

RESIDUAL PATHOGENIC FACTOR

A residual pathogenic factor (RPF) is a common consequence of exterior invasions of Wind. Most commonly a RPF manifests with residual Heat, occasionally it may be Cold.

A RPF may be formed at the Wei Level but more commonly it is formed at the Qi Level. The Qi Level (whether it is in the 6 Stages of 4 Levels) is always characterized by Heat in the Lungs, Stomach or Spleen or a combination of these. Heat may occur by itself or be combined with Dampness or Phlegm.

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WHAT IS A RESIDUAL PATHOGENIC FACTOR ?

A residual pathogenic factor is a left-over pathogenic factor following an invasion or repeated invasions of Wind (“Wind” in a general sense). After an invasion of a pathogenic factor, the pathological development can have three possible outcomes:

1. It may be expelled completely
2. It may become interior
3. It may appear to have been expelled, but a residual pathogenic factor has been formed

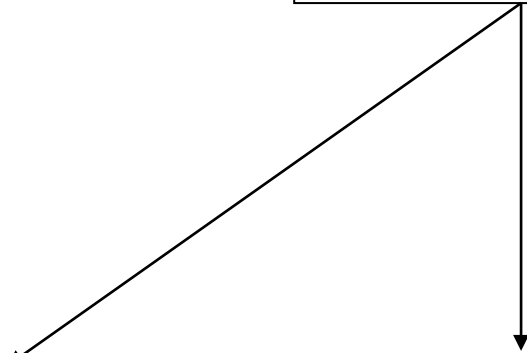
The residual pathogenic factor can be formed, however, also after an exterior pathogenic factor has become interior.

Thus, a residual pathogenic factor is simply a left-over pathological product when the patient *appears* to recover after an acute invasion of an exterior agent.

WEI LEVEL



QI LEVEL



**Heat
cleared
completely,
full
recovery**

**Heat goes to
Ying/Blood
Level,
aggravation**

**Patient
appears to
recover, but
RPF
formed**

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EXTERNAL WIND

**EXPELLED
COMPLETELY**

**BECOMES
INTERIOR (Qi
level)**

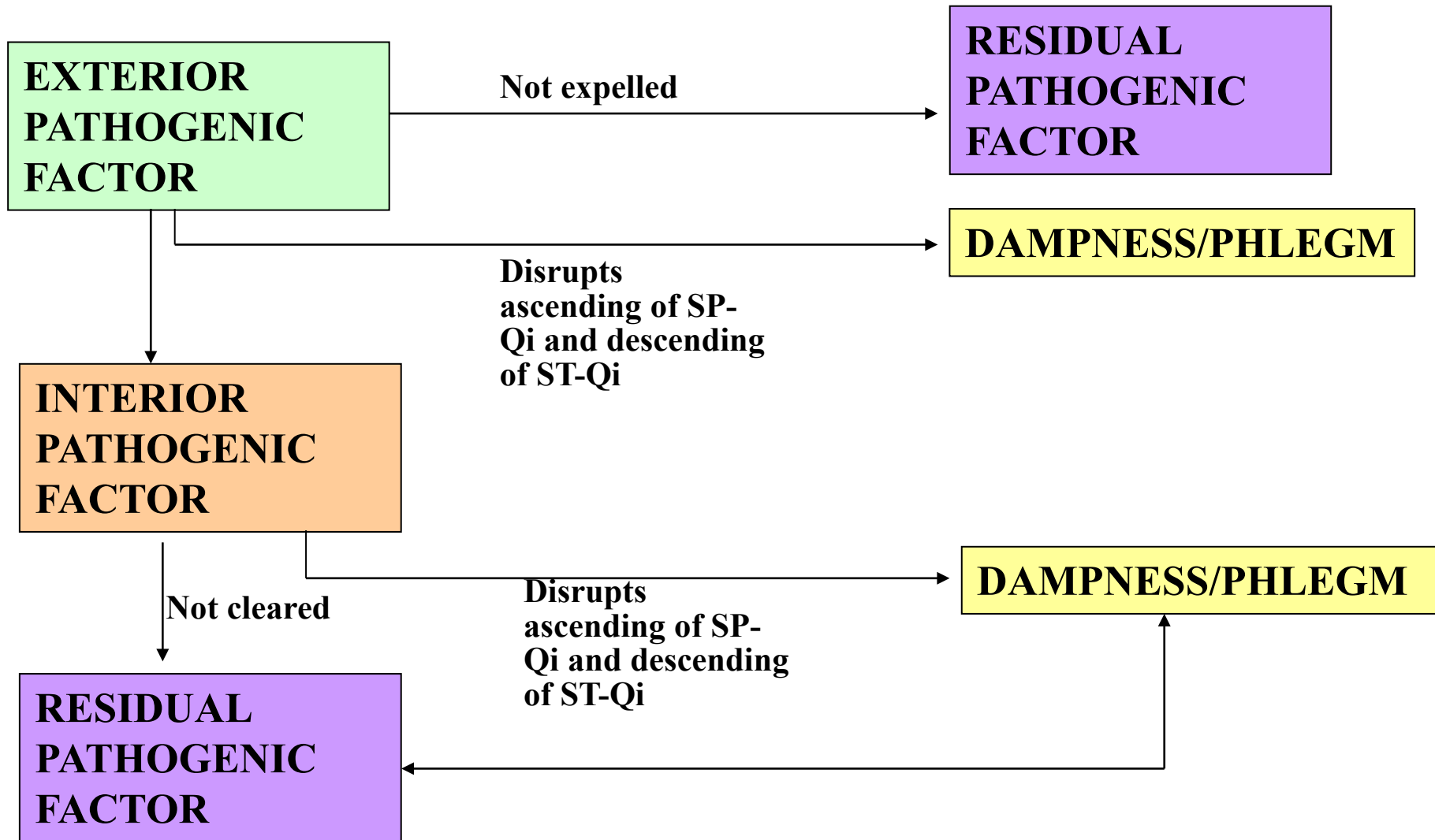
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**CLEARED
COMPLETELY**

**GOES DEEPER
(Ying-Blood
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