# L-Tryptophan **Neurological Support**

### **DESCRIPTION**

L-Tryptophan, provided by Douglas Laboratories®, supplies 1000 mg of pure L-Tryptophan plus other synergistic cofactors in two vegetarian capsules.

# **FUNCTIONS**

Serotonin, an important brain neurotransmitter, is key in the regulation of appetite, mood, and melatonin production. The presence of serotonin in the brain is associated with a balanced emotional state. This is achieved in part by decreasing the activity of certain excitatory hormones, including dopamine and noradrenaline. Serotonin also acts as a satiety signal in the brain, thereby naturally regulating food intake. Additionally, as a precursor of melatonin, serotonin is involved in regulating sleep patterns. Serotonin is unable to cross the blood-brain barrier and is therefore synthesized in the brain. Tryptophan, an essential amino acid, is a precursor for the synthesis of serotonin. Tryptophan crosses the blood-brain barrier and is converted to L-5-Hydroxytryptophan (5-HTP), which in turn is converted into serotonin. Vitamins B2 and B6, niacinamide and Vitamin C are necessary cofactors to ensure the proper synthesis of serotonin. Studies indicate that supplementation with L-tryptophan may support healthy mood and restful sleep.† Other studies indicate L-tryptophan may support women's emotional well being before menstruation.† Additional research indicates L-tryptophan may be helpful in supporting healthy relaxation and occasional food cravings.†

#### **INDICATIONS**

Tryptophan may be a useful dietary supplement for individuals wishing to support neurological function and healthy emotional wellbeing.

# FORMULA (#200448)

2 vegetarian capsules contain:

L-tryptophan (as TryptoPure®)	1000 mg
Vitamin C (as ascorbyl palmitate)	
Riboflavin (as riboflavin-5-phosphate)	
Niacin (as niacinamide)	10 mg
Vitamin B6 (as pyridoxal-5-phosphate)	10 mg
Bioperine® (Black pepper extract, fruit)	5 mg

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### SUGGESTED USE

As a dietary supplement, adults take 2 capsules daily or as directed by your health care professional.

#### SIDE EFFECTS

Warning:

If you are taking medications for neurological conditions including Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors [SSRIs] or Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors [MAOI], or are pregnant or nursing, do not use this product

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#### **STORAGE**

Store in a cool, dry place, away from direct light. Keep out of reach of children.

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