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During my years of studying and researching medical astrology, I have found myself looking at the severity and duration of disease in terms of an astrological match up. Does the chart show a propensity toward a particular disease?

Is there advanced warning of a potential health problem? How is the severity of a disease shown in the chart and predictive-wise? I decided to investigate cases of colon disorders taking charts from my personal files on clients as well as Lois Rodden's databank. There are various types of potential diseases associated with the colon. Your colon, also known as the large intestine, is part of your digestive system. It is a long, hollow tube at the end of your digestive tract where your body makes and stores stool. Many disorders affect the colon’s ability to work properly. Some of these include:
where your body makes and stores stool. Many disorders affect the colon’s ability to work properly. Some of these include:

- Colorectal cancer
- Colonic polyps - extra tissue growing in the colon that can become cancerous
- Ulcerative colitis - ulcers of the colon and rectum
- Diverticulitis - inflammation or infection of pouches in the colon
- Irritable bowel syndrome - an uncomfortable condition causing abdominal cramping and other symptoms

Treatment for colonic diseases varies greatly depending on the disease and its severity. Treatment may involve diet, medicines and in some cases, surgery. Colonsurgeryinfo.com also mentions Crohn’s disease as a colonic disease.

**ASTROLOGICAL SIGNIFICATORS**

The following are the major astrological significators of a colon disorder:

- Scorpio or eighth house emphasis
- Mercury-Mars in hard aspect
- Mars-Saturn in hard aspect
- Mars-Pluto in hard aspect
- Mars-Uranus in hard aspect
- Fixed emphasis
- Mars or Saturn in Scorpio
Bowel disorders are sometimes also associated with a strong Mercury or Virgo emphasis in the chart.

**COLON CANCER**

The following is an analysis of the chart of Tony Snow who was press secretary for President George W. Bush.

“In February 2005, he revealed that he, like his mother, had been diagnosed with colon cancer. After two months of treatment and recuperation he returned to work. In late March 2007 he was diagnosed with a small growth in his lower abdomen but was confident it wasn’t cancerous. Blood tests had shown no sign of the disease. He underwent surgery on March 26, 2007 to remove the growth and doctors found that cancer had indeed returned and had spread to his liver. He underwent chemotherapy and after five weeks returned to his White House position.

On August 31, 2007, Snow announced his resignation from his White House post, effective September 14, 2007. He said he needed to make more than the $180,000 per year salary in order to support his family.

He died on July 12, 2008—at 2:00 a.m. local time according to a Fox News spokesperson—at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC.\(^a\)

The first step is to determine if Tony Snow had the significators in his chart [on the next page, *Ed.*] for a colon disorder and for a life threatening disease.

Colon disorders are related to the fixed cross, especially the sign Scorpio. Tony Snow had Scorpio rising. Mars is the old ruler of Scorpio and falls in his eighth house—the natural house of Scorpio. Pluto—the ruler of Scorpio and his Ascendant ruler—is elevated in his chart. Pluto can refer to cell division and with its rulership of his Ascendant can indicate a bodily transformation in the Scorpio-ruled part of the body.

\(^a\) Source: Astrodatabank
Pluto can also describe genetic problems and abnormal growths especially when angular or elevated. His mother also contracted colon cancer.

Pluto is also parallel his Sun which intensifies the Plutonian influence. Parallels of declination are strong aspects and should not be ignored in examining charts.\(^b\) The Sun can also refer to the physical body and the ability to resist disease. A well-aspected Sun is an aid in resisting disease. His Sun is almost exactly sesquiquadrate Neptune, an aspect that can refer to a lowered immune function and potential vitality problems. His Sun in Gemini is deposited by Mercury in Gemini falling in his eighth house and in a dissociate aspect as well as parallel with Mars. Mercury-Mars aspects can refer to disturbed bowel activity.

A dissociate aspect occurs when planets are in an aspect but the signs they are placed within are not in the same aspectual relationship...Dissociate aspects are

\(^b\) A parallel occurs when two planets are the same number of degrees of arc North or South of the Celestial Equator.
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