

## Naturopathic Foundations

## Factors that Influence Health

Personal Essence – sense of purpose, alignment of life with one's beliefs and desires, passion, spiritual life, joy in life, intention for healthy life and overall vitality.

Lifestyle Factors	Social Factors	Environmental Factors	External Factors	Medical Interventions
✓ Food and eating regimen	<ul><li>✓ Positive social network</li><li>✓ Family dynamics</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓ Nature's rhythms</li><li>✓ Time spent in nature</li></ul>	✓ Accidents / Injuries ✓ Life events	<ul><li>✓ Medical treatments</li><li>✓ Past surgeries</li></ul>
<ul><li>✓ Water</li><li>✓ Posture &amp; alignment</li><li>✓ Rest</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓ School dynamics</li><li>✓ Work dynamics</li><li>✓ Community dynamics</li></ul>	✓ Exposure to sunlight	✓ Computers, cells phones, PDAs and wireless networks	<ul><li>✓ History of antibiotics and other medications</li><li>✓ Current medications</li></ul>
✓ Sleep ✓ Breathing	✓ Relationships	✓ Air	✓ Chemicals in personal care products	✓ Adverse reactions to medication
✓ Personal hygiene	✓ Friends – presence, absence, dynamics	✓ Water ✓ Soil	<ul><li>✓ Chemicals in household products</li><li>✓ Chemicals in</li></ul>	✓ Dental work / procedures
<ul><li>✓ Exercise &amp; movement</li><li>✓ Clothing</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Religious, spiritual, community presence and dynamics</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓ Pollution</li><li>✓ Chemicals</li></ul>	gardening supplies  Chemicals in hobby	✓ Supplements, herbs and other natural health products
<ul><li>✓ Mental health</li><li>✓ Alkaline lifestyle</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Physical / emotional traumas</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓ Heavy metals</li><li>✓ Environmental</li></ul>	products, toys, etc  ✓ Cooking and storage	✓ Fillers and additives in medications and
Gestational / Developmental Factors	<ul><li>✓ Economy / poverty</li><li>✓ Psychological strength</li></ul>	toxins ✓ Nature versus Concrete	equipment and utensils ✓ Tattoos, body piercing	supplements ✓ Cosmetic treatments
<ul><li>✓ Genetics</li><li>✓ Prenatal exposure</li><li>✓ Intrauterine influences</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Communication / social skills</li> <li>✓ Ability and freedom of expression</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓ Pathogens</li><li>➢ Virus</li><li>➢ Bacteria</li><li>➢ Mold</li><li>➢ Fungi</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓ Flying</li><li>✓ Ergonomics, carrying load (purses, backpacks)</li></ul>	
✓ Birth trauma	✓ Ability to handle social conflict and change	r ungi		

Physiology – ability to eliminate toxins and waste products, respect for the natural bodily urges and progression of disease especially as it relates to chronic diseases.

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✓ Vaccinations✓ Karmic patterns