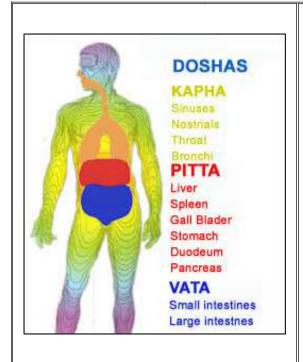
Medical Astrology – Basics:

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Ayurveda is based upon the three doshas, Vata, Pitta and Kapha, which make up our unique constitutional body type (prikriti).

This can be determined from the Ascendant which is the prime significator of our physical body, unique characteristics, complexion, psychological make-up, general well-being, sense of self-worth

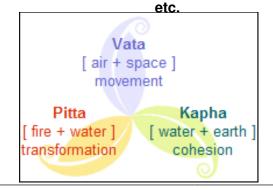


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Vata: Corresponds to air and is defined as *windy* by temperament. This dosha governs bodily functions concerned with movement and is especially involved in the movement of electrical activity up and down the nerves and therefore has a major function in the nervous system and brain. The flow of food through the digestive tract and the circulation also are controlled by the function of Vata, as are the senses of hearing and touch.

Pitta: Corresponds to fire and is defined as *bilious*. This dosha governs bodily functions concerned with heat, metabolism and energy production. Pitta's main activities are to control the chemical transformation processes associated with digestion and metabolism. Pitta controls the sense of sight.

Kapha: Corresponds to earth and water and is defined as *phlegmatic*. Kapha governs bodily functions and is mainly concerned with fluid balance and the buildup of the gross structure of the body including fat, tissues and muscles. Kapha controls the senses of taste and smell.

Vata Dosha:

The dominant feature of vata is unpredictability. Vata people are changeable by nature and, as their physical and mental energy usually comes in bursts, they often lack the staying power to finish what they start. The true vata type has a typically thin physique with narrow hips and shoulders. They can be exceptionally tall (lanky) or very short and wispy (waif like). Vata's are extremely sensitive to change in their environment, they have quick (acute) responses to sound



and dislike loud noise. They have a vivacious, vibrant, excitable, unpredictable, imaginative and talkative personality.

Most vata people are prone to worry and can easily suffer from insomnia as a result of mental restlessness. Vata's most important function is to control the central nervous system. Tremors (shaking) or any nervous jittery movements of the body are indications of a disturbed (excess) vata. Unchecked vata imbalance can result in nervous disorders ranging from anxiety and depression to more serious mental disorders.

Vata is known as the king of the dosha's, because when in balance, it leads the other dosha's into balance as well.

Characteristics of Vata:

Light, thinner build
Performs activity quickly
Tendency to dry skin
Aversion to cold weather
Irregular hunger and digestion

Tendency towards worry
Tendency towards constipation
Light restless sleep
Quick to grasp new information
Quick to forget

Balanced Vata:	Unbalanced Vata	Aggravates Vata:
		Excessive
Exhilaration	Dryness of skin	exercise
Sensitive	Weight loss	Excessive travel
Vitality	Constipation	Insufficient sleep
Good tissues	Anxiousness	Injuries ·
Sound sleep	Restlessness	Weight loss
Proper elimination	Insomnia	Fear or grief
Enthusiastic/spontaneous	Hypertension	Anxiety/worry
Clear, alert mind	Worried mind	Fasting
·		Wrong
Resilient	Arthritis	food/drink
Imaginative	Pain/paralysis	Vata season

Foods that	balance vata:		Foods that a	ggravate
		ļ	vata:	
Sweet	Hot		Spicy	Cold
Sour	Heavy		Bitter	Light
Salty	Oily		Astringent	Dry

Vata Pacifying Diet - When this dosha is out of balance and during vata season. (also recommended for adverse Saturn transit)

Favor warm, cooked foods and hot beverages. Soft and unctuous foods, such as pasta, cooked cereals and soups should be favored over dry and crunchy foods. Raw vegetables should be avoided except in small amounts. Avoid cold drinks and frozen desserts (such as ice cream, popsicles, frozen yogurt, etc.)

Favor the following foods

GENERAL: Sufficient quantity, adequate amount of oil, warm foods and drinks. Have more sweet, sour and salty tasting foods.

GRAINS: Wheat products, rice, cooked oatmeal, bulgar wheat, cous-cous, quinoa.

LEGUMES: Yellow split mung beans (green skin removed), whole mung bean soup, red lentils.

VEGETABLES: Zucchini, asparagus, carrot, beets, sweet potatoes, tomato, artichokes, cucumber, yellow squash, okra, tender eggplant, fennel, spinach in small amounts. All should be cooked.

DAIRY: Milk (boiled and served hot), butter, ghee, cream, yogurt (only if freshly made at home), soft, non-aged cheeses (such as ricotta, cottage cheese, and cream cheese,) panir (homemade cheese from milk), sour cream.

SWEETENERS: Whole, natural cane sugar (in small amounts), raw honey, date sugar, fructose.

OILS: All (organic olive oil preferred.) Ghee.

NUTS & SEEDS: All nuts and seeds except peanuts. Soak the nuts in water to soften.

SPICES: Cumin, ginger, mustard seeds, celery seeds, fenugreek, hing (asafoetida), cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, anise, fennel, black pepper (small amounts), salt, lemon juice, tamarind. All others in small amounts.

FRUITS: All ripe, sweet, and juicy fruits. Dried fruit is better soaked in water before eating. Sweet grapes, banana, melons, plums, cherries, kiwi, peach, apricot, mango, papaya, pomegranate, sweet pineapples, avocado, sweet oranges, grapefruit, raisins, dates, prunes, and figs. Apples and pears only if sweet and juicy.

Reduce the Following Foods

GENERAL: Light, dry, and crunchy foods. Cold foods and drinks. Pungent (hot, spicy), bitter and astringent tastes.

GRAINS: Barley, corn, millet, rye, buckwheat, raw oats.

LEGUMES: All except yellow mung beans and red lentils.

VEGETABLES: Green leafy vegetables, peas, potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celery, orange pumpkin and squash, sprouts, mature eggplant, onion, radish, and raw vegetables.

FRUITS: Unripe fruits, Guava, cranberries, persimmon.

SPICES: Avoid cayenne, chili peppers and other very hot spices

Pitta Dosha:

Pitta types are characterized by their intensity (hot -blooded). Anyone with reddish hair, florid or freckled complexion usually has a lot of Pitta in their physiology. When in balance pitta's are warm

and ardent in their emotions; expressionable, loving and content. Pitta's have a compelling charm about them... passionate, intense and somewhat volatile by nature. A face glowing with happiness is indicative of a healthy, balanced pitta. Physically pitta's are medium in size with a well-proportioned body and usually maintain their weight without drastic fluctuations. Their hair is characteristically straight and fine, red, auburn, blonde or sandy in color and tends to gray prematurely. Baldness, thinning hair or receding hair -line is also a sign of strong or excess pitta. The skin is warm, soft and fair and doesn't tan easily. Pitta's have sharp, penetrating intellects and good powers of concentration. Their work, usually intellectually orientated, can easily become an all-consuming passion leading to neglect of everything else. They incline towards anger as their negative emotion and stress easily brings this out. They can be irritable and impatient, demanding and perfectionistic, particularly if out of balance. Pitta's sleep is moderate and comes closest to the normal eight hours a night. Pitta's most important function is to regulate the metabolism. digestive disorders, heartburn, stomach ulcers, inflammation etc, are examples of disturbed or excess pitta.

Characteristics of Pitta:

Moderate build
Medium memory
Prefers cold food/drink
Sharp hunger/good digestion
Can't skip meals
Tendency to redness
Assertive/forthright
Good speakers

Inclined towards irritability/temper
Enterprising/sharp character
Aversion to hot, humid weather
Performs activity with medium speed
Orderly and efficient
Medium time to grasp new information
Tendency to moles and freckles
Perfectionistic

Balanced Pitta:	Unbalanced Pitta	Aggravates Pitta:
Lustrous complexion	Yellowish complexion	Anger/resentment
Contentment	Excessive body heat	Hot, humid weather
Good digestion	Disturbed sleep	Fasting
Softness of skin	Poor digestion	Wrong food/drink
Heat/thirst balanced	Inflammation/ulcers	Overexposure to Sun
Loving and content	Impatience/anger	Pitta season (summer)

Foods tha	t balance pitta:	Foods that	aggravate	
		pitta:		
Sweet	Cold	Sour	Hot	
Bitter	Astringent	Salty	Spicy	
Heavy	Dry	Light	Oily	

Pitta Pacifying Diet - When this dosha is out of balance and during pitta season (also recommended for adverse Mars transit)

Favor juicy, cooling foods with high water content. Avoid hot spices (chiles, cayenne, jalepeno peppers, etc.), alcohol, vinegar, fried foods, tomatoes, yogurt and cheese..

Also, food should be fresh and organic if possible. Avoid leftovers, packaged, canned or bottled foods, processed foods, preservatives, artificial ingredients and salty foods.

Favor the Following Foods

An asterisk* after the item means it is especially helpful to favor or to avoid that particular food.

GENERAL: Cool to lukewarm drinks according to preference. Favor sweet, bitter, and astringent tastes.

GRAINS: Wheat, white rice (basmati, jasmine, etc.) barley, oats, quinoa, kamut, amaranth, couscous.

LEGUMES: Mung beans, small kidney beans, non-fermented soy bean products (tofu is OK, avoid tempeh). All others OK in moderation.

VEGETABLES: Asparagus, artichokes, yellow squash*, zucchini*, okra, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, green beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes, peas, cilantro*, sprouts, lettuce, chard*, brussel sprouts, parsley, cucumber*, kale*, bok choy*, winter squashes*, sweet corn, all green leafy vegetables* except spinach.

DAIRY: Milk* (boiled and served cool to warm), butter, ghee*, sweet lassi*, cream, panir (homemade cheese from milk).

SWEETENERS: Whole, natural sugar cane (in small amounts), date sugar.

OILS: Ghee* is best. Olive or coconut oils.

NUTS & SEEDS: Pumpkin seeds. Blanched almonds in small amounts.

SPICES: Coriander*, cilantro*, cumin, turmeric, saffron, fennel*, cardamom, parsley*, fresh basil.

FRUITS: Sweet grapes, avocado, sweet mango, coconut, melons*, sweet plums, persimmon, pomegranate, sweet apples, sweet pears, raisins, dates.

NONVEGETARIAN: Chicken, turkey, egg white.

Reduce the Following Foods

GENERAL: Pungent* (hot, spicy), sour and salty tastes. Vinegar*, alcohol* and acidic* foods.

GRAINS: Corn, millet, rye, buckwheat, brown rice.

VEGETABLES: Tomatoes* and tomato sauce*, radish, onions, carrots, beets, spinach*.

FRUITS: Grapefruit*, olives*, orange*, peach, sour grapes*, pineapple*, berries*, prunes, banana*, lemon*, lime*, cherries. Avoid any sour fruits.

DAIRY: Yogurt*, cheese* (especially aged and salty such as feta or blue cheese,) sour cream, cream cheese.

SWEETENERS: Molasses, brown sugar, honey.

OILS: Almond, corn, safflower, sesame*, canola.

SPICES: Chili peppers*, cayenne*, onion, garlic*, mustard seeds*, cloves, celery seeds, fenugreek, catsup*, mustard*, asafoetida (hing.)*, ginger, black pepper, soy sauce.

NONVEGETARIAN: Seafood, fish, beef*, pork, lamb, egg yolk.

Kapha Dosha:

The basic theme of kapha is relaxed. Kapha dosha gives strength and natural resistance to disease. Besides being well-built, kapha types tend to be thick-set with wide hips and shoulders. They have steady energy and their stamina exceeds that of other body types, as does their ability to perform physical exercise... weight lifting and body building are typical examples of kapha strength. By nature kapha's are affectionate, tolerant and forgiving. They are not easily shaken in a crisis and they anchor others around them. There is a tendency to become complacent however, and even the most balanced kapha will procrastinate when he feels stressed. Out of balance kapha's become lethargic and slow. If the imbalance is not corrected they become lazy and depressed; prone to colds, sinus problems and chest infections. Kapha types dislike cold, damp weather and respond to it mentally by becoming slow and lethargic. Kapha's sleep is heavy and long, often sleeping more than eight hours a night. Of the three body types kapha's are the slowest learners, but in compensation they have good retention, and in time they acquire a solid command of their subject. They absorb new information slowly and take a methodical approach to it.

Kapha governs all forms and substances in the body; muscles, bones, mucus membranes and so forth. Asthma, bronchitis, diabetes and tumors can be attributed to excess kapha (Jupiter expresses Kapha specifically). However, as they normally have a strong immune system and good resistance to disease, it's one of the least likely dosha's to go out of balance.

Characteristics of Kapha:

Solid, heavier build Good strength & endurance Slow & methodical in action Oily skin Slow digestion/mild hunger Sleep is heavy and long
Slow to grasp new information
Slow to forget
Slow to become excited
Body hair plentiful

Balanced Kapha:	Unbalanced Kapha:	Aggravates Kapha:
Strength	Pale complexion	Cold, wet climate
Normal joints	Coldness	Sleeping in daytime
Dignity	Excessive sleep	Wrong food/drink
Affectionate/forgiving	Asthma/colds	Too much acidity
Courage	Overweight	Stress
Good immunity	Depression	Kapha season (spring)

Foods that b	Foods that balance kapha:		Foods tha kapha:	t aggravate	
Spicy	Light		Sweet	Heavy	
Bitter	Dry		Sour	Oily	
Astringent	Hot		Salty	Cold	

Kapha Pacifying Diet - When this dosha is out of balance and during kapha season

Favor warm foods and hot beverages. Eat a minimum of oil and fat. Avoid cold drinks, cold food, and frozen desserts (such as ice cream, popsicles, frozen yogurt, etc.) Avoid leftovers, canned, bottled, or packaged foods, frozen foods, processed foods, rich, creamy foods, sweets, salty foods and alcohol.

Eat mainly freshly prepared vegetable and legume dishes, with proportionately smaller amounts of grains and fruits. The food should be spiced according to taste.

Favor the Following Foods

An asterisk* after the item means it is especially helpful to favor or to avoid that particular food.

GENERAL: Lighter diet of less rich foods. Favor dry, light and crunchy foods. Favor pungent (hot, spicy), bitter and astringent tastes.

GRAINS: Barley*, millet, corn, buckwheat, rye, quinoa, cous-cous and oats. (All grains should be a minimum of one year old).

LEGUMES: All except tofu.

VEGETABLES: All green leafy vegetables*, carrot, beets, white potatoes, artichoke, broccoli*, corn, celery, tender eggplant, cabbage, cauliflower, peas, bell pepper, green beans, sprouts, tender radish. In small amounts: tomato, asparagus, zucchini, cucumber.

DAIRY: Skim milk (boiled and served hot), small amounts of ghee and lassi made of nonfat yogurt (1part yogurt 4 parts water dilution.)

SWEETENERS: Raw honey*.

OILS: Mustard, corn, sesame, (all used sparingly). Ghee in small amounts.

NUTS & SEEDS: Small portions of sunflower, sesame and pumpkin seeds, pecans and walnuts.

SPICES: All spices except salt; favor hot spices (ginger, black pepper, etc.), lemon juice in moderation.

FRUITS: Apples, pears, figs, papaya, guava*, pomegranate*, cranberries, persimmon*.

Reduce the Following Foods

GENERAL: Avoid large quantities of food*, especially at night. Avoid oily, greasy, cold, heavy food; sweet, sour and salty tastes.

GRAINS: Wheat, rice, all yeasted or sourdough breads*.

LEGUMES: Tofu, tempeh, soy or rice cheeses*.

VEGETABLES: Sweet potatoes*, tapioca.

FRUITS: Strictly avoid avocado*, banana*.

The six tastes and some major foods within each category:

Sweet:

Most grains like wheat, rice, barley, corn, etc.

Milk and sweet milk products like ghee, cream, butter

Sweet fruits like coconuts, dates, figs, grapes, pears, mangoes and especially dried fruits Cooked vegetables like potato, sweet potato, carrot, beet root, cauliflower, string beans Sugar in any form-raw, refined, brown, white, molasses, sugar cane juice, etc.

Sour:

Sour fruits like lemons, limes, oranges, pineapples, passion fruit, cherries, plums Sour milk products like yogurt, cheese, whey, sour cream, etc. Fermented substances like wine, vinegar, soy sauce, cabbage Carbonated beverages

Saltv:

Any kind of salt like rock salt, sea salt, salt from the ground Any food to which salt has been added (pickles, nuts, chips)

Pungent:

Hot spices like chilies, black pepper, mustard seeds, ginger, cumin, cloves, cardamom, garlic, etc. Mild spices like turmeric, anise, cinnamon, and "fresh" herbs like oregano, thyme, mint, etc. Raw vegetables like radish, onion, cauliflower

Bitter:

Fruits like olive, grapefruit Green leafy vegetables like spinach, green cabbage, brussel sprouts Spices like fenugreek, turmeric

Astringent: (drying)

Turmeric, honey (do not heat hotter than lukewarm water), walnuts, hazelnuts, cashews Pulses (legumes) i.e. beans, lentils, peas, (dahl) Vegetables like sprouts, lettuce, green leafy vegetables, most raw vegetables Fruits like pomegranate, berries, persimmon, lemon, cranberry, most unripe fruits

The three doshas can be seen in all cycles of nature.						
	Vata	Kapha	Pitta			
Time of Day	2:00AM - 6:00AM	6:00AM - 10:00AM	10:00AM - 2:00PM			
Time of Day	2:00PM - 6:00PM	6:00PM - 10:00PM	10:00PM - 2:00AM			
Seasons	Late Autumn - Winter	Spring - Early Summer	Midsummer - Early Autumn			

Methods used to determine the Prikriti from birth chart a

Some follow the line that lagna/lagnesh, representing the constitution/body-type, determines the Prikriti at birth. Others maintain that Prikriti is determined by considering the nakshatras of Chandra, Lagna and Surya.

Readers are encouraged to compare both methods with as many charts as possible before reaching a conclusion. I have found the first method to be most reliable...

If determining from lagna, as an example; say the ascendant is Virgo (a vata sign) and the lord of the Ascendant (Mercury) is in Capricorn (a vata sign), it will point to a strong vata influence. Conjunctions and/or aspects to either Ascendant or its lord can add additional qualities.

NB: Parashara describes the temperament of the Planets in BPHS >Ch 3: 23-30< The temperament of the Signs are also given in >Ch 4: 5-5 1/2<

#	Nakshatra	Dosha	#	Nakshatra	Dosha	#	Nakshatra	Dosha	Lord
1	Ashwini	Vata	10	Magha	Kapha	19	Mula	Vata	Ketu
2	Bharini	Pitta	11	P.Phalguni	Pitta	20	P.Shadha	Pitta	Venus
3	Krittika	Kapha	12	U.Phalguni	Vata	21	U.Shadha	Kapha	Sun
4	Rohini	Kapha	13	Hasta	Vata	22	Shravana	Kapha	Moon
5	Mrigasira	Pitta	14	Chitra	Pitta	23	Dhanishtha	Pitta	Mars
6	Ardra	Vata	15	Swati	Kapha	24	Satabhisha	Vata	Rahu
7	Punarvasu	Vata	16	Vishaka	Kapha	25	P.Bhadra	Vata	Jupiter
8	Pushya	Pitta	17	Anuradha	Pitta	26	U.Bhadra	Pitta	Saturn
9	Aslesha	Kapha	18	Jyeshtha	Vata	27	Revati	Kapha	Mercury

Sign	Dosha	Ruling Planet	Dosha	Co-	Dosha	
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Aries	Pitta	Mars	Pitta			
Taurus	Vata	Venus	Kapha/Vata			
Gemini	Vata/Pitta/Kapha	Mercury	Vata/Pitta/Kapha			
Cancer	Kapha	Moon	Vata/Kapha			
Leo	Pitta	Sun	Pitta			
Virgo	Vata	Mercury	Vata/Pitta/Kapha			
Libra	Vata/Pitta/Kapha	Venus	Kapha/Vata			
Scorpio	Kapha	Mars	Pitta	Ketu	Vata	
Sagittarius	Pitta	Jupiter	Kapha			
Capricorn	Vata	Saturn	Vata			
Aquarius	Vata/Pitta/Kapha	Saturn	Vata	Rahu	Vata	
Pisces	Kapha	Jupiter	Kapha			

It's most common that the physiology (specifically) expresses the traits of more than one dosha i.e., the prikriti can be said to be vata/kapha, pitta/kapha, vata/pitta or whatever. It's not so common to be a pure vata, pitta or kapha type. Neither is it common to have a perfect balance of all three dosha's (known as Sama or Tridosha)...see examples below.

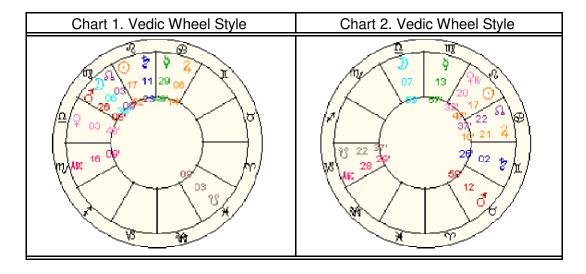
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In this chart Scorpio (kapha) rises with Ascendant lord Mars, in the vata sign of Virgo, conjunct Moon and Rahu. Moon, classified as vata/kapha, expresses more kapha when waxing (moving towards Sun) and more vata when waning (traveling away from Sun).

Rahu possesses the temperament of vata and, as he's tightly conjunct Moon in the vata sign of Virgo, the influence of vata on Ascendant lord Mars is strong. Jupiter, exalted in Cancer, aspects the ascendant from 9th house, imparting a strong kapha influence on the constitution. Therefore the native's prikriti is deemed to be either kapha/vata or vata/kapha depending on fluctuations.

In this chart Capricorn (vata) rises with Ascendant lord Saturn in the sign of Gemini who possesses all three humors so none really dominate. The Ascendant is occupied by Ketu (vata) and is aspected by Jupiter (kapha) from the kapha sign of Cancer. This native's physiology (constitution) strongly expresses the qualities of kapha/vata.

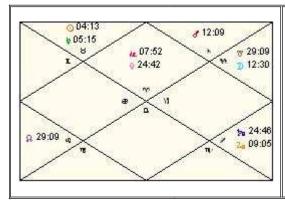
Jupiter, exalted in sign of Cancer, is obviously the stronger influence, therefore the native's prikriti is deemed to be kapha/vata rather than vata/kapha. However the dosha's do fluctuate and often it may be that vata is stronger. As we get older, vata increases in everyone. This dosha also increases naturally during late autumn/winter season.



Chronic dosha imbalance (vrikriti) can develop when planets get afflicted in 8th house of vulnerability. A native with kapha/vata prikriti for instance can also have a strong pitta imbalance (vrikriti). Prikriti is kept in balance with diet and lifestyle - Vrikriti with rasayanas (good medical treatment/intervention). Afflictions to Moon can also indicate a strong imbalance (vrikriti) as is seen in chart 3. below.

Knowing our prakriti is a step towards good health, and certainly tells us a great deal about the native's innate nature. I'm therefore mystified why this important area of jyotish is so neglected.

Chart 3. North Indian Style - Vata imbalance (vrikriti) disturbing Moon



In this chart Aries (pitta) rises with Ascendant lord Mars in the kapha sign of Pisces. The Ascendant is occupied by Venus who has the temperament of kapha/vata, and the aspect of Jupiter from Sagittarius adds more kapha influence (although not so strong as if placed in a kapha sign). So the influence of kapha and pitta being the stronger suggests that this native's constitution is kapha/pitta.

Some vata present due to Venus and if this dosha were to become imbalanced it could certainly disturb the other two. Vata is known as the king of doshas as, when in balance, it leads the others into balance as well.

Vrikriti (imbalance):

Moon is badly afflicted by the aspect of (vata) Saturn and the conjunction of (vata) Ketu, resulting in mental/emotional disturbances that can develop into severe mental illness if not kept in check. A vata pacifying diet and a nightcap (rasayana) made with scalded milk, vata churna and a little ghee would go a long way in pacifying this affliction.

Sign and Physiology

The part of the body represented by the sign/bhava can be afflicted if it's occupied by a malefic and/or if it's lord is afflicted. This manifestation will be even more likely if that sign has become the eighth house (vulnerable point).

Limbs of Kalapurusha

More info here						
Sign / House	Body Part	Additional physiological indications/				
Olgii / House	Body i dit	Disease				
Aries - Mesha	Head, Brain,	Digestive fire				
- 1 -	forehead	venereal or bilious disease, constipation, deafness, headache, insomnia, mental				
		tension, stammering.				

Taurus - Vrishabha - 2 -	Face, Neck	All organs of Face and Neck reproductive vigour, production of semen, female barreness, disease of bronchial
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Gemini - Mithuna	Shoulders, Arms,	Palms, Wrists, Nipples, Ears
- 3 -	Hands	indecision, asthma.
Cancer - Karka	Heart, Chest, Lungs	worried mind, heart disease, impurity of
- 4 -		blood, cold.
Leo - Simha - 5 -	Stomach	Liver, Gallbladder, Spleen, Navel, Pancreas, Kidney indigestion, enlargment of liver, reduced
		fertility, anger, greed
Virgo - Kanya	Hips	Back, Waist, Small intestine
- 6 -		Indigestion, pain in back.
Libra - Tula - 7 -	Space below navel	Abdomen, Belly, Bladder, Large intestine, Buttocks
		urinary disease, diabetes.
Scorpio - Vrischika - 8 -	Privy parts	Generative and Excretory organs venereal disease, water in stomach,
		restlessness, anger, over-sensitiveness.
Sagittarius - Dhanu - 9 -	Thighs	problems due to weather changes, greed, restlessness.
Capricorn - Makara	Knees	reluctance, cold, skin disease,
- 10 -		hypertension.
Aquarius - Kumbha	Calves, Ankles	rheumatism, heart trouble, heat in body,
- 11 -		self-indulgence.
Pisces - Meena	Feet	diseases related to urine, stomach or skin,
- 12 -		pain in joints, dysentery.

Graha (Planet) and Physiology

Organs mentioned can be diseased or sickness may occur if related graha is weak, afflicted, or in dusthana...

Graha	*Sapta Dhatu*	Physiology / Disease
Sun - Surya	Bones	Head, Brain, Right eye, Bile, Organ of voice, Physical heart, Arteries, Veins
		fever, cholera, blood pressure.
Moon - Chandra	Blood	Face, Lungs, Lymph, Left eye, Glands, Tonsils, Womb, Breasts, Blood circulation, Stomach, Kidneys
		phthysis, cold, cough, lunacy, colics.

Mars - Mangala	Marrow	Bile, Muscles, Sinews, Nose, Digestive fire, Reproductive organs, Intestine
		dysentry, piles, typhoid, pox, boils, accident.
Mercury - Budha	Skin	Tongue, Bronchial tube, Bowels, Sensorium, Nerve centres, Gastric juice, Hands
		epilepsy, loss of memory or speech, dyspepsia,
		vertigo.
Jupiter - Guru	Fat (adipose tissue)	Liver, Ears, Navel, Hips, Physical development, Palate, Throat
		dyspepsia, cough, cold, phthysis, sinus congestion, asthma, allergies, thrombosis,
		diarrhoea.
Venus - Sukra	Semen / Ovula	Reproductive organs, Bladder, Kidneys, Pancreas, Fluids, Secretion, Emission.
		venereal disease, asthma, diabetes, phthysis,
		cough, cold.
Saturn - Sani	Muscles	Knees, Feet, Legs, Gall bladder, Respiritory system, Nerves
		gout, indigestion, dyspepsia, rheumatism,
		rickets, insanity, consumption.
Rahu - Dragon's		Alimentary canal, Excretory system
head		indigestion, gas accumulation in stomach or
		intestines, skin disease (swelling) insect bite,
		hiccough.
Ketu - Dragon's tail		Nervous system, Spine
		poisoning, plague, consumption, fever, wounds,
		snake bite.

More about Sapta Dhatus:

The dhatus are the basic varieties of tissues which compose the human body. The word "dhatu" comes from a Sanskrit word which means "that which enters into the formation of the body"

The primary Dhatus are:

Rasa dhatu (Chyle, Lymph, Plasma)
Rakta dhatu (Haemoglobin fraction in blood)
Mamsa dhatu (Muscle tissue)
Medas dhatu (Fat or Adipose tissue)
Asthi dhatu (Bone-tissue including cartilage)
Majja dhatu (Bone Marrow)
Sukra dhatu (Semen, Sperm, Ovum).

Together the dhatus and upadhatus make up the physical bulk of the body.

The upadhatus include hair, nails, ligaments, etc; they are important structurally but usually are not implicated in disease conditions of the body.

Each dhatu consists of countless infinitesimal paramanus (cells) which are units of structure and function. Each paramanu contains innumerable suksma srotas (channels, pores) through which it receives nutrients and subtle energies and eliminates waste materials. The srotas of each dhatu are unique in their structure and function and in the materials which move through them. All the seven dhatus are well connected to each other - damage or malformation of one dhatu can in turn affect all other dhatus.

According to Ayurveda, diseases are due to Tridosha (Vata, Pitta and Kapha) but actual pathology took place in Sapta Dhatu (Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa, Medas, Asthi, Majja, Sukra) whichever is weak.

To Sum Up:

The Sapta (seven) Dhatus (tissues) elements form the pillars of the body that form the means of nourishment and growth while providing support to the body as well as the mind.

Rasa (fluid) dhatu –Derived from the digested food, it nourishes each and every tissue and cell of the body and is analogous to the plasma.

Rakta (blood) dhatu – Regarded as the basic of life, it is analogous to the circulating blood cells. It not only nourishes the body tissues, but provides physical strength and colour to the body.

Mamsa (muscle) dhatu – The muscle tissue, its main function is to provide physical strength and support for the medas dhatu.

Medas (fat) dhatu – Consists of adipose tissue providing support to ashti dhatu. It also lubricates the body.

Ashti (bone) dhatu – Comprising of bone tissues, including cartilages, its main function is to give support to the majja dhatu and provide support to the masma dhatu.

Majja (marrow) dhatu – Denoting the yellow and red bone marrow tissue, its main function is to fill up the ashti and to oleate the body.

Sukra (semen) dhatu – The main aim of this reproductive tissue is to help reproduction and strengthen the body.

Since the dhatus support and derive energy from each other, affecting one can influence others. For instance, interference in the manufacture of the plasma affects the quality of the blood, which in turn effects the muscle. Each tissue type has its own agni, which determines metabolic changes in the tissues. And forms by-products, which are either used in the body or excreted. The tissues are also governed by the three doshas, and any imbalance in them also causes imbalances in dhatus.

Vedic Astrology is able to pinpoint inherent and/or transient weaknesses in specific Dhatus.



THE SEVEN CHAKRAS

1) ROOT CHAKRA (Muladhara)

Location: Base of spine

Element: *Earth* Dosha: *Vata*

Subdosha: ApanaVata

Color: Red

Body Part: Sex Organs

Nature: Body, Energy, Security, Kundalini

Planet: Saturn

2) SACRAL CHAKRA (Svadisthana) Location: Lower abdomen/Sacral plexus

Element: Water

Dosha: Kapha and Vata

Subdosha: AvalambhakaKapha/ApanaVata

Color: Orange

Body Part: Legs, Bladder, Kidneys Nature: Peace, Sexuality, Action, Anger

Planet: Moon

3) SOLAR PLEXIS CHAKRA (Manipura)

Location: Solar Plexus

Element: Fire Dosha: Pitta

Subdosha: RanjakaPitta

Color: Yellow

Body Part: Spleen, Large Intestine,

Gallbladder, Liver, Stomach

Nature: Action, Wisdom, Power, Emotion

Planet: Mars

4) **HEART CHAKRA** (Anahata)

Location: Center of Chest

Element: Air

Dosha: Pitta (Kapha)

Subdosha: SadhakaPitta/AvalambhakaKapha

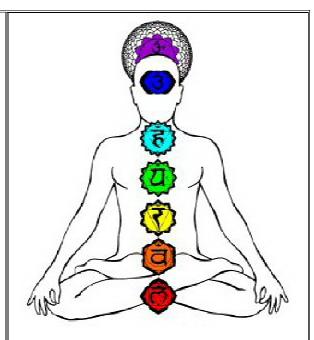
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Body Part: Arms, Vagus Nerve, Blood, Liver,

Lungs, Heart

Nature: Life Force, Compassion, Love,

Consciousness
Planet: Venus



5) THROAT CHAKRA (Vishuddha)

Location: *Throat* Element: *Space* Dosha: *Vata*

Subdosha: UdanaVata

Color: Sky Blue

Body Part: Throat, Vocal cord, Upper lungs,

Alimentary canal

Nature: Communication, Sound, Self expression. Creative energy Planet:

Mercury

6) BROW CHAKRA (Ajna)

Location: Forehead (third eye)

Element: Ether Dosha: Pitta/Vata

Subdosha: AlochakaPitta/PranaVata

Color: Indigo

Body Part: Nose, Ears, L Eye, Brain, Spine Nature: Telepathy, Intuition, Third Eye.

Clairvoyance, Light Planet: Jupiter

7) CROWN CHAKRA (Sahasrara)

Location: *Top of head* Element: *Ether*

Color: *Violet*

Body Part: Head, R Eye

Nature: Enlightenment, Spirituality

Planet: Sun