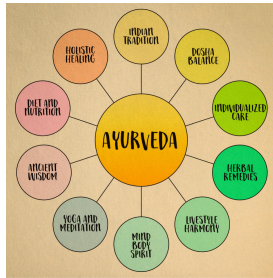


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What is Panchakarma



Ayurveda translates to "knowledge of life" and is the ancient Indian medical system that evolved from the Vedas, dating back over 5000 years, and is the sister science of Yoga. The Vedic literature defines health and illness, and outlines ways to maintain health and combat illness through lifestyle, body therapies, herbal medicines, diet, and spiritual practices.

Panchakarma (meaning "five actions") is an Ayurvedic cleansing method that detoxifies the body, boosts the immune system, and restores balance and health. It is the foundation of an Ayurvedic lifestyle and is performed seasonally and during times of imbalance or illness.

It removes toxins from the body and mind, reversing the disease path. It is achieved through special diets, medicines, oil massage therapies, steam therapy, and purgation. After removing toxins, Ayurveda rejuvenates and rebuilds the body's cells and tissues with appropriate lifestyle practices.

According to Ayurveda, good health relies on our ability to fully digest all aspects of life: physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. When we can't completely process our food, experiences, and emotions, toxins build up in our tissues, causing imbalance and disease. Panchakarma helps release these stored toxins, restoring the body's natural healing power.

When our digestive energies, known as Agni (fire), are strong, we produce healthy tissues, effectively eliminate waste, and generate a subtle essence called Ojas, the "life sap" that contains our psychophysiology and underpins clarity of perception, physical strength, and immunity. Conversely, if our Agni is weak or digestion is incomplete, this results in toxins in the body called Ama.

When toxins (Ama) build up in the body, they obstruct the flow of energy, information, and nourishment throughout the system. Ayurveda views this accumulation as the root cause of all diseases. For example, when saturated fat and cholesterol gather beyond the body's ability to process, they can cause blockages in the circulatory system, which may lead to heart attacks and illness.

For optimal health, it is crucial to maintain strong digestion and eliminate toxins from the body.

Panchakarma is unique because, while most cleansing modalities tax the body with strong purification techniques, Ayurveda uses its power to cleanse itself while tonifying and nourishing it thoroughly. Thus, it brings the body, mind, and spirit into balance and restores their natural state.

The Panchakarma is an opportunity to explore your inner self, physically cleansing the body by removing toxins, emotional residues, and old behavioral patterns, while calming the mind and revitalizing the nervous system, and creating a new sense of presence and balance in your life.



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