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What Dosha type are you?

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Finding it hard to lose weight or sort out your complexion? According to Ayurveda, the world's oldest healing science originating from India, people can be broken down into three character types (Dosha) which determine our looks, health, personality and body shape. Once you know your Dosha you can eat, exercise and live accordingly to maintain optimum health and balance for body, mind and soul.

The key to being at optimum health is to figure out which type you are.



PINA (Fire)

Celebrity examples and Ayurvedic followers: Madonna, Cindy Crawford, Jennifer Aniston

Characteristics: Medium build and height, soft fair skin. Prone to acne and moles. More likely to go grey early or, if male, suffer from baldness. Intolerant to the heat and the sun.

Personality: Approachable, artistic but can be jealous, aggressive and easily irritated. Articulate, a good leader and fiery, passionate, dynamic and inspirational, but can be over-critical of others and often too intense and competitive.

Common complaints: Most prone to falling ill during the late spring/summer. High temperature, cracking and itchy skin, excessive thirst, skin warts, jaundice and a bitter taste in the mouth.

Recommended foods: Milk, butter, apples, avocado, watermelon, chicken, rice and whole grains.

Foods to avoid: Too much spicy food and alcohol, caffeine, salt, oily foods.

Steer clear of: Too much sun and saunas



YARA (Air)

Celebrity examples and Ayurvedic followers: Cameron Diaz, Gwyneth Paltrow, Julia Roberts

Characteristics: Likely to be slender and unable to gain weight easily. Tends to have dry skin and fine hair. Intolerant of cold, windy weather which leads to cold hands and feet in winter.

Personality: Unpredictable, creative and artistic. Highly motivated but easily stressed, scatty and quickly exhausted. Tends to be anxious and avoids confrontation.

Common complaints: Prone to sensitive skin, headaches, eczema, nervous disorders and digestive problems.



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Recommended foods: Milk, green beans, eggs, fish, almonds and sunflower seeds.

Foods to avoid: Chilled drinks and raw food.

Steer clear of: Too many late nights, over exercising.



Kapha (Earth)

Celebrity examples and Ayurvedic followers: Kate Winslet, Christina Ricci, Oprah Winfrey

Characteristics: Often large framed with a clear complexion and a slow pulse rate.

Personality: Honourable and loving. Solid, dependable and very loyal. Enjoys tradition and resistant to change. Sometimes lethargic and greedy.

Common complaints: Prone to ill health during the spring and late winter. Illnesses tend to revolve around congestion, fluid retention or excess mucus. Vulnerable to obesity, anorexia nervosa, drowsiness, laziness and loss of memory.

Recommended foods: Apples, apricots, peaches, plenty of fresh vegetables, chillies, onion, chicken and fish.

Foods to avoid: Sweet foods, fatty foods, dairy products and heavy starchy foods.

Steer clear of: Insufficient exercise, over eating, excessive dependence on a loving relationship.



For more information about Ayurveda and your Dosha type, visit one of the UK's leading Ayurvedic physicians Dr Prasanna Karur at the UK's first Ayurvedic hotel destination spa, Ayush Wellness Spa.

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