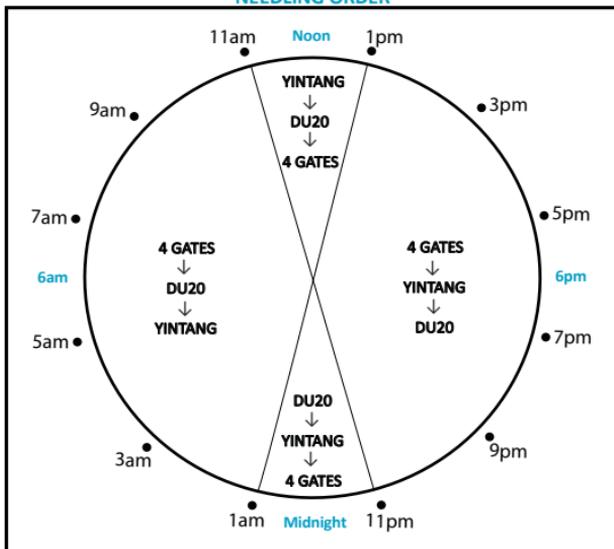


GATE OPENING Tong Gi Chim

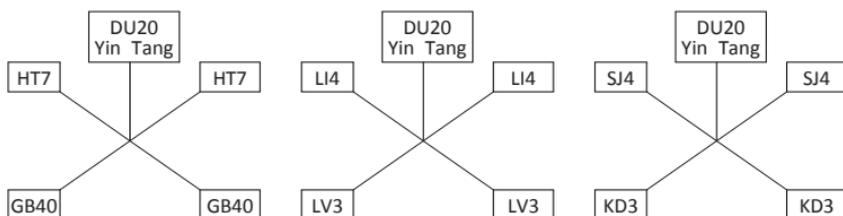
24 GATE OPENINGS

E A R T H	LU9	H	UB64
		M	GB40
	LI4	H	KD3
		M	LV3
ST42	H	HT7	
	M	PC7	
SP3	H	SI4	
	M	SJ4	
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		M	GB40
	SI4	E	SP3
		M	LV3
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	M	PC7	
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		H	UB64
	SJ4	E	SP3
		H	KD3
GB40	E	LU9	
	H	HT7	
LV3	E	LI4	
	H	SI4	

NEEDLING ORDER



FOUR GATES EXAMPLES



1. Order of insertion: According to the theory, the order of needling has a significant impact on the treatment. The needling order should be modified according to the time of day. Refer to the meridian clock above.

2. Combination principle: Yuan source points are used in the practice of Tong Gi Chim. Yuan source points are paired by opposite polarity of both yin and yang channels as well as hand and foot channels. **For example:** LI4 (E), a hand yang channel, is combined with LV3 (M) or KD3 (H) which are foot yin channels. Points within the same circuits (Heaven, Earth, HuMan) cannot be combined. 2 possible combinations for each point x 12 Yuan source points = 24 Gate Opening treatments. While there is some overlap of pair combinations, the treatment is considered different depending on which point is used as the primary or secondary point.

3. Clinical application: Gate Opening is not limited to the use of LI4+LV3. Depending on the presenting symptoms, different Gate Opening pairs are more appropriate. For example, HT7+GB40 targets the HT and GB for *Wen Dan Tang* type conditions. KD3+LI4 should be used for *Si Shen Wan* type conditions. The best Gate Opening combo is chosen based on Zang-Fu theory. If uncertain, the use of LI4+LV3 is never a bad choice.

4. Great Gate Opening: A treatment called Great Gate Opening is used in addition to Gate Opening for more severe conditions. Two more needles are added: PC9 on one side, and SJ1 on the other. Note that both the PC and SJ both exist only as functions, not as true physical organs.