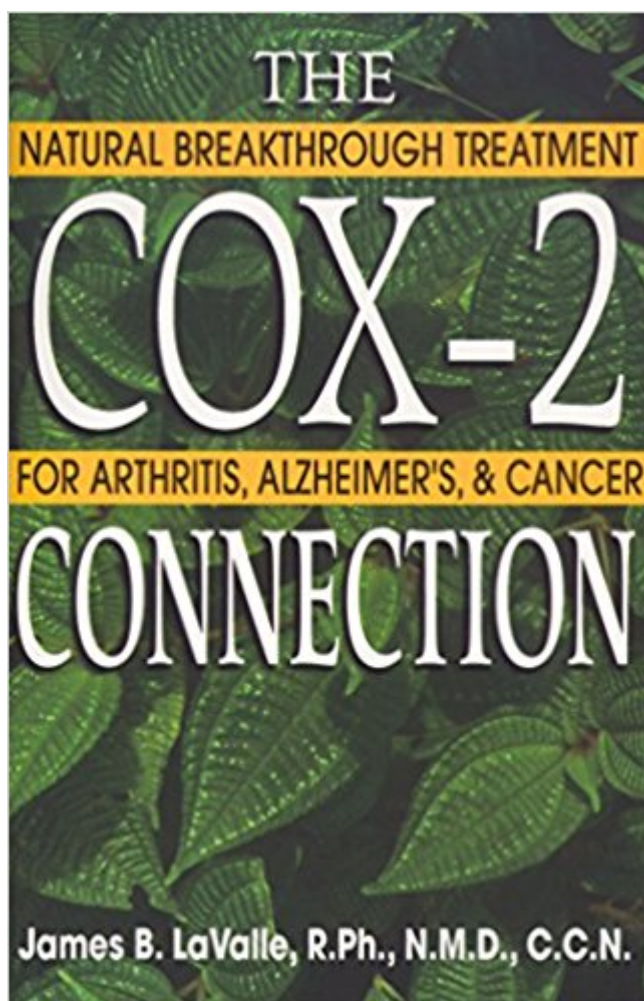


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# The Cox-2 Connection: Natural Breakthrough Treatments For Arthritis, Alzheimer's, And Cancer



## Synopsis

All of us have experienced, at one time or another, the temporary inflammation and pain of a minor injury. But those who suffer from chronic inflammation--whether the result of an injury or a biological disorder--and its coincidental pain are all too aware of the frequently crippling and debilitating effects of these conditions. In *The Cox-2 Connection*, pharmacist and naturalist James B. LaValle shares a thorough overview of treatment options for a variety of disorders for which inflammation is a primary symptom--from osteoarthritis, bursitis, and fibromyalgia to rheumatoid arthritis, gout and dysbiosis. He clearly explains the physiological mechanism that leads to inflammation and pain and includes an in-depth section on pain-management strategies useful for anyone who is experiencing this discomfort, whether temporary or chronic. Cox-2--or cyclooxygenase-2--is the key enzyme responsible for the body's inflammation and pain response in conditions such as arthritis and bursitis, and it is also linked to the inflammation that may play a significant role in the progression of Alzheimer's and cancer. *The Cox-2 Connection*, however, goes further than other pain management books by dealing with not only the synthetic, anti-inflammatory Cox-2 inhibitors, such as Celebrex and Vioxx, but also with their natural counterparts that have been used for thousands of years by people all over the world. The author thoughtfully evaluates the effectiveness of these inhibitors as well as their side effects and presents exciting new studies that indicate their possible role in preventing Alzheimer's and cancer. *The Cox-2 Connection* is an essential and timely reference for anyone trying to understand and manage inflammation and pain and make sense of the exploding availability and potential of ways to deal with them.

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"We recommend Dr. LaValle's new book, *The Cox-2 Connection*, as a valuable asset to anyone concerned with confronting inflammation." (Total Health, Vol. 23, No. 5)"LaValle clearly shows the mechanism that causes inflammation and gives an overview of treatment options for inflammatory disorders." (American Herb Association)

A nationally known pharmacist and naturalist, James B. LaValle, R.Ph., N.M.D., C.C.N., has been vice president of the American Association of Homeopathic Pharmacists, and is currently the chief clinical officer and cofounder of Intramedicine, Inc., a global source for integrative medical information. He is a faculty member at the British Institute of Homeopathy and the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. Dr. LaValle is coauthor of *Smart Medicine for Healthier Living*, and the author of *Drug-Induced Nutrient Depletion Handbook*, *The Cholestin Breakthrough*, and *Black Cohosh*.

First of all we must recognize that the book was printed in 2001, and the Cox-2 inhibitors which we start reading about from the side 50, the Celebrex and the Vioxx, first started being sold in respectively the years 1998, and 1999. So LaValle thereby had no chances to know what the future would be telling about these drugs, which he mostly believed really would go on changing the future to the better for patients. But actual then in the year 2004 the Vioxx was redrawn from the market as there then had been many heart attacks, probably resulting in 70,000 dead patients! But then in the following year, it again was back on the market, as the producers wanted it to be, and a few years later it was written that now the result of dead patient probably had reached 100.000. But throughout history, especially during the last 60 years, we again and again have been seeing equal cases concerning new drugs that resulted in side failures, and as it's often the case, taking many years before the problems are starting to show up, it will be difficult to predict the future. But besides the Vioxx, probably some of the other drugs mentioned in the book, also have shown up suffering having too many bad side problems, or maybe we now can find new parallel drugs actual being better than some of those mentioned in the book. I was hoping in the book getting more chemical informations concerning the Cox-2, but still the book is excellent by in many detailed advises telling us about what for example to do if being a patient suffering in Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, or wanting to prevent against Alzheimer and Cancer. And on the last 36 side of the text, the chapter

8, *ÀœA Smorgasbord of Ways to Manage Your Pain*, we learn about many possible treatments as for example Deep breathing, Massage, Reducing Stress, Go to the Experts, Acupuncture, a Good Night's Sleep, Hypnosis, and so on. And actual the importance concerning stress, which LaValle here is telling about, is the same which I back in the year 2003, but in vain, then told some doctors. And for example in this chapter, under the sub part *Àœt's Never Too Late*, we are reading about a 92 year-old woman who during 35 years had been unable to work without assistance, but then after she had started on an exercise program, she even when being 97 years old travelled from USA to London to participate in a walking tour! In the chapter 6, *ÀœNatural Cox-2 Inhibitors and Other Natural Remedies*, we learn that in Germany 1/3 of the pills actual are coming from the Herbs, as for example Ginger, Green tea, Curcumin, Nettle leaf, and so on, and where I learned about a couple of more Herbs. And even though the book in the title only is using Cox-2, we at one place in the book learn that many times it's not only Cox-2, but also the Cox-1 that we are getting, and where the Cox-2 is the bad one, while the Cox-1 is the good one. All together an excellent book with many advises to persons suffering from Arthritis or Osteoarthritis.

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A great book packed with info and research backing it up. I am a big fan of Lavallo's as he has treated several family members. As a chiropractor I find this book to exceed expectations!

If you have experienced temporary inflammation and pain from a minor injury, imagine living in constant, crippling and debilitating pain. James B. LaValle shares his knowledge with a thorough overview of the treatment options for a variety of disorders in which inflammation is a primary symptom. He explains the physiological mechanisms that lead to inflammation. He explains how Cox 2, or cyclooxygenase 2 is the key enzyme responsible for the body's inflammation and pain response in conditions such as arthritis and bursitis. It might also play a significant role in the progression of Alzheimer's and cancer. Conditions Discussed: Osteoarthritis and Back Pain Bursitis Fibromyalgia Rheumatoid Arthritis Gout Dysbiosis Interesting Information: In-depth sections on pain-management strategies Information on Foods that actually increase pain that you should avoid Foods that can help reduce pain External and Internal Factors involved in Inflammatory Disorders The Immune System explained Signs and Symptoms of various disorders A Chart of Common Drugs Isolated from Medicinal Plants Tips on selecting natural supplements Natural

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