Valsed™
Herbal alternative to tryptophan

DESCRIPTION
Valsed™ tablets, provided by Douglas Laboratories®, contain extracts of valerian root (Valeriana officinalis) and passionflower (Passiflora incarnata), as well as magnesium gluconate, useful for supporting healthy sleep patterns and relaxation.

FUNCTIONS
Valerian root has been used since antiquity to relieve emotional stress associated with fear or anger. As a non-narcotic herbal sedative, valerian root extract can act as a food supplement that promotes restful sleep. As a muscle relaxant, valerian root may be helpful in supporting neck and shoulder tension, gastrointestinal health and muscle relaxation. Valerian root’s effectiveness as a sedative relaxant is thought to be due to its content of the valpotriates, i.e. valtrate and isovaltrate. A study of 23 outpatients at a large clinical hospital showed that most study patients felt that the herb was moderately to extremely helpful for supporting restful sleep. Another study of valerian root’s sedative properties with 99 subjects indicated that there was no negative impact on alertness and concentration the morning after a single or repeated administrations of 600 mg of valerian extract. Passionflower (Passiflora incarnata) has also been used for many years as a natural tranquilizer. Central American natives used it to soothe overactive nerves and support stress. Some suggest its use for a variety of conditions, including supporting healthy sleep and muscle relaxation. Passionflower’s active ingredients are thought to include the pyrone derivative maltol, as well as the flavonoids, orientin, isoorientin, vitexin and chrysin. Some have suggested that the two herbs, valerian and passionflower, may act synergistically, one as a sedative and the other as a relaxant.

INDICATIONS
Valsed™ tablets may be a useful dietary supplement for individuals who wish to support healthy sleep and muscle relaxation.

FORMULA (#7333)
Each Tablet Contains:
Valerian Root Extract .......................................................... 145 mg
Passiflora Extract .............................................................. 145 mg
Magnesium Gluconate ......................................................... 65 mg
(Providing 4 mg of elemental Magnesium)

SUGGESTED USE
Adults take 1 tablet 2 times daily or as directed by physician.

SIDE EFFECTS
Although no adverse effects have been reported, it is prudent not to use valerian concomitantly with barbiturates as excessive sedation may occur.

STORAGE
Store in a cool, dry place, away from direct light. Keep out of reach of children.
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REFERENCES
Miller LG. Herbal medicinals: selected clinical considerations focusing on known or potential drug-herb interactions [see comments]. Arch Intern Med 1998;158:2200-11.

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This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.