

HEALING SYSTEMS DECODED

AYURVEDA + FUNCTIONAL
MEDICINE FOR BALANCED
TEEN HEALTH

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Two Systems, Same Purpose

Ayurveda and Functional Medicine both focus on treating the root cause—not just symptoms. While one is ancient and the other modern, they work best together.

Key ideas:

- Both see the body as connected
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- Both personalize health solutions
- Both aim to restore balance, not just fix problems

Mini Tasks:

1. Write one health issue you're dealing with.
2. Ask: Could it be linked to food, sleep, or stress?

What Are Doshas?

Ayurveda says we all have three energies:

- Vata = air + space
- Pitta = fire + water
- Kapha = earth + water

When Doshas are off balance, problems show up—like acne, anxiety, or fatigue.

Mini Tasks:

1. Take a Dosha quiz online and note your dominant type.
2. List one daily change to help that Dosha stay balanced.

Agni & Ojas Explained

Agni is your digestion. Ojas is your glow and immunity.
When digestion is weak, you feel tired, heavy, or dull.

Key points:

- Strong Agni = energy, clarity
- Weak Agni = bloating, fatigue
- Ojas depends on how well you digest, not just what you eat

Mini Tasks:

1. Avoid cold drinks at your next meal.
2. Try a cup of warm water in the morning.

Functional Medicine Basics

Functional Medicine asks why a problem exists. It doesn't just treat symptoms.

It checks for:

- Gut problems
- Stress overload
- Nutrient gaps
- Hormonal imbalances

Mini Tasks:

1. Write one unhealthy habit you know affects your energy.
2. Replace it with a better option for one day.

Ayurveda + Science Together

These systems may use different words, but they share the same approach:

- Find the root cause
- Treat the whole person
- Use food, rest, and daily habits to heal

Mini Tasks:

1. Write one habit from Ayurveda (like warm meals).
2. Write one habit from science (like gut care). Try combining them.

Backed by Research

Modern science supports both traditions:

- Turmeric and Ashwagandha help with stress & inflammation
- Lifestyle changes reverse hormonal issues like PCOS
- Gut health affects skin, mood, and focus

Mini Tasks:

1. Add turmeric or tulsi to one meal this week.
2. Reflect on one thing from this e-book that surprised you.

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