficult to find

Not to feel alone

#### What is Menopause?

- > This is where a Women's fertility decrease and this leads to Hormonal Decrease
- Menopause should be diagnosed by Symptoms never age
- There are 3 types of MenopauseNatural, Surgical and Cancer
- There are 3 stages of Menopause

Perimenopausal – Still have periods but can be irregular along with Menopausal symptoms

Menopausal – No period for 1 year

Post Menopausal – No period for year and 1 day.

➤ How Long does Menopause Last?





#### Our Menopause

My Menopause

Caroline's Symptoms

# **Symptoms**

1	Allergies	19	Hot Flushes
2	Bloating	20	Incontinence
3	Brain Fog	21	Insomnia
4	Breast Pain	22	Irregular Periods
5	Brittle Nails	23	Irritable
6	Anxiety	24	Isolation
7	Burning Tounge	25	Itchy Skin
8	Cold Sweats	26	Joint Pain
9	Cystitis	27	Loss or Drop in Libido
10	Depression	28	Palpitations
11	Dislike Alcohol	29	Panic Attacks
12	Dizziness	30	Poor Concentration
13	Electric Shock Sensation	31	Sleep Terrors
14	Excess Facial Hair	32	Stomach Problems
15	Fatigue	33	Tinnitus
16	Gum Disorder	34	Vagina Dryness
17	Hair Loss	35	Vulvodynia
18	Headaches	36	Weight Gain

## Support Groups Shared Experience

Why

Who

Medical Experience

## Treatments used by Menopause Group

	<u>Treatments</u>		
1	A.Vogel		
2	Accupuncture		
3	Anti Depressants		
4	B12 Injections		
5	Black Cohosh		
6	Blackthorn Oil		
7	CBD Oil		
8	Cut down Alcohol		
9	Cut down Caffeine		
10	Evening Primrose Oil		
11	Exercise		
12	Ginseng		
13	HRT		
14	Lubricants		
15	Macca Powder		
16	Meditation		
17	Menopause Magnets		
18	Pelvic Floor Exercises		
19	Peppermint Tea		
20	Pine Bark Supplement		
21	Promensil		
22	Red Clover		
23	Sage		
24	Sertraline		
25	Soya, Almond and Coconut Milk		
26	St Johns Wart		
27	Starflower		
28	Therapy/Coaching		
29	Turmeric		
30	Yoga		

# Relationships

Partner

Family



Does HRT cause Breast Cancer?



#### Understanding the risks of breast cancer



A comparison of lifestyle risk factors versus Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) treatment.

Difference in breast cancer incidence per 1,000 women aged 50-59.

Approximate number of women developing breast cancer over the next five years.

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#### 23 cases of breast cancer diagnosed in the UK general population An additional four cases in women on combined hormone replacement therapy (HRT) Four fewer cases in women on oestrogen only Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) An additional four cases in women on combined hormonal contraceptives (the pill) An additional five cases in women who drink 2 or more units of alcohol per day Three additional cases in women who are current smokers An additional 24 cases in women who are overweight or obese (BMI equal or greater than 30) Seven fewer cases in women who take at least 21/2 hours moderate exercise per week

## **HRT**

Why should you consider HRT?

When you take HRT what should you consider?

Stopping HRT?

# Workplace

Working with Menopause

Symptoms in the Workplace

How can the workplace help women and Menopause.

## How Can you Support us?

Acknowledge our Menopause

# You can save a women's Sanity

# OR SAVE HER LIFE

# "Applause Our Menopause"

### Resources on Social Media

Menopause Warriors Scotland Menopause Matters Dr Nighat Aril F Ruth Devlin Talk Menopause Hayleys Menopause at 14 British Menopause Society Liz Earle Wellbeing Dr Jennifer Gunter Menopause Chicks Rock my Menopause