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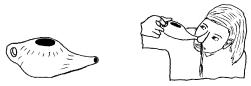
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into the sink, as illustrated here:



Use of a Neti Pot

This is first done through one nostril, and then through the other nostril. The order does not matter. As long as the head is tipped forward during this procedure, no water will find its way into the throat. A little might spill over into the mouth, and that can be easily expelled through the mouth. (See the next section on doing jala neti using a bowl.)

In the course of doing this easy procedure with a neti pot, the sinuses will also be filled with the saline solution, gently massaging and cleansing them. Once both nostrils have received and emptied the neti pot, and have drained, it will take a few minutes more to drain the sinuses. This is done by slowly tilting the head to the left and the right, and then up and down over the sink. Water will continue to come out of the sinuses for a few minutes, so be patient. If you walk out of the bathroom too soon, you may end up draining your sinuses on the living room rug!

The amount of salt we put in the water is important, as this determines the comfort (or lack of it) we will find in doing jala neti.

Obviously, if the practice gives us discomfort, we will not be inclined to do it. So getting the salt content right is essential. Everyone will be a little different in this, so some trial and error will probably be necessary to get the salt content just right for you.

Slightly warm tap water can be used, if the water is sanitary. It is preferred to use pure salt without additives, such as iodine. One to two teaspoons per quart or liter of water is a range of concentration, (ascending), across from right to left just above the navel (transverse), and back down (descending) the left side of the abdomen to the rectum and the anus.

Basti is a simple warm water enema with a gravity bag, hose with clamp, and an insert fitting at the end, which fits in the anus.



Enema Bag

Slightly warm tap water can be used if it is free of bacteria. If not, use bottled water. No salt is used. With the bag hung a few feet above the anus, carefully fill up the colon with about a quart or liter of water (or less), either leaning forward on the toilet or lying down on the left side. To protect against urinary tract infection, care should be taken not to leak water from the anus on to the urethra – ladies especially. Wait for a few minutes before expelling. Some light nauli (described later in this chapter) can be done while sitting on the toilet before and during the emptying of the colon. This easy and quick procedure will provide a good colon clean-out.

For spiritual purposes basti can be done every morning before bathing and sitting practices, along with jala neti/nasal wash. However, this is not a routine for beginning yoga practitioners, nor needed for advanced practitioners with ecstatic conductivity well established. The shatkarmas are most useful for spiritual purposes in the middle stage cultivation of ecstatic conductivity, done in conjunction with a full yoga routine.

The Six Tastes and Balancing the Doshas

Diet can play a key role in balancing the doshas. This is done through management of the intake of different types of foods, which are categorized by the six tastes and how they affect our inner constitution. The six tastes and the types of foods they are associated with include:

- 1. **Sweet** Fruit, grains, sugars, milk.
- 2. **Sour** Sour fruits, yogurt, fermented foods.
- 3. **Salty** Natural and unnatural salts, sea vegetables.
- 4. **Bitter** Dark leafy greens, certain herbs and spices.
- 5. **Pungent** (strong) Chili peppers, garlic, certain herbs and spices.
- 6. **Astringent** (drying) Legumes, raw fruits and vegetables, and certain herbs.

The six tastes are inclined to balance or aggravate the three doshas as shown in this table:

<u>Taste</u>	<u>Vata</u>	<u>Pitta</u>	<u>Kapha</u>
Sweet	Balance	Balance	Aggravate
Sour	Balance	Aggravate	Aggravate
Salty	Balance	Aggravate	Aggravate
Bitter	Aggravate	Balance	Balance
Pungent	Aggravate	Aggravate	Balance
Astringent	Aggravate	Balance	Balance

With this information, we can construct a complete ayurvedic diet to aid in balancing our inner energies, which will help maintain good health. Note that herbs and spices are mentioned in the taste categories above. They can play a significant role in balancing the doshas, as generally indicated in the food charts in this appendix. More targeted utilization of herbs, spices and other ayurvedic (mineral) supplements is an important field of knowledge for

Vata Balancing Diet Suggestions

	Balancing?	Favor or Avoid
Fruits	Yes	Sweet fruits, apricots, avocado, bananas, berries, cherries, coconut, figs (fresh), grapefruit, grapes, lemon, mango, melons (sweet), oranges, papaya, peaches, pineapple, plums
	No	Dried fruits, apples, cranberries, pears, persimmon, pomegranate, watermelon
Vegetables	Yes	Cooked vegetables, asparagus, beets, carrots, cucumber, garlic, green beans, okra (cooked), onion (cooked), potatoes (sweet), radishes, zucchini
	No	Raw vegetables, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, eggplant, leafy greens, lettuce*, mushrooms, onions (raw), parsley*, peas, peppers, potatoes (white), spinach*, sprouts*, tomatoes (* indicates Okay in moderation with oil dressing)
Grains	Yes	Oats (cooked), rice, wheat
	No	Barley, buckwheat, corn, millet, oats (dry), rye
Animal Foods	Yes	Beef, chicken/turkey (white meat), eggs (fried/scrambled), seafood
	No	Lamb, pork, rabbit, venison
Legumes	Yes	Mung beans, tofu, black & red lentils
	No	All other legumes
Nuts	Yes	All nuts in small quantities
Seeds	Yes	All seeds in moderation
Sweeteners	Yes	All sweeteners except white sugar
	No	White sugar
Condiments	Yes	All spices are good
Dairy	Yes	All dairy in moderation
Oil	Yes	All oils are good

Pitta Balancing Diet Suggestions

	Balancing?	Favor or Avoid
Fruits	Yes	Sweet fruits, apples, avocado, coconut, figs, grapes (dark), mango, melons, oranges (sweet), pears, pineapple (sweet), plums (sweet), pomegranate, prunes, raisins
	No	Sour fruits, apricots, berries, bananas, cherries, cranberries, grapefruit, grapes (green), lemons, oranges (sour), papaya, peaches, pineapples (sour), persimmon, plums (sour)
Vegetables	Yes	Sweet & bitter vegetables, asparagus, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cucumber, cauliflower, celery, green beans, leafy greens, lettuce, mushrooms, okra, peas, parsley, peppers (green), potatoes, Sprouts, zucchini
	No	Pungent vegetables, beets, carrots, eggplant, garlic, onions, peppers (hot), radishes, spinach, tomatoes
Grains	Yes	Barley, oats (cooked), rice (basmati), rice (white), wheat
	No	Buckwheat, corn, millet, oats (dry), rice (brown), rye
Animal Foods	Yes	Chicken/turkey (white meat), eggs (whites), rabbit, shrimp (small amount), venison
	No	Beef, eggs (yoke), lamb, pork, seafood
Legumes	Yes	All legumes except lentils
	No	Lentils
Nuts	Yes	Coconut
	No	All other nuts
Seeds	Yes	Sunflower, pumpkin
	No	All other seeds
Sweeteners	Yes	All sweeteners except molasses and honey
	No	Molasses, honey
Condiments	Yes	Coriander, cinnamon, cardamom, fennel, turmeric, black pepper (small amount)
	No	All other spices
Dairy	Yes	Butter (unsalted), cottage cheese, ghee, milk
	No	Buttermilk, cheese, sour cream, yogurt
Oil	Yes	Coconut, olive, sunflower, soy
	No	Almond, corn, safflower, sesame

Kapha Balancing Diet Suggestions

	Balancing?	Favor or Avoid
Fruits	Yes	Apples, apricots, berries, cherries, cranberries, figs (dry), mango, peaches, pears, persimmon, pomegranate, prunes, raisins
	No	Sweet & sour fruits, avocado, bananas, coconut, figs (fresh) grapefruit, grapes, lemons, melons, oranges, papaya, pineapple, plums
Vegetables	Yes	Pungent & bitter vegetables, asparagus, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, eggplant, garlic, leafy greens, lettuce, mushrooms, okra, onions, parsley, peas, peppers, Potatoes (white), radishes, spinach, sprouts
	No	Sweet & juicy vegetables, cucumber, potatoes (sweet), tomatoes, zucchini
Grains	Yes	Barley, corn, millet, oats (dry), rice (small amount $-$ basmati), rye
	No	Oats (cooked), rice (brown), rice (white), wheat
Animal Foods	Yes	$\label{lem:chicken-turkey} \mbox{ (dark meat), eggs (not fried or scrambled), } \\ \mbox{ rabbit, shrimp, venison}$
	No	Beef, lamb, pork, seafood
Legumes	Yes	All legumes except as listed
	No	Kidney beans, soy beans, black lentils, mung beans
Nuts	No	No nuts at all
Seeds	Yes	Sunflower, pumpkin
	No	All other seeds
Sweeteners	Yes	Raw honey
	No	All other sweeteners
Condiments	Yes	All condiments except salt
	No	Salt
Dairy	Yes	Ghee, goat milk
	No	All other dairy
Oil	Yes	Almond, corn, sunflower (all in moderation)
	No	All other oils

Further Reading and Support

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