Oregano is considered to be the “heavy artillery” when waging war against bacterial infections. Many studies have confirmed it as a potent antibiotic, antifungal, antiseptic, antispasmodic, and antiviral, and it is unmatched in its ability to kill a wide range of pathogenic bacteria.

Some aromatherapists advise against using Oregano Essential Oil because it’s so powerful, but when used responsibly it can be even more effective than antibiotics in eliminating harmful bacteria. It also rivals morphine as a powerful pain reliever.

Although Oregano essential oil is truly impressive as a natural antiseptic, it contains a high amount of phenols which make it extremely strong. It has the potential to burn skin and mucous membranes if used undiluted. Always dilute 1 part Oregano to 10 parts carrier oil before applying it topically. When taken internally, it should only be used in capsules diluted with carrier oil (maximum of 3 drops Oregano per capsule). Ingesting Oregano Essential Oil by mouth without using capsules can potentially damage the lining of the esophagus.

Responsible cautions

- Oregano is a very “hot” oil, making it a strong skin and mucous membrane irritant. In case of undiluted contact with skin, immediately apply carrier oil or olive oil; do not attempt to wash off with water as this will drive the oil further into the skin tissue and magnify the problem.

- Do not use during pregnancy or if there is compromised liver function.

- Not for use in children under the age of 10 years.

- Keep out of reach of children and pets.

- If you are pregnant, nursing, or under a doctor’s care, consult your healthcare provider prior to use.

- Store away from sunlight, at room temperature, with the lid securely tightened.

The information in this document has not been evaluated by the FDA and is not intended to treat, diagnose, cure, or prevent any disease. This information is not intended as a substitute for the advice or medical care of a qualified healthcare professional and you should seek the advice of your healthcare professional before undertaking any dietary or lifestyle changes. This information is provided for educational purposes only.