GENTLE SEQUENCE FOR STOMACHACHE: This sequence is intended for minor stomachaches. (No diarrhea, constipation, or other maladies.)

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ASANA #1 SUPTA BADDHA KONASANA Supine Bound Angle Pose



- 1. Release the shoulders, head, and neck so the arms can release enabling horizontal expansion of the chest and ribs.
- 2. Inhale to experience the breath on both sides of the ribs.
- 3. Exhale to soften and recede the abdomen.
- 4. Relax the tongue and jaw.
- 5. Toes can be against a wall (demonstrated in photo) and/or thighs can be supported with blankets (not shown in photo)

ASANA #2 SUPTA VIRASANA (OR SVASTIKASANA) Supine Hero's Pose (or Auspicious Pose)



- 1. Lengthen the abdomen by bringing the arms overhead in Urdhva Baddha Hasta. Utilize a blanket as needed to support the shoulders.
- 2. Allow the abdomen to 'let go.'
- 3. Use the exhalation to release any abdominal tension or unresolved stress.
- 4. Pause at the end of the exhalation to consciously relax the inner state of being.
- 5. Use of sandbags at the tops of the thighs enables the thighs to release toward the floor.

ASANA #3 ADHO MUKHA SVANASANA Downward Facing Dog Pose



- 1. Maximum stretch of the legs and firmness of the arms, so the spine is the receiver of those two actions.
- 2. Hollow the lower abdomen by spreading the right to the right and the left to the left.
- 3. Notice the natural gastrointestinal effect on the abdomen.
- 4. Heels can be against the wall for additional reinforcement of the leg actions.

ASANA #4 SUPTA PADANGUSTASANA II Reclining Hand to Big Toe Pose



- 1. Widen and spread the abdomen.
- 2. Soft steady inhale; soft steady exhale.
- 3. REPEAT and bring the foot higher to the shoulder.
- 4. Observe how the abdomen needs to stretch further on the second repetition.
- 5. Bringing the lateral foot to the wall enables the outer hip to stabilize whilst lengthening the inner groins to the ankle.

ASANA #5 PARSVA UPAVISTA KONASANA Side Wide Angled Seated Pose



- 1. Widen the abdomen.
- 2. Turn the abdomen, trunk, and chest.
- 3. Extend through the opposite leg from the direction you are turning.
- 4. Keep the spine lifted.
- 5. Use the fingers and hands, one in front and behind, to enable more buoyancy in the pose.

ASANA #6 JANU SIRSASANA PREPARATION Head to Knee Pose – Stage 1



- 1. Lift the spine to turn gently.
- 2. Sit up on a blanket to create more height in the spine. This will enable the twist to stay more upright.
- 3. Use one hand on the outside of the extended leg and the other hand behind the buttock to enhance the twist.

ASANA #7 DIAGONAL JANU SIRSASANA: Head to Knee Pose in Between the Legs (variation)



- 1. This variation enables the abdomen to lengthen, widen, and relax.
- 2. Extend through both legs to make space for the spine to extend more fully.
- 3. Soft smooth breath in; soft smooth breath out.

ASANA #8 UPAVISTA KONASANA in SIRSASANA — No photo

ASANA #9 ADHO MUKHA VIRASANA Downward Facing Hero's Pose / "Child's Pose"



- 1. Soften into the pose to relieve fatigue, anxiety, stress, and gastric tension.
- 2. Use with or without a bolster, depending on personal needs, and knee and/or hip limitations.
- 3. Turn the head to one side for approximately 3 minutes and slowly repeat for the other side.
- 4. The bolster can press gently into the abdomen for added compression.
- 5. Allow the breath the become longer on the exhalation enhancing parasympathetic dominance.

ASANA #10 SALAMBHA SARVANGASANA, HALASANA & KARNIPINDASANA – No Photo

ASANA #11 SETUBANDHA SARVANGASANA *Bridge Pose*



- 1. Lengthen the front body to stimulate organs around the abdomen.
- 2. Keep the chest open and the throat soft.
- 3. Allow the abdomen to stay long (no puffing.)
- 4. Strap the thighs (not shown in photo) or the ankles (shown in photo.)
- 5. Breathe with ease, preferably through the nose.

ASANA #12 BADDHA KONASANA in VIPARITA KARANI Bound Angle Pose in Legs Up the Wall /Topsy Turvy Pose



- 1. Inversions help regulate the parasympathetic nervous system, which stimulates digestion and supports regularity.
- 2. Let the breath be even, thin, and gently rhythmic.
- 3. Bathe in the breath.
- 4. Bringing the legs into Baddha Konasana widens the lower abdominal cavity and pelvic organs.
- 5. Find comfort, stillness, and quietude in the pose, bringing calm to the nervous system, supporting the rest and digest state.
- 6. This pose activates the Vagus Nerve which wanders down through the body, connecting to areas including the heart, diaphragm, and gut.

ASANA #13 SAVASANA Corpse Pose



- 1. Notice the flow of energy in the abdomen pay special attention to any unconscious stress being held.
- 2. Just Be. There is no need to do anything anymore.
- 3. Support the head and legs as needed. Personalize your props to make the pose as comfortable as possible.
- 4. Release any conditioning effort of the breath.
- 5. Rest fully in Savasana.