Basti Instructions

Equipment Checklist

-2 cup measuring cup -basti herb mixture -towel for the floor -Mesh strainer -recommended oil -clock or timer -basti bag and tube -sheet or blanket

Preparation

- 1. Bring the recommended basti herbal mixture to a boil in the recommended amount of water.
- 2. Boil for 5 minutes, or according to specific instructions.
- 3. Stay with the boiling solution, as it can boil over easily and water valuable herbs.
- 4. Cool to a comfortably warm temperature.
- 5. Strain through a strainer into a measuring cup.
- 6. Add the recommended oil and mix well in blender.
- 7. Check to be sure the basti bags' tube clamp at the tip of the tube is clamped CLOSED.
- 8. Pour your basti tea/oil mixture into the basti bag, using the funnel if needed.
- 9. Move into the bathroom.
- 10. Hang the basti bag from a doorknob or hook.
- 11. Lay out you "basti bed" for you to recline on.

Administration

- 1. Recline on your left side.
- 2. Coat the tip of the basti bag tube and rectum with some oil prior to insertion. Insert the tip gently into the anus approximately 2-3 inches.
- 3. Lay on the left side to receive content of basti bag.
- 4. Release the clamp <u>half open</u> on the basti bag tube to allow the solution to flow *slowly* into you body up to the full amount you can retain.
- 5. If you begin to feel discomfort or feel distended, clamp off the flow. When discomfort passes, release the clamp, allowing the remaining content of the bag to flow *slowly* into the rectum.
- 6. If you feel a mild to medium urge to evacuate, breathe through the mouth into the belly, relax and retain. If the urge is compelling, get up and release into the commode.

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- 7. If possible, hold 15-20 minutes on your right side. If you can hold longer, rest again on your back.
- 8. NOTE: 15-20 minutes is a guideline. This may vary with each individual.
- 9. When ready, empty your retained fluids into the toilet and flush.

Highly recommended

After basti, a residual amount of oil or liquid may remain in the body, and it may be released unexpectedly at a later time. This may happen at inopportune times, and can stain your clothing or a chair seat, causing embarrassment. I recommend you place a panty liner pad at the appropriate location in your underwear to absorb and accidental leakage.

