MenoCare SymptomTracker

This table shows common symptoms experienced during the menopause transition.

Consider your own symptoms and record the score for each. Enter 1 if you are mildly affected by the symptom, 2 if you are moderately affected and 3 if you are severely affected. Record 0 if you do not have that particular symptom. Then calculate your total score. A score of 15 is suggestive of symptoms related to the menopause transition which may respond to menopause hormone treatment (MHT). Reassessment after starting treatment can help guide ongoing management. Treatment (Rx) can, of course, be started if the score is lower than 15, and continued if an improvement is demonstrated.

This list is not exhaustive and women have reported up to 70 symptoms associated with the menopause transition. Should you have symptoms which are not included in this list, please add them at the bottom of the table and record their severily score as described above. You can then assess how your symptoms improve with treatment.

There can be other causes for these symptoms other than the menopause transition. It is important to consider them, guided by an expert and within the context of a full health profile including risk assessment for other diseases and potential risks related to any proposed treatment.

This table is adapted from the Menopause Rating Scale; Hauser GA, Huber IC, Keller PJ, Lauritzen C, Schneider HPG: Evaluation der klinischen Beschwerden (Menopause Rating Scale). Zentralbl Gynakol 1994; 116:16-23. and Greene JG. Constructing a standard climacteric standard. Maturitas 1998;29:25-31

Symptoms	Before MHT	3 Months Rx	6 Months Rx	
Hot flushes				
Light headed feelings				
Headaches				
Tinnitus				
Irritability - quick to anger				
Low mood				
Anxiety				
Forgetfulness				
Difficulty getting to sleep or waking up early.				
Unusual tiredness				
Backache				
Joint and/or muscle pains				
Thinning scalp hair				
New facial hair				
Dry skin				
Crawling feelings under the skin				
Less sexual feelings				

Dry, uncomfortable vagina		
Uncomfortable intercourse		
More frequent need to pass urine		
Discomfort when passing urine		
TOTAL		