# Sprained Ankle Therapy: Home Remedy Keys For Sprains



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A sprained ankle is a common injury that can happen to anyone, regardless of age or activity level. Sprains occur when the ligaments that connect the bones in your ankle are stretched or torn. This can happen when you roll, twist, or turn your ankle in an awkward way. Sprains can range in severity from mild to severe. Mild sprains may only cause minor pain and swelling, while severe sprains can cause significant pain, swelling, and bruising. In some cases, a sprain may even require surgery to repair the damaged ligaments.

#### **Symptoms of a Sprained Ankle**

The symptoms of a sprained ankle can vary depending on the severity of the sprain. Mild sprains may only cause minor pain and swelling, while severe sprains can cause significant pain, swelling, and bruising. Other symptoms of a sprained ankle may include:

- Difficulty walking
- Tenderness to the touch
- Instability
- Bruising
- Numbness or tingling

#### **Treatment for a Sprained Ankle**

The treatment for a sprained ankle will depend on the severity of the sprain. Mild sprains can usually be treated at home with rest, ice, compression, and elevation (RICE). More severe sprains may require medical treatment, such as immobilization, physical therapy, or surgery.

#### **Home Remedies for Sprains**

If you have a mild sprain, you can try treating it at home with the following remedies:

- Rest. Rest your ankle as much as possible. Avoid activities that put stress on your ankle, such as walking or running.
- Ice. Apply an ice pack to your ankle for 20 minutes at a time, several times a day. This will help to reduce pain and swelling.
- Compression. Wrap your ankle with an elastic bandage to help reduce swelling. Be sure to wrap the bandage snugly, but not too tightly.

**Elevation.** Keep your ankle elevated above your heart to help reduce swelling. You can do this by propping your ankle up on pillows.

#### **Medical Treatment for Sprains**

If your sprain is severe, you may need to see a doctor. Your doctor may recommend one or more of the following treatments:

- Immobilization. Your doctor may immobilize your ankle with a cast or boot. This will help to keep your ankle stable and prevent further injury.
- Physical therapy. Physical therapy can help you to strengthen your ankle and improve your range of motion.
- Surgery. In some cases, surgery may be necessary to repair the damaged ligaments in your ankle.

#### **Preventing Sprains**

There are a few things you can do to help prevent sprains:

- Wear supportive shoes. Choose shoes that provide good support for your ankles.
- Warm up before exercising. Warming up your muscles before exercising will help to make them more flexible and less likely to be injured.
- Stretch your ankles. Stretching your ankles regularly will help to keep them flexible and strong.
- Avoid uneven surfaces. Be careful when walking or running on uneven surfaces, such as cobblestones or trails.

Sprained ankles are a common injury, but they can be prevented and treated with proper care. If you have a sprained ankle, follow the RICE method at home and see a doctor if your pain is severe or does not improve after a few days.



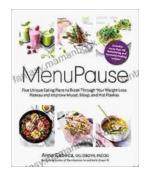
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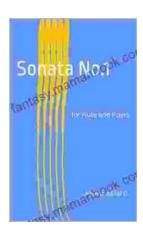
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