Intermediate Diploma Course Assignment - Zen School of Shiatsu

> Organ/Meridian Network: LIVER

HEALTH WARNING: spending more than 3 hours on an assignment can seriously damage your enthusiasm. In the early stages of learning you might not get much done in 3 hours but do have patience with yourself. It will come.

Is this a Yin or a Yang meridian? what's the difference?
What is the direction of the meridian's flow?
At what time of day or night does the tide of ki reach its peak in the meridian?
What is the partner of this meridian?
What is its Element or Energy-Phase and:

| Mother | Child | Controller | Manifestation or "Flower" | Movement |
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| Colour | Sound | Sense | Taste | Smell |
| Tissue | Direction | Season | Time |  |

What is the difference between the Meridian's time of day or night and its Element's time of day or night?

What is the difference between the Meridian's direction of flow and its Element's direction of flow?
See if you can get an idea of the functions and a feel for the energy of the meridian and its element before attending the Tutorial. Remember that the Classical Meridians flow into each other in the cycle of the Meridian Clock, and the Masunaga Extensions meet in the Hara.

In the Yellow Emperor's Classic of Internal Medicine (the Nei Jing), the Large Intestine is described as:- "A military leader who excels in his strategic planning."
What do you think this means?

## You should be able to demonstrate basic understanding of:

The differences/similarities between Classical and Extension routes.
The external route and First and Last Tsubos of the Classical Meridian - which are not really the beginning and end points as the meridians follow internal routes (which you are not required to know) where they permeate their own organ and wrap their partner-organ.

The route of the Masunaga Extension
Locations, Functions and Uses of the Required Tsubos:
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What Tsubos - if any - are contra-indicated for what conditions?
What has LV13 got to do with Spleen?
What conditions physical, emotional, mental might be indicated by the meridian being:
more kyo?
more jitsu?
Where are the meridian's Bo Points and Yu Points in relation to the associated organ?

Where are the Diagnostic Areas on the:
Face Back Hara
What is the relationship between Bo Points, Yu Points, Diagnostic Areas and Organs?
What treatment position best enables you to connect with Bo Point and meridian? why would you want to do this?

Why might stretching be appropriate for dispersing jitsu but not for tonifying kyo?
Describe the Anatomical Location of the Organ, its western function and associated western system.

Compare Organ functions: Western; Masunaga; TCM
LEARNING AIDS: colouring in the meridians on the following pages and then drawing them on the images below will help your learning.

## Summary

the Intermediate Diploma Assessment Requirement is for you to be able to locate and treat (therefore know their functions and uses) by tonification or dispersal/sedation:

- the required Tsubos including Bo and Yu points
- Classical Meridian
- Masunaga Extension
for Professional Licence Assessment you may be asked to describe their anatomical locations using anatomical/medical terminology - "as if on the telephone to a Latin-speaking Doctor!" - in relation to:
- bones
- muscles
- organs
- neighbouring meridians
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and to demonstrate understanding of any above aspect of this assignment including insights from the necessary additional reading for the Professional Licence and your own experiences from Treatments, Out-Clinics and Work-placement.

Module Completion: please have your Tutor validate the following
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What have you learned about yourself from this Assignment?

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