

Commonly Asked Questions

Q. What is BioTE®?

A. BioTE® is a Bio-Identical form of hormone therapy that seeks to return the hormone balance to youthful levels in men and women.

Q. How do I know if I'm a candidate for pellets?

A. Symptoms may vary widely from depression and anxiety to night sweats and sleeplessness for example. You will be given a lab slip to have blood work done which will determine your hormone levels. Once the doctor reviews and determines you are a candidate we will schedule an appointment for insertion.

Q. Do I have blood work done before each Treatment?

A. No, only initially and 4-8 weeks later to set your dosing. You may have it done again if there are significant changes.

Q. What are the pellets made from?

A. They are made from wild yams and soy. Wild yams and soy have the highest concentration of hormones of any substance. There are no known allergens associated with wild yams and soy, because once the hormone is made it is no longer yam or soy.

Q. How long will the treatment last?

A. Every 3-6 months depending on the person. Everyone is different so it depends on how you feel and what the doctor determines is right for you. If you are really active, you are under a lot of stress or it is extremely hot your treatment may not last as long. Absorption rate is based on cardiac output.

Q. Is the therapy FDA approved?

A. What the pellets are made of is FDA approved and regulated, the process of making pellets is regulated by the State Pharmacy Board, and the distribution is regulated by the DEA and Respective State Pharmacy Boards. The PROCEDURE of placing pellets is NOT an FDA approved procedure. The pellets are derived from wild yams and soy, and are all natural and bio-identical. Meaning they are the exact replication of what the body makes.

Q. How are they administered?

A. Your practitioner will implant the pellets in the fat under the skin of the hip. A small incision is made in the hip. The pellets are inserted. No stitch is required.

Q. Does it matter if I'm on birth control?

A. No, the doctor can determine what your hormone needs are even if you are on birth control.

Q. Are there any side effects?

A. The majority of side effects is temporary and typically only happens on the first dose. All are very treatable. There are no serious side effects.

Q. What if I'm already on HRT of some sort like creams, patches, pills?

A. This is an easy transition. The doctor will be able to determine your needs even though you may be currently taking these other forms of HRT.

Q. What if I've had breast cancer?

A. Breast cancer survivors and/or those who have a history of breast cancer in their family may still be a candidate; however, this is to be determined by the physician. You should schedule a consultation with the Doctor.

Male New Patient Package

The contents of this package are your first step to restore your vitality.

Please take time to read this carefully and answer all the questions as completely as possible.

Thank you for your interest in BioTE Medical®. In order to determine if you are a candidate for bioidentical testosterone pellets, we need laboratory and your history forms. We will evaluate your information prior to your consultation to determine if BioTE Medical® can help you live a healthier life. Please complete the following tasks before your appointment:

2 weeks or more before your scheduled consultation: Get your blood lab drawn at any Quest Laboratory/ or LabCorp Lab. IF YOU ARE NOT INSURED OR HAVE A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE, CALL OUR OFFICE FOR SELF-PAY BLOOD DRAWS. We request the tests listed below. It is your responsibility to find out if your insurance company will cover the cost, and which lab to go to. Please note that it can take up to two weeks for your lab results to be received by our office. Please fast for 12 hours prior to your blood draw.

Your blood work panel MUST include the following tests:

- Estradiol
- Testosterone Free & Total
- PSA Total
- TSH
- T4, Total
- T3, Free
- T.P.O. Thyroid Peroxidase
- CBC
- Complete Metabolic Panel
- Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy
- Lipid Panel (Optional) **(Must be a fasting blood draw to be accurate)**

Male Post Insertion Labs Needed at 4 Weeks:

- Estradiol
- Testosterone Free & Total
- PSA Total (If PSA was borderline on first insertion)
- CBC
- Lipid Panel (Optional) **(Must be a fasting blood draw to be accurate)**
- TSH, T4 Total, T3 Free, TPO **(Only needed if you've been prescribed thyroid medication)**

Male Patient Questionnaire & History

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail Address: _____ May we contact you via E-mail? Yes No

In case of Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

Primary Care Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Address City State Zip

Marital Status (check one): Married Divorced Widow Living with Partner Single

In the event we cannot contact you by the means you've provided above, we would like to know if we have permission to speak to your spouse or significant other about your treatment. By giving the information below you are giving us permission to speak with your spouse or significant other about your treatment.

Spouse's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

Social:

- I am sexually active.
- I want to be sexually active.
- I have completed my family.
- I have used steroids in the past for athletic purposes.

Habits:

- I smoke cigarettes or cigars _____ a day.
- I drink alcoholic beverages _____ per week
- I drink more than 10 alcoholic beverages a week.
- I use caffeine _____ a day.

Medical HISTORY

Any known drug allergies: _____

Have you ever had any issues with anesthesia? Yes No

If yes please explain: _____

Medications Currently Taking: _____

Current Hormone Replacement Therapy: _____

Past Hormone Replacement Therapy: _____

Nutritional Vitamin Supplements: _____

Surgeries, list all and when: _____

Other Pertinent Information: _____

Medical Illnesses:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure. | <input type="checkbox"/> Testicular or prostate cancer. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol. | <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated PSA. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease. | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostate enlargement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke and/or heart attack. | <input type="checkbox"/> Trouble passing urine or take Flomax or Avodart. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood clot and/or a pulmonary emboli. | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic liver disease (hepatitis, fatty liver, cirrhosis). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hemochromatosis. | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression/anxiety. | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid disease. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Disorder. | <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer (type): _____ | |

Year: _____

I understand that if I begin testosterone replacement with any testosterone treatment, including testosterone pellets, that I will produce less testosterone from my testicles and if I stop replacement, I may experience a temporary decrease in my testosterone production. Testosterone Pellets should be completely out of your system in 12 months.

By beginning treatment, I accept all the risks of therapy stated herein and future risks that might be reported. I understand that higher than normal physiologic levels may be reached to create the necessary hormonal balance.

Print Name

Signature

Today's Date

BHRT Checklist For Men

Name: _____

Date: _____

EiMail: _____

Symptom (Please check mark)	Never	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Decline in general well being	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint pain/muscle ache	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excessive sweating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleep problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased need for sleep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irritability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nervousness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anxiety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Depressed mood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhaustion/lacking vitality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declining Mental Ability/Focus/Concentration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feeling you have passed your peak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feeling burned out/hit rock bottom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decreased muscle strength	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weight Gain/Belly Fat/Inability to Lose Weight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breast Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shrinking Testicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rapid Hair Loss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decrease in beard growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Migraine Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decreased desire/libido	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decreased morning erections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decreased ability to perform sexually	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infrequent or Absent Ejaculations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Results from E.D. Medications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other symptoms that concern you:				

Testosterone Pellet Insertion Consent Form

Bio-identical testosterone pellets are concentrated, compounded hormone, biologically identical to the testosterone that is made in your own body. Testosterone was made in your testicles prior to "andropause." Bio-identical hormones have the same effects on your body as your own testosterone did when you were younger. Bio-identical hormone pellets are made from yams and bioidentical hormone replacement using pellets has been used in Europe, the U.S. and Canada since the 1930's. Your risks are similar to those of any testosterone replacement but may be lower risk than alternative forms. During andropause, the risk of not receiving adequate hormone therapy can outweigh the risks of replacing testosterone.

Risks of not receiving testosterone therapy after andropause include but are not limited to:

Arteriosclerosis, elevation of cholesterol, obesity, loss of strength and stamina, generalized aging, osteoporosis, mood disorders, depression, arthritis, loss of libido, erectile dysfunction, loss of skin tone, diabetes, increased overall inflammatory processes, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and many other symptoms of aging.

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT: I consent to the insertion of testosterone pellets in my hip. I have been informed that I may experience any of the complications to this procedure as described below. **Surgical risks are the same as for any minor medical procedure.**

Side effects may include:

Bleeding, bruising, swelling, infection and pain. Lack of effect (typically from lack of absorption). Thinning hair, male pattern baldness. Increased growth of prostate and prostate tumors. Extrusion of pellets. Hyper sexuality (overactive libido). Ten to fifteen percent shrinkage in testicle size. There can also be a significant reduction in sperm production.

There is some risk, even with natural testosterone therapy, of enhancing an existing current prostate cancer to grow more rapidly. For this reason, a prostate specific antigen blood test is to be done before starting testosterone pellet therapy and will be conducted each year thereafter. If there is any question about possible prostate cancer, a follow-up with an ultrasound of the prostate gland may be required as well as a referral to a qualified specialist. While urinary symptoms typically improve with testosterone, rarely they may worsen, or worsen before improving. Testosterone therapy may increase one's hemoglobin and hematocrit, or thicken one's blood. This problem can be diagnosed with a blood test. Thus, a complete blood count (Hemoglobin and Hematocrit.) should be done at least annually. This condition can be reversed simply by donating blood periodically.

BENEFITS OF TESTOSTERONE PELLETS INCLUDE:

Increased libido, energy, and sense of well-being. Increased muscle mass and strength and stamina. Decreased frequency and severity of migraine headaches. Decrease in mood swings, anxiety and irritability (secondary to hormonal decline). Decreased weight (Increase in lean body mass). Decrease in risk or severity of diabetes. Decreased risk of Alzheimer's and Dementia. Decreased risk of heart disease in men less than 75 years old with no pre-existing history of heart disease.

On January 31, 2014, the FDA issued a Drug Safety Communication indicating that the FDA is investigating risk of heart attack and death in some men taking FDA approved testosterone products. The risks were found in men over the age of 65 years old with pre-existing heart disease and men over the age of 75 years old with or without pre-existing heart disease. These studies were performed with testosterone patches, testosterone creams and synthetic testosterone injections and did not include subcutaneous hormone pellet therapy.

I agree to immediately report to my practitioner's office any adverse reactions or problems that may be related to my therapy. Potential complications have been explained to me and I agree that I have received information regarding those risks, potential complications and benefits, and the nature of bio-identical and other treatments and have had all my questions answered. Furthermore, I have not been promised or guaranteed any specific benefits from the administration of bio-identical therapy. I certify this form has been fully explained to me, and I have read it or have had it read to me and I understand its contents. I accept these risks and benefits and I consent to the insertion of hormone pellets under my skin. This consent is ongoing for this and all future insertions.

I understand that payment is due in full at the time of service. I also understand that it is my responsibility to submit a claim to my insurance company for possible reimbursement. I have been advised that most insurance companies do not consider pellet therapy to be a covered benefit and my insurance company may not reimburse me, depending on my coverage. I acknowledge that my provider has no contracts with any insurance company and is not contractually obligated to pre-certify treatment with my insurance company or answer letters of appeal.

Print Name

Signature

Today's Date

Hormone Replacement Fee Acknowledgment

Preventative medicine and bio-identical hormone replacement is a unique practice and is considered a form of alternative medicine. Even though the physicians and nurses are board certified as Medical Doctors and RN's or NP's, insurance does not recognize it as necessary medicine BUT is considered like plastic surgery (esthetic medicine) and therefore is not covered by health insurance in most cases.

This practice is not associated with any insurance companies, which means they are not obligated to pay for our services (blood work, consultations, insertions or pellets). We require payment at time of service and, if you choose, we will provide a form to send to your insurance company and a receipt showing that you paid out of pocket. WE WILL NOT, however, communicate in any way with insurance companies.

The form and receipt are your responsibility and serve as evidence of your treatment. We will not call, write, pre-certify, or make any contact with your insurance company. Any follow up letters from your insurance to us will be thrown away. If we receive a check from your insurance company, we will not cash it, but instead return it to the sender. Likewise, we will not mail it to you. We will not respond to any letters or calls from your insurance company.

For patients who have access to Health Savings Account, you may pay for your treatment with that credit or debit card. This is the best idea for those patients who have an HSA as an option in their medical coverage.

- New Patient Consult Fee \$150.00**
- Male Hormone Pellet Insertion Fee \$600.00**
- Male Hormone Pellet Insertion Fee (over 2000mg) \$650.00**

We accept the following forms of payment:
 Master Card, Visa, Discover, American Express, Personal Checks and Cash.



