

Flatulence

What is Flatulence?

Flatulence is the result of excess intestinal gas being passed through the anus from the lower intestine.

Signs and Symptoms

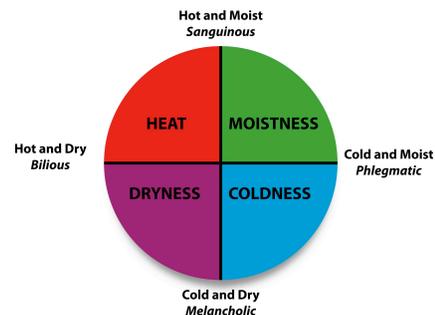
Excessive or unwelcome passage of gas from the anus; embarrassing wind breaking during coughing, sneezing or laughing, or during exertion; disagreeable and uncomfortable bloating of the abdomen due to gas accumulation; a feeling of urgency similar to the one signaling the need to defaecate; and the most serious (embarrassing) complication is breaking out in public.

What Causes Flatulence?

Flatulence is a by-product from the normal intestinal flora's (bacteria) action of hard to digest foods that passes into the colon such as beans. Food sensitivities or intolerance, as with ingesting foods containing gluten or lactose can also cause excessive buildup of intestinal gas, which is sometimes painful. Ailments such as IBS often feature excessive flatulence as a symptom.

The Tibb View of Flatulence

According to Tibb, the qualities associated with flatulence are **dependent on the underlying cause**. Eating gas-forming, cold and dry foods like beans, produces flatulence linked to qualities of **dryness with cold**. Although people with a melancholic dominant/sub-dominant temperament are most inclined to suffer with flatulence, other temperamental types can also suffer from it, due to a faulty diet or a poor lifestyle.



Treatment and Management of Flatulence

Treatment and management is aimed at **reducing the excess dryness with cold** associated with flatulence, by implementing Tibb Lifestyle Factors that will **increase the qualities of heat and moistness**. Treating the underlying condition and avoiding certain foods should also be adopted. This assists Physis in addressing both the symptoms and the causes of flatulence.

Tibb Lifestyle Factors

Food and Drink

- Eat **mostly Hot & Moist foods** - such as banana, sweet potato, and brown bread, **followed by Cold & Moist foods** – like butternut, carrots, pumpkin and pears.
- Eat **less of Hot & Dry foods** – such as avocado, garlic, onion and chickpeas, and the **least amount of Cold & Dry foods** - like beef, tomato, beans and mealie meal.
- Try to eat more fresh vegetables, fruit and whole meal bread, as these will increase roughage in the diet.
- Drink at least 6-8 glasses of warm water per day.
- Drink at least 2 liters of warm water daily.
- Use rice instead of potatoes, corn or noodles wherever possible.
- Avoid gas-promoting foods, especially apricots, beans, cabbage, brussels sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower, lentils, onions and radishes.
- Avoid food combinations that upset your stomach, such as consuming fruit with a heavy meal or milk with fermented products.

Medication

Herbal Remedies

- Add 1 teaspoon of fennel seeds to 1 cup of boiling water. Drink after cooling and straining.
- Adding the spices cumin, coriander, caraway and turmeric when preparing meals counteracts intestinal gas production.

Tibb Medication

Gastrone tablets - This contains ingredients that absorb excess intestinal gas, and a number of herbs, such as ginger, which inhibit its formation. Gastrone tablets are associated with qualities of **heat with dryness** which facilitates the movement of gas along the digestive tract.

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