

SUPERFICIAL PULSE₂

- Called Vikṛti level but its meaning (imbalance) is confusing; better to refer to this level as "superficial (level) pulse"
- Relates to or indicates the quantitative increase of doṣa: \geq sancaya stage of samprāpti
- Implies that doṣa has changed qualitatively, which has promoted sancaya
- Interpretation of doṣic involvement is based upon: guṇa, location of spike, motion of spike, and the direction of a spike
- **Condition of Balance:** the form of the spike under the vāta finger is a snake-like motion and quality moving distally; under the pitta finger a sharp, lifting spike is felt--referred to as a frog; under the kapha finger a dull, heavy spike is felt--referred to as a swan. Each animal must be felt under the respective finger (VPK) and be in its own house (VPK). Any deviation from this is imbalance.