

**Timing Cancer with Planetary Transits**  
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**Introduction**

Cancer is defined as a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. Unlike normal cells, cancer cells divide in a haphazard manner. The result is that they typically pile up into a non-structured mass or tumor. If the spread is not controlled, it can result in death.

In the U.S., 50% of men and 33% of women will be diagnosed with cancer at some time during their lifetimes. Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Americans after heart disease.

As abnormal cells are not unusual in the body, cancer is really a failure of the immune system to keep any abnormal cells in check. In Jyotish, the immune system is associated with Venus and the jala tattwa, or water element.

Cancer occurs when the protective mechanism of Venus breaks down. Venus is karaka for the water element, which heals and protects health. The healing moon is exalted in Taurus, a sign ruled by Venus. By strengthening Venus, we exalt the moon. Venus and/or Jupiter must be weak or afflicted for cancer to occur.

Strengthening Venus is crucial in cancer cases. Important remedial measures include wearing a diamond, chanting the Maha Mritunjaya mantra, and eating yoghurt.

Medicine and other therapeutic interventions should be started on the day of the lagna lord. At the moment of starting treatment, there should be no malefic planets in the 4<sup>th</sup> house of healing and no planets at all in the 8<sup>th</sup> house of chronic disease.

In this paper, we will analyze the charts of three women afflicted with cancer. Case One suffered from breast cancer which is now in remission, Case Two has a deadly form of pancreatic cancer, and Case Three has already passed away from a rare cancer of the adrenal cortex.

**Method One: Sodhita Ashtakavarga**

Sodhita Ashtakavarga (SoAV) is the twice reduced bindu (point) system for evaluating planetary strength and their influence on the signs. It is the key to understanding Saturn's transits and how it can bring about disease to the native. Other planets' SoAV can be seen in the native's chart for troubles that occur to various relatives. The Sun's SoAV is seen for trouble to father, Mars' is seen for brothers, Mercury's for cousins, Venus' for spouse, Moon's for mother and Jupiter's for children.

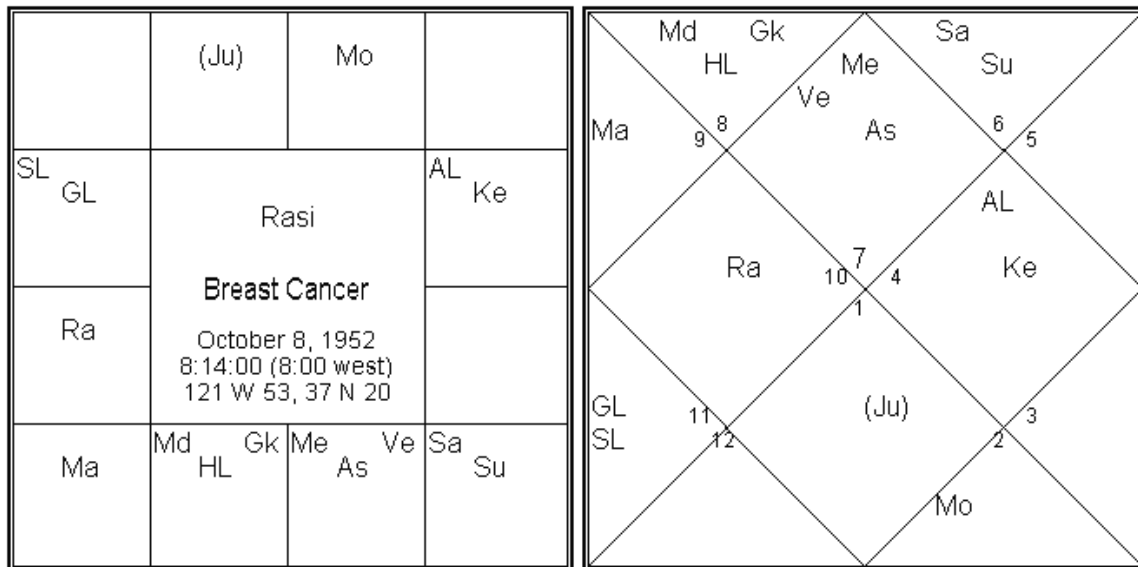
The signs with zero bindus are considered dangerous. When Saturn transits these signs, the immune system is weak and disease can occur. They do not indicate times when the person will die, but will show when the person is troubled by a disease and be fearful of death.

Saturn will associate with one of the following houses: 8<sup>th</sup>, A8, lagna, badhak, or the lord of one of these houses, and be in a house with zero points, to give the feeling of death. If Saturn is transiting badhak, the disease will be very aggressive and ferocious. If it is transiting 8<sup>th</sup> house it will be a slow disease process but always in the background.

### Procedure

1. 3rd from AL must be associated with Saturn to indicate death from disease. So we begin by checking for an association of Saturn with the 3<sup>rd</sup> house from AL.
2. Next discern when the disease occurred and find Saturn's transit during that time.
3. Finally open the SoAV chart and look at Saturn's transit house.

### Case One: Breast Cancer



<b>As:</b> 16 Li 29	<b>Su:</b> 22 Vi 07 (MK)	<b>Mo:</b> 27 Ta 54 (AK)	<b>Ma:</b> 4 Sg 19 (GK)
<b>Me:</b> 2 Li 15 (DK)	<b>Ju (R):</b> 26 Ar 25 (AmK)	<b>Ve:</b> 20 Li 14 (PiK)	<b>Sa:</b> 24 Vi 26 (BK)
<b>Ra:</b> 25 Cp 21 (PK)	<b>Ke:</b> 25 Cn 21	<b>HL:</b> 22 Sc 17	<b>GL:</b> 22 Aq 39

Chart overview:

In this chart Lagna and 8<sup>th</sup> lord Venus is exalted in the lagna, and moon is exalted in the 8<sup>th</sup> house. Moon in the 8<sup>th</sup> in Taurus or Cancer will not give death, according to Jaimini, but it can give disease.

This Moon is giving sorrow because it is atma karaka in marana karaka stana. AK Moon in the 8<sup>th</sup> gives a terrible traumatic childhood. The moon is unable to support Venus so the water element is damaged. Venus needs a strong moon for the malavya yoga to work.

When the AK is in marana karaka stana in a particular house, the karaka of that house becomes evil. The moon is angry, it is under punishment. The karaka Saturn will deliver the anger of this punished moon.

Saturn is very malefic in this chart. It is aspected by Rahu, and is with badhakesh Surya. From January through November 2002, she had cancer yet was kicked out of her daughter's house and was living on the streets. It was Saturn dasa moon antardasa, and the atma was getting the height of punishment. Saturn is aspecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> house, the house of wealth. It's a yoga karaka for Taurus lagna, so it should not be so evil. It is because of AK Moon is in the 8<sup>th</sup> house.

When Saturn or Rahu conjoins badhakesh, it is like a curse coming from the heavens. Saturn-Sun dasa was a terrible time, while she was both sick and homeless Both the luminaries, sun and moon, are in marana karaka stana. Only in Mars antardasa could she get some solace, and she was finally able to get a place to because of Mars.

#### **Procedure to analyze Saturn's transit:**

1. Third from AL contains Saturn conjoined badhakesh sun, so she is destined to die from disease.
2. The disease was diagnosed on February 26, 2001. Saturn was transiting Taurus at that time.
3. Taurus is the 8<sup>th</sup> house containing AK moon in marana karaka stana and has zero bindus from Saturn in SoAV.

She is currently in Saturn dasa Rahu antar dasa; there is no sign of active disease but she is terribly depressed, bitter, and angry.

#### **Case Two: Lupus and Pancreatic Cancer**

HL			(Ma)
Ke	Rasi		SL GL
Ve As	Lupus and Cancer December 17, 1960 10:22:00 (8:00 west) 122 W 8, 37 N 26		Ra
Ju Gk Sa Su Md	Me AL Mo		

Ke	Ve	Ju Md Sa Gk Su	AL Mo Me
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		4	SL
2	3	GL	6
(Ma)			5 Ra

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Overview: The native suffers from lupus and had to take strong drugs that destroy the immune system to prevent it from destroying her kidneys. This weakened immune system is probably the reason that she subsequently developed pancreatic cancer, which was diagnosed on July 25, 2005.

Saturn is both Lagna lord and AK, and rules the 3<sup>rd</sup> from AL. The water element is weak with debilitated moon in the badhak house

**Procedure to analyze Saturn’s transit:**

**Cancer Diagnosis:**

1. Third from AL is owned by Saturn and aspected by Rahu and Mars. This indicates death from disease.
2. She was diagnosed with cancer on July 25, 2005. Saturn was transiting Cancer at that time where it gives zero bindus.
3. Saturn is aspecting the lagna by graha dristi, is the lagna lord and is in trines to AL. The lord of Cancer, the Moon, is debilitated in the badhak house. Venus is in lagna, and is the ruler of Libra, representing the pancreas.

**Lupus Flare- ups:**

Her first life threatening episode of lupus was in February 1995. At this time Saturn was transiting Aquarius where it has zero bindus and is aspected by Rahu and Saturn. It is aspecting the 8<sup>th</sup> house and A8 by graha dristi. Since it is graha dristi rather than rasi dristi, it indicates that the disease is related to emotions and desires.

The second life threatening episode was in September 2001. Saturn was transiting Taurus, which is 8<sup>th</sup> from AL and has zero bindus.

### Case Three: Cancer of the Adrenal Cortex

	Sa	SL	HL
Ra	Rasi		Mo
	Adrenal Cancer August 29, 1970 16:12:10 (7:00 west) 118 W 8, 34 N 8		Ma Md Ke Gk Su AL GL
As		Ju	Ve Me

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Overview: The native has a strong moon in the 8<sup>th</sup> as in Case One, but the moon is not the cause of the disease. She became a workaholic to prove to her father that she was good enough. Stress and overwork damage the adrenal glands, which may have been a factor in causing this rare cancer. All the fiery planets are in the 9<sup>th</sup> house of the father along with Maandi and Gulika, causing toxic burnout.

Venus is in debility, and is also karaka for the kidneys, where the adrenal glands sit. She died on July 23, 2005. The cause of death was the chemotherapy treatment rather than the disease itself.

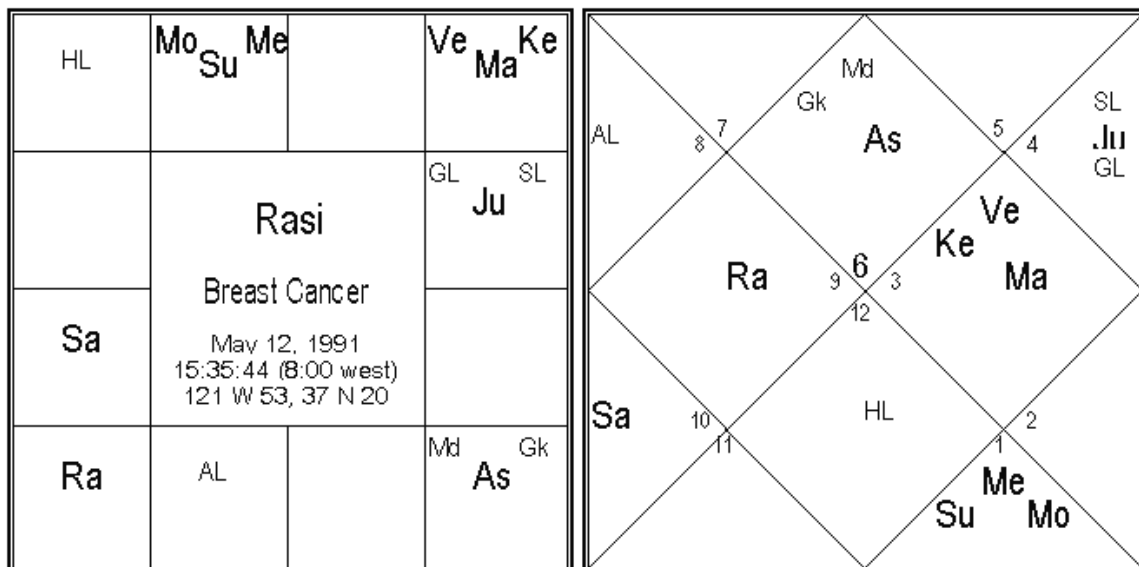
#### Procedure to analyze Saturn's transit:

1. Third from AL has a cursed Jupiter. Because it is 3<sup>rd</sup> from AL, that curse was operating at the time of her death, but the actual moment of death was peaceful with remembrance of God. Since Jupiter is here, she did not die because of the disease, she died from the treatments. Because of the curse, the people that come to save her ended up killing her. Jupiter and Rahu are in mutual aspect by both rasi and graha dristi, which is guru chandala yoga. Guru chandala is also in navamsha, and again Jupiter is cursed.
2. Saturn was in Gemini when cancer was diagnosed in November 2003. Gemini is the badhak house for her ascendant and is aspecting the ascendant..
3. Gemini has zero bindus from Saturn.

## Method Two: Entry charts of the Dasa lord

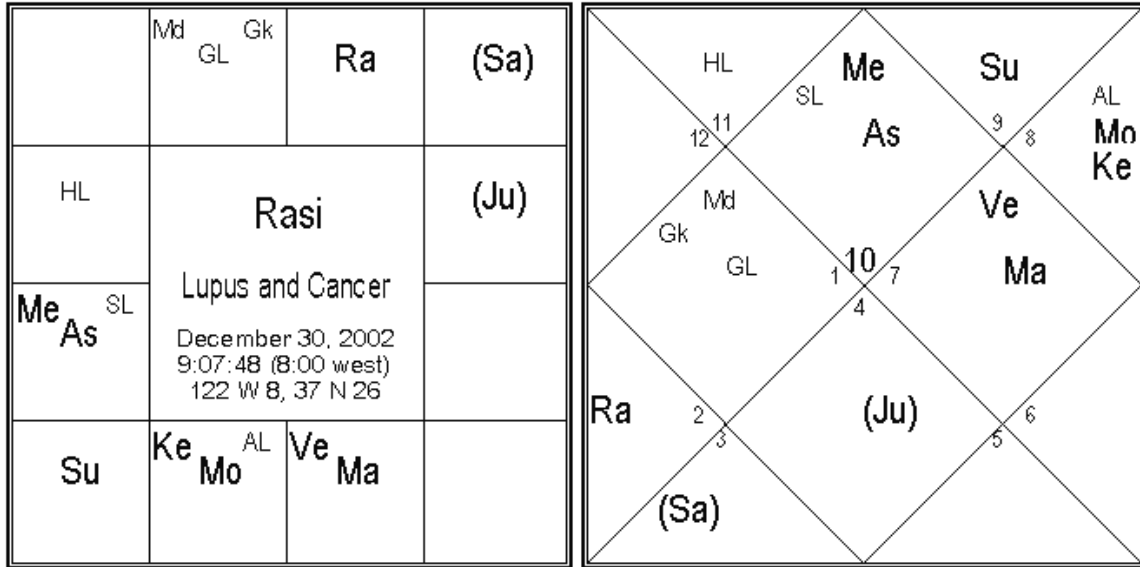
The best way to analyze the health status of a native during a particular dasa is to look at the placement of the moon and the dasa lord at the moment the dasa started. This can easily be done in JHora by right-clicking on the dasa lord and choosing “Entry chart of this period.” If the moon or dasa lord is associated with a dustana house, health problems may occur. Saturn in lagna can be an indicator of disease or death.

**Procedure:** Analyze the following dasa entry charts by determining the position of the dasa lord and the moon, and placing these into the birth chart. Please refer to the birth charts used in method one.



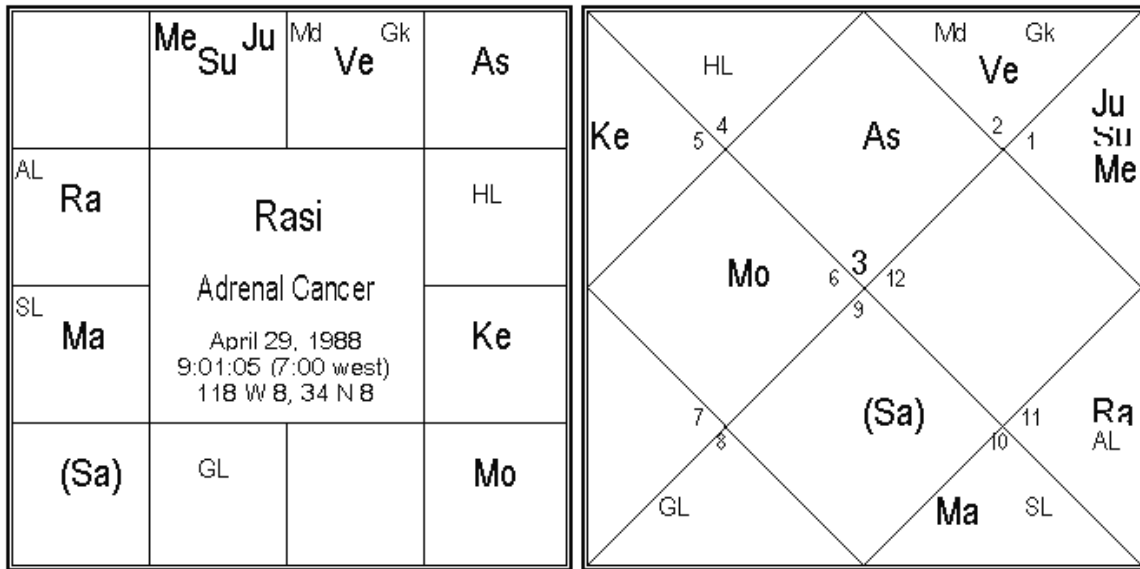
As:	16 Vi 19	Su:	28 Ar 00 (Amk)	Mo:	11 Ar 22 (PiK)	Ma:	28 Ge 25 (AK)
Me:	1 Ar 59 (GK)	Ju:	12 Cn 36 (MK)	Ve:	10 Ge 38 (PK)	Sa:	13 Cp 05 (BK)
Ra:	28 Sg 24 (DK)	Ke:	28 Ge 24	HL:	12 Pi 21	GL:	4 Cn 31

Chart One: Dasa lord Saturn is in the 4<sup>th</sup> house of healing with natal Rahu. The karaka for this house is the Moon. These malefics are destructive to health in this position. The breast was the part afflicted in this cancer, and the breast is represented by the 4<sup>th</sup> house. Moon itself was well placed with Jupiter in the 7<sup>th</sup> and helped to save her life.



As: 12 Cp 30      Su: 14 Sg 56 (PIK)      Mo: 3 Sc 47 (PK)      Ma: 24 Li 51 (AmK)  
 Me: 3 Cp 45 (GK)      Ju (R): 23 Cn 06 (BK)      Ve: 28 Li 35 (AK)      Sa (R): 0 Ge 39 (DK)  
 Ra: 13 Ta 12 (MK)      Ke: 13 Sc 12      HL: 4 Aq 59      GL: 20 Ar 10

Chart Two: Dasa lord is the moon, which is debilitated in badhak house with Ketu, aspected by Rahu. Saturn is in the 6<sup>th</sup> house. She was afflicted during Moon-Rahu dasa. The pancreatic cancer she suffers from has a very grim prognosis.



As: 3 Ge 35      Su: 15 Ar 51 (PK)      Mo: 18 Vi 44 (MK)      Ma: 21 Cp 32 (BK)  
 Me: 26 Ar 13 (AmK)      Ju: 18 Ar 12 (PIK)      Ve: 28 Ta 15 (AK)      Sa (R): 8 Sg 35 (GK)  
 Ra: 27 Aq 08 (DK)      Ke: 27 Le 08      HL: 11 Cn 45      GL: 20 Sc 46

Chart Three: Dasa lord Venus is in the 6<sup>th</sup> house. The moon is well-placed in the 10<sup>th</sup>, but Saturn is in lagna. The native passed away during this dasa.

### **Method Three: Transits in the Somanatha Drekkana chart**

The Somanatha Drekkana chart shows our Ojas (vitality). Ojas is derived from the water element and gives the body the power to recuperate. In the Somanatha drekkana chart, the water element should not be afflicted.

Information on Ojas is particularly important to holistic practitioners who are working to support healing through strengthening vitality. Homeopaths, Ayurvedic doctors, and acupuncturists can all use the information in this chart to see which elements are afflicting the vitality and can make treatment decisions based on the problems shown in this chart.

The Somanatha Drekkana chart also gives crucial information on prognosis as we can see how badly the Ojas is afflicted by the transits. A heavy affliction to this chart at the time of diagnosis indicates a blow to the Ojas, and suggests a bad prognosis.

The depletion of Ojas takes place continually from age 18 in a steady progression, but can worsen with challenging transits. The moment of diagnosis itself causes a terrible loss from the shock to the mind and the moon. The moon represents mana (consciousness) as well the water element, so the shock and fear at that time directly harm the Ojas.

Toxic treatments such as radiation and chemotherapy may keep deadly diseases such as cancer at bay, but these treatments also weaken the Ojas. Death from cancer is often caused by weakness and starvation as the cancer cells destroy the appetite. This is another symptom of depleted Ojas.

The element that opposes water is the fire. The fire will boil the water away. Sun and Mars are the fiery planets that can afflict the lagna or moon, causing the Ojas to be destroyed.

The fire element must be afflicting the lagna or the Chandra lagna to cause illness. The lagna is the supreme intelligence with the power to cure everything. Recovery is more likely if the lagna does not get hit by the transit of the fiery planets. If the fiery planets are afflicting the moon rather than the lagna, the disease was caused more by a mental state such as chronic depression. In this case, the prognosis may be more hopeful as the lagna itself is not afflicted.

The air element dries the water up, so the airy planet Saturn is also very negative in this chart. If Saturn is afflicting the 2<sup>nd</sup> house, the Ojas will be destroyed.

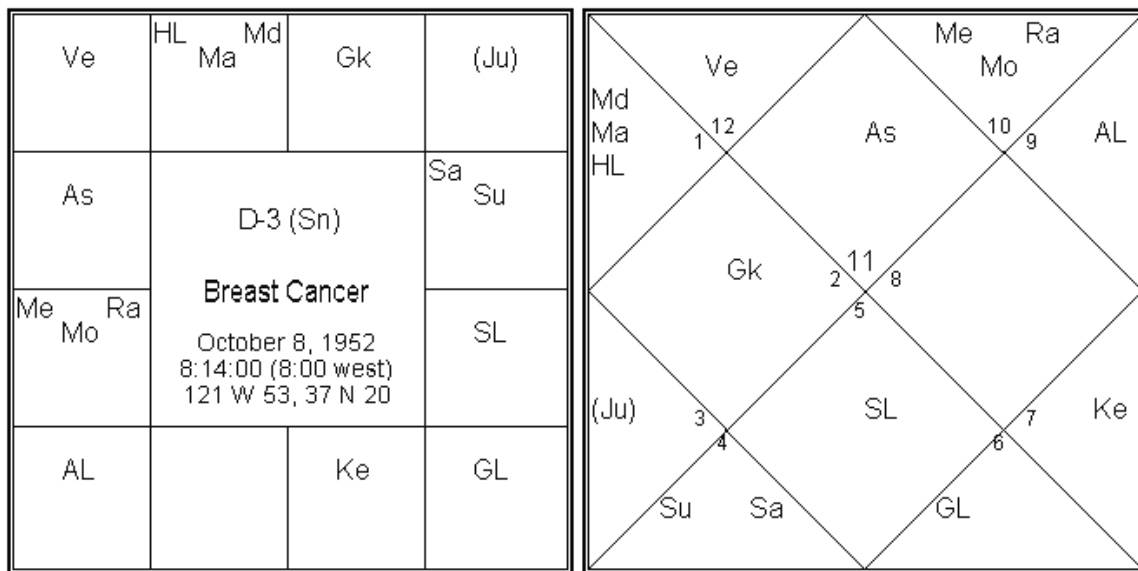
Death is end of Ojas, so the 2<sup>nd</sup> house, or sometimes the 8<sup>th</sup> house in this D-3 chart will be afflicted with a diagnosis of cancer. Any planet in the second house, or the lord of the second house, can destroy the Ojas.

We examine Saturn (air element), Rahu (air element shock to the moon, the mind) and the Sun, and Mars (fire element) in the D-3 chart. The transit moon confirms the day that the fear-inducing diagnosis came and must be conjoined or aspected by Rahu, which causes the shock to the mind.

**Procedure**

1. Make a chart of the moment of diagnosis and note the positions of the following planets in the rashi chart:  
 Sun and Mars: fiery planets which boil away Ojas  
 Saturn: airy planet which dries up Ojas  
 Rahu: airy planet that dries up Ojas but also gives shock to the mana (moon)  
 Moon: karaka for the mind that receives a shock from Rahu on the day of diagnosis.
2. Determine the location of these planets in the Somanatha D-3 natal chart. Look for the following factors which deplete Ojas:  
 Transit Mars and/or Sun are aspecting the natal Lagna or the Moon  
 Transit Saturn is associated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> house  
 Transit moon is being hit by natal Rahu.

**Case One:**



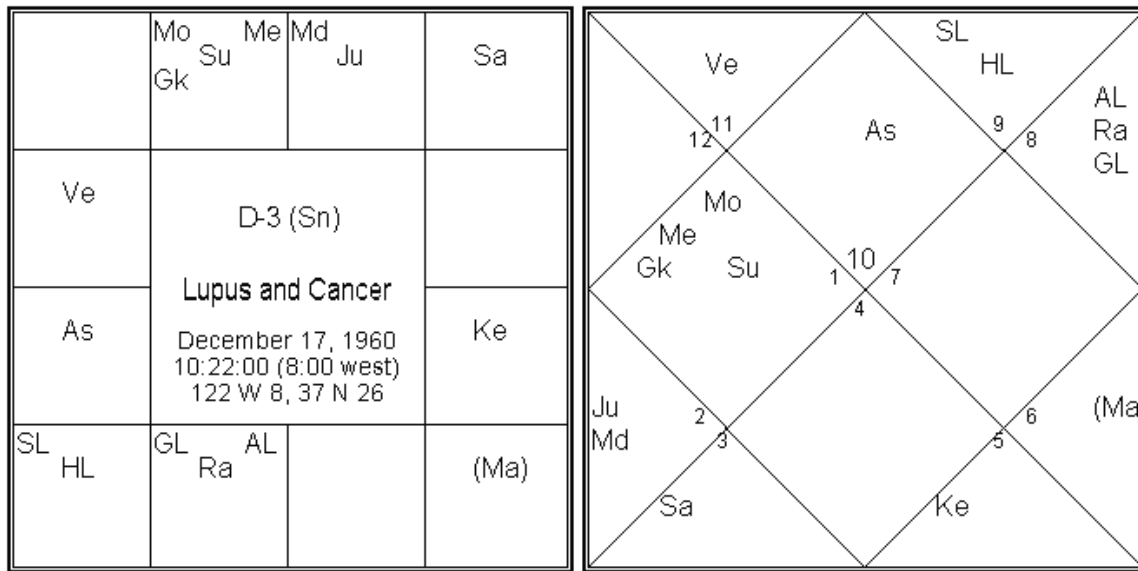
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Transits at time of diagnosis:

Sun is in Aquarius, the lagna of this chart. It is boiling away the Ojas.

Mars is in Scorpio, aspecting the lagna, also boiling away the Ojas.  
 Saturn is in Taurus, which is owned by Venus in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house. Venus carries the energy of Saturn to the second house as it is Saturn's dispositor, so Saturn is drying up the Ojas.  
 Rahu is in Gemini, aspecting the second house and drying up Ojas.

**Case Two:**



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**Transits at time of diagnosis:**

Sun is in Cancer aspecting the lagna, and is lord of the 8<sup>th</sup> house.  
 Mars is in Aries transiting over the natal moon.  
 Saturn is in Cancer aspecting and lording 2<sup>nd</sup> house.  
 Rahu is in Pisces, and is co-lord of the 2<sup>nd</sup> house.  
 The transit moon is in Pisces aspected by natal Rahu.

**Case Three:**

SL		As	Sa
	D-3 (Sn)		Ra Ve HL
Ju	Adrenal Cancer		
	August 29, 1970 16:12:10 (7:00 west) 118 W 8, 34 N 8		
Md GL	Gk Su	Ma Mo Ke	AL Me

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Transits at the time of diagnosis:

Sun is in Libra, afflicting the moon.

Mars is in Taurus, afflicting the lagna.

Saturn is in Gemini, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> house and contains natal Saturn.

Rahu is in Aries.

Moon is in Cancer, over natal Rahu.

### **Conclusion**

These methods of evaluating transits can help an astrologer or health professional determine likely periods of illnesses such as cancer, as well as severity and prognosis. They can also help determine which element is afflicting the Ojas. Through understanding the afflicting element, we can choose appropriate herbal treatments or astrological remedial measures.