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**Foods in this table increase 'Ama' or toxins in the body
They should be avoided as much as possible.**

Ama is very sticky & tenacious & will take many months to remove but it is recommended that you at least try as hard as you can to follow this diet for the next fourteen (14) continuous days depending on the severity of your symptoms and how quickly you want to recover. The first 3 days are usually the hardest and you should be feeling the benefits by day 10 – 14.

If you want to avoid feeling OLD, COLD & STICKY avoid OLD, COLD & STICKY food!

	Old	Cold	Sticky
Left over food (Reheated refrigerated or frozen foods)	Yes		Yes
Canned foods	Yes		Yes
Processed foods (anything in a can, bottle or packet)	Yes		Yes
Red meat (as it is the stickiest meat)			Yes
Pumpkin, squashes, zucchini (they are the stickiest vegetables)			Yes
Bananas, avocados (as they are the stickiest fruits)			Yes
Packet foods e.g. biscuits, potato or corn chips, crackers etc	Yes		Yes
Peanuts, peanut butter especially but all nuts in 1 st 2 weeks	Yes		Yes
Tea, coffee, iced or chilled beverages and water			Yes
No alcohol	Yes		Yes
Cheese, yoghurt, cream, ice-cream and chocolate, Yukolt, Milk	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fried and oily foods (fried eggs, sausages, chips, bacon etc)	Yes		Yes
Wheat products cakes, biscuits, cereals (if goal to lose weight)	Yes		
Bread (if goal is to lose weight)	Yes		
Pasta (if goal is to lose weight)	Yes		

The foods in this table will not increase 'Ama' and be eaten freely.

All fresh foods - freshly cooked on the same day as it is eaten.

Vegetables – Steamed, boiled, roasted, baked, wok fried

Fresh vegetable soups (not instant packet, canned soups)

Fruit - Well ripened including stewed fruit with no sugar added

Chicken – Skinless (if required)

Fish (If required)

Herbal teas. Occasional green tea only.

Basmati rice (Basmati is a low glycaemic index rice)

Eggs

Sip hot water (1 cup 3 times a day) 1st cup first thing in the morning cleans Ama from gut.

Sip hot ginger water (1/8 teaspoon ginger powder in 1 cup of boiled, filtered water)

During or after meals to help digest food or

Before meals if there is no appetite.

Do not eat unless you are hungry i.e. have some appetite before eating

Digestex for stomach and small intestine detox and good food digestion

Probiotic that's suits current health issues

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Signs of Ama	1st visit	2nd visit	3rd visit
<i>If you have need 'Ama pacifying diet' then you will have some of the symptoms below</i>			
Tired after minimal exertion (20 minute walk)			
Tiredness on waking in the morning			
Joint pain			
Muscle pain			
Thick white coat on the tongue			
Bad breath often			
Candida infection e.g. thrush, Candida, jock itch, tinea			
Ama in the Kapha zone (stomach upper 2/3 and upper body)			
Lack of hunger before breakfast			
Lack of hunger before lunch			
Lack of hunger before dinner			
Nausea			
Tired, drowsy or sleepy after a meal			
Tiredness, inertia, sluggishness ('stickiness')			
Excessive mucus e.g. allergies, hay fever, sinus, post nasal drip, throat			
More than one colds, flue, sore throat or sinusitis per year			
Recent weight gain			
Ear, nose and throat problems. Excessive wax.			
Ama in the Pitta zone (small intestine and lower 1/3 of stomach)			
Acid coming up into the mouth (acid reflex)			
Burping often			
Heartburn			
Strong odour when passing stool in toilet			
Irritability and/or anger (under stress)			
Strong thirst			
Skin problems, rashes, eczema, hives, acne or boils			
High blood pressure (or family history)			
Heart problems (or in family history)			
Liver problems (or in family history)			
Ama in Vata zone (large intestine and pelvic organs)			
Bloated abdomen			
Wind, flatulence, gurgling			
Constipation (possible alternating with diarrhoea)			
Going to the toilet less than once every day			
Feeling of incomplete evacuation after stool, as if some was retained			
Have to push or wait a long time for stool			
Lower back pain not caused by injury			
Poor concentration for your age			
Poor memory for your age			
Anxiety and/or Depression			
Headaches			
Moods change often in a day			
Menstrual disorders, painful, irregular, early, late, infertility, impotence			

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Vegetable soup broth

Vegetable soups are easily digested so are useful to give the digestion a rest and allow further detoxification of Ama to occur.

The following soup is a basic recipe that can be varied to suit your taste.

It should be eaten on the day it is cooked. You may want to have it every day or just a few times a week.

Preparation time 30-40 minutes

Vegetable soup broth			
1	Carrot	Cut into pieces	Sweet, pungent
2	Celery stalks	Cut into pieces	Bitter, astringent
140 g	Spinach or Silver beet	Chopped	Bitter
1	Potato	Quartered	Astringent
Pinch	Tarragon		Pungent
470 ml	Purified water		
1 tablespoon	Soy sauce or Tamari		Astringent, salty
Pinch	Asafoetida (hing)	<i>Available from Indian grocer, good for Vata</i>	Pungent
Combine all the ingredients and bring to boil in a pot.			
Simmer for 20 minutes.			
Strain the vegetables for a clear broth or blend in a food processor for a thick soup.			
Makes about 700 ml			
Take 350 ml or half twice daily.			