

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Hyperthyroidism

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	AN OVERACTIVE THYROID IS SORT OF LIKE A TRIPLE ESPRESSO... THE BODY GETS ALL REVVED UP. ONLY THE EFFECT DOESN'T WEAR OFF. THAT'S BECAUSE THERE'S AN OVER-PRODUCTION OF THE HORMONE THAT CONTROLS THE BODY'S METABOLISM.
Vahab Fatourehchi. M.D.	"YOU'RE GOING TO BE SHAKY. YOU'RE GOING TO BE IRRITATED. YOU'RE GOING TO BE ANXIOUS AND YOUR REFLEXES ARE GOING TO BE FASTER."
	LEFT UNTREATED, MAYO CLINIC DR. VAHAB FATOURECHI SAYS THE HEART CAN ALSO BE AFFECTED.

	TREATMENTS DEPEND ON THE CAUSE. SOMETIMES, MEDICATIONS THAT CAN SLOW DOWN HORMONE PRODUCTION ARE USED. SURGERY TO REMOVE THE THYROID MAY BE AN OPTION, OR...
Dr. Fatourechi	“YOU GET RADIOACTIVE IODINE WHICH BURNS OUT THE THYROID AND YOU TURN A MORE DIFFICULT SITUATION LIKE HYPERTHYROIDISM INTO AN EASIER CONDITION WHICH IS UNDERACTIVE.”
	AT THAT POINT HORMONE THERAPY IS NEEDED TO REPLACE WHAT THE BODY CAN NO LONGER MAKE ON ITS OWN.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.