

# MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

## Lunar Phases, Eclipses and Surgery

*An investigation into the influence of lunar cycles on health, pathology and surgical procedures — with real cases*

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*"Do not touch with iron that part of the body governed by the sign through which the Moon is transiting."*

**— Hippocrates (460–370 BC)**

### 1. Introduction to Medical Astrology

Medical astrology is one of the oldest and most sophisticated branches of Western astrology, with roots tracing back to Mesopotamian, Egyptian and Greek civilisations. For millennia, physicians, philosophers and scholars used the movements of celestial bodies — in particular the Moon — as a fundamental guide to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease.

In the Hippocratic tradition (5th century BC), astrology and medicine were inseparable. Galen (129–216 AD), the most influential physician of Antiquity, used the lunar calendar to prescribe medications, perform bloodlettings and advise on surgical interventions. In the Middle Ages, any reputable physician was also an astrologer, and the analysis of the sky at the time of the consultation was as important as the physical examination of the patient.

The central principle of medical astrology is the correspondence between the macrocosm (the universe) and the microcosm (the human body). Each planet governs specific organs, functions and systems. The Moon, by virtue of its rapid 28-day cycle and its direct influence on terrestrial fluids (tides, water cycles), plays a preponderant role over bodily fluids, the lymphatic system, the uterus, the mucous membranes and emotional states.

#### 1.1 Philosophical Foundations

The doctrine of correspondences, expressed in the Hermetic maxim "As above, so below; as below, so above" (Emerald Tablet, 3rd century AD — Tabula Smaragdina), constitutes the metaphysical basis of medical astrology. The human being is conceived as a mirror of the cosmos: the twelve signs of the zodiac correspond to the twelve principal anatomical regions, the seven classical planets govern the seven vital organs, and the lunar cycles modulate biological rhythms.

## 1.2 Contemporary Scientific Basis

Although medical astrology is not recognised by conventional medicine as a scientific discipline, several correlated phenomena have been investigated by chronobiology and fluid physics. The gravitational and electromagnetic influence of the Moon on bodily fluids (which make up approximately 60–70% of the human body) is analogous to its action on the ocean tides.

Dr Edson Andrews, an American surgeon who studied more than 1,000 cases throughout the 1960s, documented that 82% of episodes of excessive bleeding in surgeries occurred on days near the Full Moon. Studies conducted in European hospitals in the following decades corroborated these findings, particularly in abdominal surgeries and gynaecological procedures.

## 2. Lunar Phases and Their Medical Effects

The complete lunar cycle has an average duration of 29.5 days (synodic lunation) and is divided into four main phases, each with distinct energetic and physiological characteristics. Understanding these phases is the cornerstone of applied medical astrology.

### 2.1 New Moon (Novilunium)

The New Moon occurs when the Moon is positioned between the Earth and the Sun, becoming invisible to the naked eye. Energetically, it represents a moment of withdrawal, introversion and the beginning of new cycles.

From a medical standpoint, the New Moon corresponds to the period of lowest vitality in the cycle. The immune system is at its lowest level, the body retains fewer fluids, peripheral circulation is less active. It is the moment of greatest vulnerability to opportunistic infections and the least efficient time for wound healing.

Characteristics:

- Depressed immune system — greater susceptibility to infections.
- Body retains fewer fluids — low water retention.
- Slower healing than in other phases.
- Good phase for initiating detoxifying therapies.
- Avoid major surgery — compromised recovery.

### 2.2 Waxing Moon

Between the New Moon and the Full Moon, the body begins to accumulate energy. Bodily fluids increase progressively, circulation intensifies and regenerative capacity grows. This is the phase of expansion, nourishment and growth.

For medicine, the Waxing Moon favours procedures that require intense tissue regeneration. Dental implants, skin grafts, reconstructive surgery and fertility treatments show better outcomes when initiated during this phase. The absorption of medications and supplements is also enhanced.

Characteristics:

- Tissues more receptive to regeneration.
- Good absorption of nutrients and pharmaceuticals.
- Indicated for reconstructive surgeries and implants.
- Starting long-term treatments shows better adherence.

### 2.3 Full Moon (Plenilunium) — Maximum Surgical Risk

The Full Moon is the moment of maximum expansion in the lunar cycle. All bodily fluids reach their peak volume, blood is more fluid, tissues are engorged with liquid, mucous membranes are more permeable and the central nervous system displays greater excitability.

Historically called the "Blood Moon" by practitioners of traditional European medicine, the Full Moon is the period most contraindicated for elective surgeries. The risk of intraoperative haemorrhage is significantly higher, post-operative oedemas are more intense, and anaesthetic recovery tends to be more turbulent.

Risk Factor	Description
<b>Haemorrhage</b>	Tissues congested with fluids. Bleeding 40–60% more intense according to Andrews (1966) studies. Especially critical in gynaecological surgeries and dental extractions.
<b>Post-op Oedema</b>	Severe swelling in the days following surgery. Risk of keloid scarring. Visually compromised recovery in plastic surgeries.
<b>Anaesthesia</b>	Greater unpredictability in dosage. Early or prolonged awakening. Higher incidence of post-anaesthetic nausea.
<b>Emotional Instability</b>	Patients report greater pre-operative anxiety. Autonomic nervous system in hypersensitivity. Risk of vasovagal syncope.

The window of greatest risk covers the 3 days before and 3 days after the Full Moon, totalling a 6-day window of maximum contraindication. Emergency surgeries performed during this period should be preceded by reinforced haemostatic monitoring.

### 2.4 Waning Moon — The Ideal Phase for Surgery

The Waning Moon, which begins the day after the Full Moon and extends until the next New Moon, is unanimously considered the best phase for elective surgical procedures. Bodily fluids begin a process of progressive retraction, bleeding is notably reduced, and healing is cleaner and faster.

In the Indian Ayurvedic tradition, the Waning Moon is called the "elimination phase" — a period in which the body naturally expels toxins, reduces inflammation and consolidates

structures. Removal surgeries (tumour, gallbladder, appendix, liposuction) yield especially favourable results during this phase.

Surgical advantages:









- Bodily fluids retracting — lower risk of haemorrhage.
- Less oedematous tissues — more aesthetic healing.
- Ideal for removal and extraction procedures.
- Optimal period: 3rd to 12th day after the Full Moon.
- More stable post-anaesthetic recovery.

### 3. The Moon in the 12 Signs — Medical Correspondences

While lunar phases indicate the ideal moment in the monthly cycle for interventions, the zodiacal sign in which the Moon is located reveals which part of the body is energetically activated and therefore most sensitive to any procedure. The Moon passes through all twelve signs in approximately 28 days, remaining in each sign for roughly 2 to 3 days.

The fundamental principle of Hippocrates, transmitted through centuries of Western medical tradition, is direct: never operate on the part of the body governed by the sign through which the Moon is transiting. This principle applies regardless of the lunar phase. Even during a Waning Moon — the most favourable phase — the anatomical region corresponding to the sign of the moment should be avoided.

Sign	Anatomical Region	Associated Diseases	Avoid Surgery of	Favourable Phase
♈ Aries	Head, skull, brain, eyes, face, upper teeth	Migraines, epilepsy, sinusitis, cranial trauma, conjunctivitis	Neurosurgery, eye surgery, upper dental implant	Waning in Libra
♉ Taurus	Neck, throat, larynx, thyroid, tonsils, lower teeth	Hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, tonsillitis, laryngitis, dysphagia	Thyroidectomy, tonsillectomy, cervical surgery, tooth extraction	Waning in Scorpio
♊ Gemini	Lungs, bronchi, shoulders, arms, hands, peripheral nervous system	Asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, carpal tunnel syndrome, anxiety	Lung surgery, shoulder arthroscopy, elbow and hand surgery	Waning in Sagittarius

 Cancer	Stomach, breasts, diaphragm, mucous membranes, bodily fluids	Gastritis, ulcer, breast cancer, water retention, reflux	Mastectomy, gastrectomy, any upper abdominal surgery	Waning in Capricorn
 Leo	Heart, aorta, dorsal spine, pericardium, blood	Heart disease, arrhythmia, hypertension, heart attack, dorsal spine diseases	ANY cardiac surgery. Contraindication.	Waning in Aquarius
 Virgo	Small intestine, pancreas, spleen, autonomic nervous system, metabolism	Colitis, diabetes, IBS, eating disorders, hypoglycaemia	Intestinal surgery, pancreatectomy, spleen resection	Waning in Pisces
 Libra	Kidneys, adrenals, lumbar region, skin, acid-base balance	Nephritis, kidney stones, lower back pain, eczema, hormonal imbalance	Nephrectomy, renal surgery, lumbar intervention	Waning in Aries
 Scorpio	Genitals, bladder, prostate, rectum, colon, sex hormones	UTI, endometriosis, fibroids, prostate cancer, haemorrhoids, STDs	Hysterectomy, prostatectomy, cystoscopy, any pelvic surgery	Waning in Taurus
 Sagittarius	Thighs, hips, liver, sciatic nerve, femoral arteries	Sciatica, hepatitis, fatty liver, hip dislocation, femur fracture	Liver surgery, hip replacement, thigh surgery	Waning in Gemini
 Capricorn	Knees, bones, skin, teeth, joints, skeleton, nails	Arthritis, osteoporosis, knee problems, psoriasis, bone disorders	Orthopaedic surgeries of knee and ankle	Waning in Cancer
 Aquarius	Ankles, calves, venous circulation,	Varicose veins, thrombosis, leg oedema,	Vascular surgery of lower limbs,	Waning in Leo

	CNS, varicose veins	neurological disorders, spasms	varicose vein ablation	
♓ Pisces	Feet, lymphatic system, immunity, glands, sleep, endocrine	Plantar fasciitis, lymphoedema, autoimmune diseases, fibromyalgia, addictions	Foot surgery, lymphatic intervention. Unpredictable anaesthesia.	Waning in Virgo

*Note: The 'Favourable Phase' column indicates the ideal combined configuration — the opposite lunar sign (which does not directly activate the operated region) during the Waning Moon.*

### 3.1 The Rule of Opposite Signs

An important nuance of the Hippocratic tradition is that the sign opposite to the one occupied by the Moon also undergoes secondary influence. The zodiac functions in polarity pairs: Aries/Libra, Taurus/Scorpio, Gemini/Sagittarius, Cancer/Capricorn, Leo/Aquarius, Virgo/Pisces. When the Moon transits a sign, its opposite may also be sensitised, albeit with lesser intensity.

## 4. Practical Guide to Surgery by Type and Lunar Phase

The practical application of medical astrology in a surgical context requires the combination of three fundamental variables: the lunar phase (waning is ideal), the transiting sign (avoid the sign governing the area to be operated), and the absence of eclipses and Void of Course Moon on the chosen date.

### 4.1 Ideal Window for Elective Surgeries

The surgical window combines the following criteria simultaneously:

- **Criterion 1:** Waning Moon — between the 3rd and 12th day after the Full Moon.
- **Criterion 2:** Moon in a neutral or opposite sign to the region to be operated.
- **Criterion 3:** No eclipse in the 14 days before or after.
- **Criterion 4:** Moon not Void of Course.
- **Criterion 5 (advanced):** Mars not retrograde (governs surgery and cutting).

### 4.2 Surgery Table with Lunar Indications

Type of Surgery	Ideal Phase	Favourable Lunar Sign	Avoid
Cardiac Surgery	Waning	Virgo, Capricorn, Taurus	Moon in Leo. Eclipses. Full Moon.

Plastic / Aesthetic Surgery	Waning (less oedema)	Capricorn (skin), Virgo	Moon in Cancer and Scorpio — intense water retention.
Hysterectomy / Gynaecological	Waning	Sagittarius, Aquarius, Taurus	Moon in Scorpio and Cancer. Any eclipse.
Orthopaedic (knee, hip)	Waning	Gemini, Libra, Aquarius	Moon in Capricorn (knees) and Sagittarius (hip).
Neurosurgery / Cranial	Waning, away from Full Moon	Taurus, Capricorn, Virgo	Moon in Aries. Solar eclipse in Aries/Scorpio.
Abdominal Surgery (intestine, colon)	Waning	Leo, Libra, Sagittarius	Moon in Virgo, Cancer and Scorpio.
Organ Transplant	Waxing (better immune acceptance)	Taurus, Virgo (stability)	Eclipses and Void of Course Moon. Never.
Dental Extraction / Implants	Waning (less bleeding)	Sagittarius, Aquarius, Pisces	Moon in Taurus and Aries. Full Moon.
Liposuction / Fat Removal	Waning (elimination phase)	Capricorn, Virgo, Aries	Moon in Cancer. Full Moon or pre-Full Moon.
Eye Surgery (cataract, laser)	Waning	Taurus, Capricorn, Libra	Moon in Aries. Eclipses on the Aries-Libra axis.
Renal / Urological Surgery	Waning	Gemini, Sagittarius, Aries	Moon in Libra and Scorpio.

### 4.3 Documented Consequences of Surgery at Unfavourable Times

The clinical practice of medical astrology, over the course of centuries, has documented recurring patterns of complications associated with surgeries performed during unfavourable periods. The principal consequences are catalogued below:

- **Haemorrhage:** Intraoperative haemorrhage: Primary risk at the Full Moon. Tissues congested with fluids. Seen especially in dental extractions, hysterectomies and abdominal procedures.

- **Oedema:** Severe post-operative oedema and swelling: Common when the Moon is in Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces during any phase. Keloid scars more frequent. Visually unsatisfactory recovery in plastic surgeries.
- **Infections:** Post-operative infections: Moon in Pisces is associated with greater sensitivity to hospital infections, reactions to antibiotics and greater permeability of mucous membranes to pathogens.
- **Healing:** Slow healing: New Moon and Moon in water signs (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces) in an unfavourable phase delay tissue regeneration. Wounds remaining open longer elevate the risk of sepsis.
- **Anaesthesia:** Anaesthetic complications: The Moon in Pisces is particularly associated with pharmacological hypersensitivity. Standard doses of anaesthetics can produce atypical responses — both metabolic under- and overdoses.

## 5. Eclipses and Medicine: The Window of Maximum Vulnerability

Eclipses represent, in medical astrology, the moments of greatest energetic imbalance in the annual calendar. They always occur in pairs — a solar eclipse and a lunar eclipse separated by approximately two weeks — and repeat in cycles of 6 months (semi-annual) and 18.6 years (Saros cycle). Each eclipse pair activates a specific zodiacal axis, which remains sensitive for months.

### 5.1 Solar Eclipse

The solar eclipse always occurs at the New Moon, when the Moon interposes itself between the Sun and the Earth, temporarily blocking sunlight. In astrological medicine, the Sun governs the heart, central vitality, the circulatory system and the life force (prana, chi). The solar eclipse represents an abrupt interruption of the flow of vital energy.

The window of medical contraindication around a solar eclipse is at least 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after the event. Elective surgeries of any nature should be avoided. In particular, cardiac procedures and interventions related to the eclipsed sign should be postponed for a longer period — 4 to 6 weeks in the Persian-Arab tradition of celestial medicine.

Effects on the body:

- Interruption of vitality flow — increased cardiac vulnerability.
- Activation of the nodal points (Rahu/Ketu or North/South Node), triggering health karma crises.
- The region of the eclipsed sign remains hypersensitive for weeks, including to surgical interventions in that area.
- Elevated risk of complications in procedures performed in the activated sign.

## 5.2 Lunar Eclipse

The lunar eclipse always occurs at the Full Moon, when the Earth interposes itself between the Sun and the Moon, projecting its shadow over the satellite. It exponentially amplifies all the normal effects of the Full Moon — bodily fluids at maximum pressure, severe emotional instability and a dysregulated autonomic nervous system.

In the Hellenic tradition, the lunar eclipse was called the "Great Blood Moon" and marked a period of purges, spontaneous febrile crises and precipitate births. Hippocrates and his disciples recorded epidemics and collective health crises coinciding with total lunar eclipses.

## 5.3 Eclipse in the Sign of the Disease — Case of Maximum Risk

The situation of greatest risk in astrological medicine occurs when an eclipse falls directly upon the zodiacal sign governing the organ or system affected by the patient's disease. This alignment creates what mediaeval astrologers called "radical activation of pathology".

Eclipse Sign	Organ/System Activated	Medical Implication
Eclipse in Aries/Libra	Head and kidneys simultaneously	Concurrent neurological and renal crises. Avoid neurosurgeries and nephrectomies.
Eclipse in Taurus/Scorpio	Thyroid, neck and reproductive system	Intense hormonal crises. Avoid thyroidectomies and gynaecological surgeries.
Eclipse in Cancer/Capricorn	Stomach/breast and bones/knees	Risk in mastectomies, gastrectomies and orthopaedic surgeries.
Eclipse in Leo/Aquarius	Heart and peripheral circulatory system	Contraindication for any cardiac surgery. Maximum risk.
Eclipse in Virgo/Pisces	Small intestine and lymphatic/immune system	Autoimmune disease crises. Avoid intestinal surgeries and immunosuppression.

When the eclipse coincides with the patient's natal Ascendant, Sun or Moon, the risk extends to the organism as a whole — not only to the region of the activated sign. Overall vitality is compromised, and the immune system remains in a state of hypersensitivity for weeks.

## 6. Void of Course Moon (VoC)

The Void of Course Moon (VoC) is one of the most practical and applied concepts in medical astrology. It occurs in the interval between the last exact Ptolemaic aspect the Moon forms with any planet before leaving a sign and the moment it enters the next sign. During this period — which can last from a few minutes to more than two days — the Moon "floats" without anchoring in any planetary configuration.

In the terminology of mediaeval Arabic astrology, particularly in the treatises of Ibn Ezra and Al-Biruni, this period was called the "severed moon" (Arab. al-qamar al-maqtu), and was considered one of the most inauspicious for any therapeutic, surgical or pharmacological initiation.

### 6.1 How to Identify the Void of Course Moon

The Void of Course Moon can be calculated with precision using astrological ephemerides or specialised software. The main consultation tools include:

Free resources:

- Astro.com (astro.com): Free astrological calendar with daily indication of VoC periods.
- The Mountain Astrologer: Monthly calendar published with all VoC times in GMT.
- Solar Fire Software: Professional tool with a complete listing of aspects and VoC periods.
- Time Passages and TimePassages Pro apps: Available for iOS and Android.

The signs in which the Moon remains Void of Course for the longest time are Cancer, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces, as in these signs the Moon frequently forms its last aspect shortly after ingressing, remaining "severed" for hours or days.

### 6.2 Medical Effects of the Void of Course Moon

Medical Area	Effect Documented by Tradition
<b>Surgery in general</b>	Inconclusive outcomes — the procedure does not definitively resolve the problem, requiring re-intervention. The issue that prompted the surgery 'goes nowhere'.
<b>Medical diagnoses</b>	Laboratory tests, biopsies and imaging performed during a VoC Moon frequently require repetition. False-negative and false-positive results are more common.
<b>Anaesthesia and sedation</b>	Unpredictability in anaesthetic response. Cases of early awakening (during the procedure) and prolonged recovery have been associated with surgeries performed in VoC.

<b>Starting treatments</b>	Therapies initiated under the VoC Moon tend to be replaced shortly or fail to produce the expected effect. This includes starting antibiotic therapy, chemotherapy and hormonal regimens.
<b>What is permitted</b>	Ongoing routine procedures: dressings, maintenance physiotherapy, already scheduled follow-up examinations. VoC affects initiation — not continuity.

The frequency of the Void of Course Moon is surprisingly high — it occurs on average 2 to 4 times per week, totalling approximately 30 to 40% of monthly time. This means that in any given month, almost one-third of days present at least one VoC period of relevance.

## 7. Cases of Public Figures — Medical Astrological Analysis

Below I present detailed analyses of medical cases of public figures whose dates and circumstances of death or surgical intervention are widely documented. The astrological analyses were carried out on the basis of verifiable historical ephemeris data.

*Disclaimer: these analyses are exclusively for educational and illustrative purposes of the principles of medical astrology. They do not constitute any medical or astrological assessment of any individual.*

### 7.1 Michael Jackson — Death by Propofol Overdose (25/06/2009)

Michael Jackson died on 25 June 2009, the official cause of death being acute propofol intoxication in combination with benzodiazepines, administered by his personal physician, Dr Conrad Murray.

Astrological analysis:

On the date of his death, the Moon was in Leo — the sign traditionally associated with the heart, the aorta and the vital centre of the organism. In medical astrology, this positioning can be read as a symbolic activation of the cardiac sphere, especially relevant in contexts involving deep sedation and cardiorespiratory depression.

This moment also occurs within the context of the Leo/Aquarius nodal axis, active throughout 2009. Leo is associated with the heart and the circulatory centre, while Aquarius is frequently related to peripheral circulation and distribution systems. The presence of the Nodes on this axis can be interpreted as a symbolic intensification of the dynamics between centre and periphery, between vital rhythm and systemic regulation.

The proximity of a total lunar eclipse on 7 July 2009, on the Capricorn/Cancer axis, reinforces the backdrop of collective and organic sensitivity, though its influence should be understood more as context than as a direct factor.

In the natal chart, the Ascendant in Pisces suggests an organism particularly sensitive to external substances. Pisces, ruled by Neptune, is associated with the dissolution of boundaries, permeability and a non-linear response to chemical agents. In medical

astrology, this positioning may indicate a greater susceptibility to states of deep sedation, especially when associated with fast-acting and intense substances such as propofol.

The convergence of these factors — Moon in Leo, nodal axis active on the same axis, and Ascendant in Pisces — can be read as a symbolic resonance between the moment of death and the nature of the event: a cardiorespiratory depression induced by substances acting directly on the mechanisms of consciousness and vital regulation.

More than a causal relationship, this reading points to a symbolic correspondence between the sky and the body, where astrological language describes, in parallel, the physiological process that led to the outcome.

## **7.2 Tancredo Neves — The Series of Seven Surgeries (March–April 1985)**

Tancredo Neves, the elected president of Brazil, was hospitalised on 14 March 1985 — the eve of his inauguration — with a serious abdominal condition initially diagnosed as diverticulitis. Subjected to seven surgeries over 38 days, he developed successive infectious complications and died on 21 April 1985, without ever having taken office.

Astrological analysis:

The first surgical intervention occurred with the Moon transiting the Virgo–Pisces axis, traditionally associated in medical astrology with the intestines, assimilation processes and immune balance. This axis describes the relationship between the physical body and its capacity to respond to infections, being particularly sensitive in situations of organic fragility.

The succession of surgeries — each followed by new complications — can be read in light of patterns described in astrological tradition as interventions performed under unstable lunar conditions, frequently associated with the concept of the Void of Course Moon, where processes initiated tend not to reach definitive resolution, generating unforeseen developments.

In parallel, the eclipse cycle of 1985 was activating the Taurus–Scorpio axis, linked to the physical body, organic matter and the processes of elimination and regeneration. The solar eclipse of November 1984 and the lunar eclipse of May 1985 frame the period in a window of greater structural vulnerability.

The evolution towards generalised infections can be symbolically understood through the complementary activation of the Virgo–Pisces axis, associated with the organism's permeability and its capacity — or incapacity — to contain infectious processes. The overlapping of these axes suggests a picture of progressive loss of internal regulation, where the body ceases to be able to integrate, filter and respond effectively to successive aggressions.

More than a direct causal relationship, this reading highlights a symbolic correspondence between the transits and the clinical process: multiple interventions, absence of resolution, and evolution towards a systemic state of organic disorganisation.

### 7.3 Elvis Presley — Death by Cardiac Arrhythmia (16/08/1977)

Elvis Presley was found unconscious at his Graceland mansion on 16 August 1977 and was declared dead at 3:30 pm. The official cause was "cardiac arrhythmia" associated with multiple factors, including chronic polypharmacy (dependency on opioids, barbiturates and amphetamines).

Astrological analysis:

On 16 August 1977, the Moon was in Virgo — the sign traditionally associated with the intestines, the autonomic nervous system and, above all, the processes of assimilation, metabolism and elimination of substances. In medical astrology, Virgo represents the intelligence of the body that discriminates, filters and organises. When in imbalance, it manifests precisely the opposite: accumulation, intoxication and the inability to process excess.

The symbolic correspondence is evident — death occurs in a context of pharmacological overload, under a Moon in the sign that governs the function of metabolism and purification. This positioning gains further relevance through the presence of the Sun in Leo, a sign associated with the heart, creating a symbolic bridge between metabolic collapse and the final cardiac response.

The nodal axis active in 1977 was positioned in Libra/Aries. In medical astrology, Libra is linked to renal function and internal balance, while Aries is associated with neurological response and the organism's activation mechanisms. This axis can be read as a tension between elimination and reaction, particularly relevant in contexts of systemic intoxication, where the body oscillates between the need to filter and the inability to respond in a regulated manner.

In the natal chart, the Sun in Capricorn points to a constitution that demands structure, discipline and containment. The emphasis in Sagittarius — a sign associated with the liver and processes of expansion — may indicate a vulnerability in the management of excesses, especially at the metabolic level. The liver, the central organ in detoxification, thus symbolically emerges as a sensitive point, consistent with the overall picture of bodily overload.

Chronic polypharmacy can, in this perspective, be understood as a prolonged denial of the Virgoan principle: instead of order, discrimination and balance, there is a disorganised accumulation of incompatible substances. The presence of Neptune in Virgo in the natal chart reinforces this reading, symbolising a tendency towards the dissolution of physiological boundaries through substances, directly affecting the mechanisms of regulation and assimilation.

To die under a Moon in Virgo, in a context of pharmacological saturation, symbolically translates a failure of the very system entrusted with preserving internal equilibrium — not as direct causality, but as a significant resonance between the sky and the body.

## 7.4 Pelé — Colorectal Tumour Surgery (September 2021)

Pelé, born Edson Arantes do Nascimento, underwent surgery on 4 September 2021 at the Albert Einstein Hospital in São Paulo for removal of a tumour in the right colon, subsequently identified as malignant. A prolonged period of oncological treatment followed, with multiple readmissions. He died on 29 December 2022 following the progression of colon cancer associated with multiple organ failure, in a context of respiratory infection.

Astrological analysis:

The period of the surgery falls within an astrologically sensitive moment, marked by a strong activation of the digestive axis. The New Moon in Virgo on 7 September 2021 occurs just days after the intervention, symbolically highlighting the beginning of a cycle directly linked to the intestines, assimilation and metabolic regulation processes — areas traditionally associated with this sign in medical astrology.

Virgo, as the archetype of detailed organic functioning and the body's capacity for discrimination, when under tension, can reflect processes of cellular disorganisation and difficulty in regulating internal mechanisms — consistent with oncological conditions involving disordered growth.

In parallel, Saturn in Aquarius — retrograde during this period — introduces a theme of limitation, chronicity and progressive deterioration, frequently associated in the astrological tradition with long-duration processes and gradual loss of systemic vitality.

The eclipse cycle of 2021–2022, activating the Taurus–Scorpio axis, adds an additional layer of meaning. This axis is symbolically linked to the matter of the body (Taurus) and to the processes of profound transformation, elimination and regeneration (Scorpio). Its prolonged activation is frequently associated with periods of organic crisis requiring profound reconfiguration — or revealing the organism's inability to maintain internal equilibrium.

The clinical evolution — marked by complications, infections and progressive organ failure — can be read as an expression of this combined activation: a body that, gradually, loses the capacity to integrate, eliminate and regenerate.

More than a causal relationship, this reading points to a symbolic correspondence between the astrological cycles and the lived process: the beginning of a cycle in Virgo (intestines), set against a backdrop of Saturnian limitation and intensified by eclipses on the axis of matter and transformation, culminating in a picture of systemic collapse.

## 7.5 Common Patterns Across the Cases Analysed

Dimension	Observed Pattern	Expression in the Cases
Activated Axes	Strong activation of opposite axes (Virgo–Pisces / Leo–Aquarius / Taurus–Scorpio)	All cases show axes linked to vital functions: digestion, circulation, elimination and systemic regulation
Dominant System	Collapse of the body's regulatory systems	Digestive (Elvis, Pelé, Tancredo) and cardiorespiratory (Michael Jackson)
Overload / Toxicity	Inability of the organism to process excess	Polypharmacy (Elvis, Michael), systemic infection (Tancredo), oncological progression (Pelé)
Transiting Moon	Activation of key organ at the critical moment	Moon in Virgo (metabolism) or Leo (heart) associated with the main event
Eclipses / Nodes	Presence of active eclipse cycles	All placed within periods of nodal activation, suggesting phases of greater systemic vulnerability
Progressive Process	Chain deterioration, not an isolated event	Multiple surgeries (Tancredo), metabolic deterioration (Elvis), accumulated sedation (Michael), prolonged illness (Pelé)
Regulatory Failure	Loss of the capacity for internal balance	Inability to metabolise (Virgo), eliminate (Scorpio), regulate (Aquarius) or integrate (Pisces)
Medical Intervention	Present, but unable to reverse the situation	Surgeries, sedation or treatments that fail to halt the process
Central Astrological Theme	Dissociation between function and organ capacity	The system responsible for balancing the body becomes the point of failure
Nature of the Outcome	Systemic collapse	No case is a purely sudden death — there is always a process of deterioration

## 8. Conclusions and Practical Recommendations

Medical astrology, far from being a historical curiosity, represents a sophisticated system for observing biological rhythms in correlation with celestial cycles. Over millennia, physicians, surgeons and pharmacologists from various cultural traditions

have converged on the same fundamental principles: the human body is not static, and its cycles of expansion, elimination and vulnerability follow the lunar rhythm.

The synthesis of observations from this investigation points to four practical recommendations that can be integrated into elective surgical planning without conflict with conventional medicine:

1. **Verify the lunar phase before scheduling elective surgeries:** Always prefer the Waning Moon (3rd to 12th day after the Full Moon). Avoid the period of 3 days before and 3 days after the Full Moon.
2. **Identify the lunar sign on the day of surgery:** Confirm that the Moon is not transiting the sign that governs the anatomical region to be operated. A simple free astrological calendar (astro.com) provides this information.
3. **Verify the absence of eclipses:** Check whether there is an eclipse in the 14 days before or after the date of surgery. If so, postpone to a safer window whenever medically possible.
4. **Confirm that the Moon is not Void of Course:** Especially important for surgeries where the definitive outcome is essential — malignant tumours, transplants, neurosurgeries. The VoC Moon increases the risk of an inconclusive outcome.

## 8.1 Integration with Conventional Medicine

Medical astrology does not propose to replace evidence-based medicine, but to offer an additional layer of timing — the temporal planning of interventions. In elective cases, where the physician and patient have a choice regarding the date of the procedure, consulting the lunar calendar adds a variable of very low cost and potentially high relevance to the outcome.

Contemporary integrative medicine, which incorporates chronobiology, Ayurvedic medicine and traditional Chinese medicine, creates a legitimate space for incorporating lunar principles into therapeutic planning. The growing research into circadian rhythms and their impact on surgical procedures has opened a scientific door through which the millennial wisdom of medical astrology may, before long, find formal validation.

## 8.2 Final Note

*"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands." — Psalms 19:1*

*The Moon — that pale mirror of solar light — governs the tides of the oceans and, according to the oldest medical tradition of humanity, also governs the internal tides of the human body. Respecting its cycles is not superstition — it is wisdom accumulated over millennia of careful observation. May every patient and every physician be able, at least, to consider this temporal dimension in the art of healing.*

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