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A SYSTEMIC REVIEW ON VRANA AND IT'S MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT

Wound is discontinuity or break in the surface epithelium. An ulcer is a break in the continuity of the covering epithelium-skin or mucus membrane. It may either follow molecular death of the surface epithelium or its traumatic removal. It is estimated that 1 to 2 % of the population experience a chronic wound during their lifetime in developed countries. Chronic wounds have a significant impact on the health and quality of life of patients and their families, causing pain, loss of function and mobility, depression, distress and anxiety, embarrassment and social isolation, financial burden, prolonged hospital stays and chronic morbidity or even death. In Ayurveda, all

the *Acharyas* have discussed detailed review of *Vrana* and its management. During this time the knowledge of wound was its peak level. Being a good surgeon *Acharya Sushruta* knows the importance of wound in the practice. He has described in detail all types of traumatic and bodily injuries and its management with 60 measures.

KEYWORDS: Dosha, Vrana, Dushta Vrana.

INTRODUCTION

Definition

The definition of *Vrana* implies the damage of a part of the body leading to discolouration. As the scar of a wound never disappears even after complete healing and its imprint persists

long, to lesion is called Vrana.

ETIOPATHOGENESIS

Entire etiological factors of the *Vrana* belong to either

- 1. Extraneous factor (*Agantuj*)
- 2. Intrinsic factor (Nija)

ETIOLOGICAL FACTORS

Causes of every disease are imbalance of *Dosha*, *Dhatu* and *Mala* due to theory of *Pragyaparadha* like *Heena Yoga*, *Atiyoga* and *Mithyayoga* of *Kala*, *Artha* and *Karma*.^[1] In other words, the entire etiological factors particularly for the *Vrana* belong to either extrinsic or intrinsic forces i.e. *Nija* and *Agantuja* factors.

✓ Extraneous factors (*Agantuja*)

Agantuja causes include different types of accidental injuries, poisonous adversity, cuts, contusion, bruise, etc. due to the affliction of sharp and blunt instruments such as *Shastra*, *Anushastra*, *Vadha*, *Bandha*, *Prapatana*, *Danshtra*, *Nakha* etc. factors opposite to *Nija Doshic* factors. All such influences are directly responsible for the production of *Vrana* in the body. These *AgantujaVrana* remain for some time free from imbalance of *Doshas*, thereafter they are presided over by the *Doshas*.

✓ Intrinsic causes of *Vrana* (Nija)

Dosha		ACHARYA SUSHRUTA ^[2]	ACHARYA CHARAKA ^[3]	
Vata	Ahara	Laghu, Katu, Lavana	Intake of non-unctuous <i>food</i> ,	
vaia	Anara	Ahara	Laghu, Ruksha Ahara	
		Over administration of <i>Vamana</i> ,		
	Vihara	Virechana, Raktamokshana,	Upavasa, Sexual indulgence,	
	vinara	Vyayama and suppression of	Anxiety	
		Adharaniya Vega,		
			Excessive intake of <i>Ushana</i> ,	
Pitta	Ahara	Ushna, Amla, Lavana, Kshara, Katu	Amla, Lavana, Katu, Suffering	
			from indigestion.	
	Vihar	Sun stoke, Fire, Anger	Exposure to Scorching sun,	
	vinar	Sun stoke, The, Angel	Fire Exhaustion, Anger	
Kapha	Ahara	Heavy, Sweet, Slimy, Shita, Lavana	Heavy, Sweet, Slimy, Ahara,	
	Vihara	Sleeping during day time and lake of	Lack of exercise.	
	vinara	exercise.	Lack of Cacicisc.	

The genesis of any disease i.e. Samprapti depends upon three factors

- 1. Nidana
- 2. Dosha
- 3. Dushya

Dosha

The *PrakuPitta* (Aggravated) *Doshas* attain a state of *Prasara* (Dissemination) during which they circulate in the whole body & where ever the *Kha-Vaigunya* (Disease prone area / space/ seat in the body) is present the circulating *Praku Pitta Doshas* lodges themselves at the site of *Kha-Vaigunya* (low vitality part of the body) and leads to the state of *Sanga* (Stagnation/Obstruction) which results in *Dushti* (Vitiation) of the related *Dhatu* and/or *Mala*. *Sushruta* has described in detail the provocative or exciting factors for each *Dosha* which include *Ahara*, *Vihara*, *Achara*, and climatic factors. Even though this description is in the context of *Vrana* the causative factors for the vitiation of *Doshas* are common for the other diseases also.

Dushya

Dhatu Upadhatu and Mala are considered as Dushya generally which get vitiated or disturbed by Doshas. In case of Vrana, Sushruta has described the Ashta Vrana Vastus i.e. Twacha, Mamsa, Sira, Snayu, Asthi, Sandhi, Koshtha and Marma which are the Dushyas and get vitiated by the Praku Pitta Doshas leading to Vrana formation.

Before formation of a *Vrana*, *Vrana-shopha* is the initial stage with the sign and symptoms of the particular *Dosha* involved and if handled properly at the proper time, chances are there that this *Vrana-shopha* instead of taking the shape of *Vrana* may subside uneventfully.

Sushruta has clearly mentioned these stages of etiopathogenesis under the heading of Shat-Kriyakala (Six stages of any disease occurrence) on the basis of which the stage of the disease, the treatment and the prognosis can very well be evaluated in a particular case.

Shat-Kriyakala

An attempt has been made to evaluate the signs and symptoms of *Vrana* in terms of the six stages (*Shat-Kriyakala*) mentioned in *Sushruta Samhita* are as follows.



I. Sanchaya

Due to the *Nidana Sevena* the accumulation of *Doshas* occur at their own site. Here the general body symptoms appear according to *Dosha* i.e. little swelling, mild pain. This is first opportunity to stop the further progress in disease manifestation. This is the stage, where the disease can be checked as well as cured if proper care is taken.

II. Prakopa

As general body symptoms like pricking pain in abdomen gastric disturbances, thirst, burning sensation, a version of food etc occur. This is second stage in the disease progression. Here accumulated *Doshas* exaggerate and gradual increase in general body symptoms with increase swelling and pain.

III. Prasara

In this stage the vitiated *Dosha* (s) will overflow the limit of their own space like the over flowing of water-dam. *Vata Dosha* is the main architect which possesses the power to initiate movement and with its association the *Praku Pitta Doshas*, sometime singly or in two or all the three together with *Rakta* lead to spread of the disease. The *Raktavahini* (Blood vessels) are involved in causation of *Vrana* and there is spread of the vitiation of the *Twaka & Mamsa Dhatu* causing local symptoms like redness and pain.

IV. Sthana Samshraya

At this stage the prodromal symptoms of the disease become manifested. In this *Kriyakala*, ^[4] *Doshas* get further excitation and extended to other parts of the body and get lodged as well as localized and this localization affects the pertaining structure for the onset of disease. The localization of the *Prakupita Dosha* takes place due to "*Srotovaigunya*" i.e. the pathological impairment of the related "*Srotas*" and leads to "*Dosha-Dushya-Sammurchhana*" that is "*Pakwa Avastha*" of *Vrana-shopha*.

V. Vyaktatawastha

At the stage of *Vyakti*, the disease is manifested in its full course with all the characteristic symptoms. In this stage, ^[5] the *Dushti* of *Twaka & Mamsa Dhatu* occurs with involvement of

all *Dosha* and ultimately, due to bursting of *Shopha* and formation of *Vrana*, *GatraVichurnan* (destruction) of the tissue takes place. Herewith, clinical features like pain, tenderness occurs because of *Vata Dosha*, redness and burning is more due to *Pitta Dosha*; and excessive swelling, pus formation and itching are due to *Kapha Dosha*.

VI. Bhedawastha

Bheda is the stage^[6] in which the disease may become chronic or incurable with the symptoms of a *Vrana* giving rise to several structural changes. At the stage of *Vyakta Avastha* if it is not treated here, then it leads to various complications of *Vrana* as described by *Acharya Sushruta* and *Acharya Charaka*, of 10 types and of 16 types respectably.

According to *Sushruta* the progress of the disease can be checked by proper management at any stages of *Vrana*. The deranged humors, if checked in their accumulating stage then only it will fail to exhibit any further development. But if left untreated, they will gain further strength and intensity in the course of their development leading to the chronicity of the disease.

Further, *Charaka* has mentioned a special pathogenesis of *NijaVrana* in the "*Dwivraniyama Adhyaya*" that the three *Dosha- Vata*, *Pitta* and *Kapha*, being provoked by their respective etiological factors and getting lodged in different regions, produce ulcers or wounds of various types.^[7]

Characters of Vrana

All the ancient *Acharyas* are in agreement that every *Vrana* either *Nija* or *Agantuja* will occur in any of body tissue, which they have called as *Vrana Vastu* and they are as-

1. Twaka 2. Mamsa 3. Sira 4. Snayu 5. Asthi 6. Sandhi 7. Koshtha 8. Marma.

Acharya Sushruta, a prime surgeon of his era gave an elaborate description about wound and its management. How deeply he know about art of healing? It can be understand by glancing over following beautiful verse.

Here it is said that, when we are managing a wound, we should not be in hurry otherwise it will lead to complications, *Shodhana* (purification) of wound should be our prime intension after that we can go for *Ropana* (healing). In the same way modern surgical science advice for proper wound toileting, it makes a healthy environment and base for proper wound healing. [8]

Table no 2: Showing Classification of Vrana.

Vrana	Sushruta ^[9]	Charaka ^[10]	Vagbhata ^[11]
Shuddha	+	-	+
Dushta	+	-	+
Nija	+	+	+
Agantuja	+	+	+

Table no 3: Showing Classification of Vrana According To Acharya Sushruta.

Shabda	Sparsha	Akriti	Dushta vrana
Kshveda Ghurghura Jvalanita Pavanvat	AtyarthVedana Dahante Pittaja	Ayata Chaturasra Vritta Mandala Triyasra Ardhachandra Kutila Vishala Sharavasadasha Yavamadhya	Vataja Pittaja Kaphaja Raktaja Agantuja

Table no 4: Showing Classification of Vrana According to Sharangdhar. [13]

Cause and factors	Dushta Vrana
Agantuj	15 types of Vatadi Vrana
Dehaj	
Shuddha	
Dushta	

Table no 5: Showing Classification of Vrana According to Vagbhata.

Dushta Vrana
1.Vataja
2. Pittaja
3. Kaphaja
4. Raktaja
5. Sannipataja

Table no 6: Showing Sthana of Vrana According to Brihatrayi.

S.No	Acharya Sushruta ^[13]	Acharya Charaka ^[14]	Acharya Vagbhata
1	Twak	Twak	Twak
2	Mansa	Mansa	Mansa
3	Sira	Meda	Sira
4	Snayu	Sira	Snayu
5	Asthi	Snayu	Asthi
6	Sandhi	Asthi	Sandhi
7	Koshtha	Antarashraya	Koshtha

Table no. 7: Showing Varna (colour) of the Vrana (Wound). [15]

S. No	Involvement of Dosha	Colour (Varna)
1	Vata	Bhasma Kapota Asthi Varna, Aruna, Krishna
2	Pitta	Neela, Peeta, Harita, Shyava, Krishna, Rakta, Kapila, Pingala
3	Kapha	Shweta, Pandu
4	Rakta	Neela, Peeta, Harita, Shyava, Krishna, Rakta, Kapila, Pingala
5	Sannipataja	SarvaVarna Yukta

VRANA GANDHA^[16]

- 1. Ghrita
- 2. Taila
- 3. Vasa
- 4. Puya
- 5. Rakta
- 6. Shiyava
- 7. Amla
- 8. Putika

AKRITI OF VRANA

According to Sushruta Samhita^[17]

- 1. Deergha
- 2. Chaturasra
- 3. Vritta
- 4. Triputaka

According to Ashtanga Hridaya^[18]

- 1. Vritta
- 2. Pruthu
- 3. Chatushkona
- 4. Triputa

Table no.8: Showing Vrana Srava according to prognosis. [19]

Prognosis	Srava
	PulakodakaSamana Srava
Asadhya	KsharodakaSamana Srava
	KalayambySamana Srava

Table no. 9: Showing Vrana Srava according to Sthana.

According to the Sthana ^[20] /Vranavastu	VranaSrava
Tvaka	Yellowish, Watery.
Mamsa	Thick, Ghee like
Sira	Excessive bleeding, after suppuration pus discharge.
Snayu	Thick, Mucoid and blood stained discharge.
Asthi	Mix discharge with blood and bone marrow.
Sandhi	Discharge less in rest condition but mixed with pus and
Sanani	blood and pus exudates come out on movement.
Koshtha	Blood, Urine, Stool, Pus, and watery or serous discharge.

Table no. 10: Showing Vrana Srava according to Dosha.

S. No.	Dosha ^[21]	Srava
1	Vata	Shyava, Mastu(curd), Kshara, or like meat washed water
2	Pitta	Gomeda, Gomootra, Sankha, Kasaya, Madhvika Taila
3	Kapha	Navaneeta(like butter), Kasisa, Majja, Vasa(fat)
4	Sannipataj	Narikelodaka, Priyanguphala, Kanjeeka, Aarokodhaka, Yakrutu,

Table no. 11: Showing Vrana Pareeksha.

ACHARYA SUSHRUTA	ACHARYA CHARAKA
PanchendriyaPariksha ^[22]	Trividha Pariksha ^[23]
Darshanendriya-Akriti, Varna,	Darshana-VarnaPariksha of
Srava, Sthana	Vrana and Vranita both
Ghranendriya-Gandha	Sparshana- Ushnata, Sheetata,
Ghranenariya-Ganana	Mriduta, Kathinya
Karnendriya-Shabda	Prashna - Hetu, Vedana,
Karnenariya-Shabaa	Lakshana, Kala
Sparshendriya- Ushnata, Sheetata,	
Mriduta, Kathinya	
Rasnendriya Pariksha is	
contraindicated in <i>Vrana</i> .	

Lakshanas of Shuddha Vrana

The *Lakshanas* (symptoms) of *ShuddhaVrana* are- Unaffected by the three *Dosha*, Edges with a slight blackish colour and having healthy (pink or red and even) granulation tissue, absence of *Vedana* (pain) and *Srava* (discharge).

Table no. 12: Showing Lakshanas of Shuddha Vrana.

	* Recent origin.	
	* Unaffected by the three <i>Dosha</i> .	
	* Edges with a slight blackish colour and having granulation tissue.	
	* Absence of pain.	
Sushruta ^[24]	* Absence of secretion.	
	* Even surface throughout the wound area.	
	* Slimy surface.	
	* Regular surface.	
	* No discharge	
	* Colour of wound is reddish black.	
Charaka ^[25]	* Moderate pain.	
	* No any type of elevation and depression	
	*No pain.	
	* No discharge.	
Sangrahakar ^[26]	* Colour of wound is blackish.	
	* Even margins, slight elevation in the middle.	
	* Opposite character of <i>Dushta Vrana</i> .	
	* Surface of wound is just like tongue.	
	* Soft.	
Hridayakar ^[27]	* Wound is Un acute.	
	* Surface is smooth and normal.	
	* Absence of pain and secretion.	
	* Wound surface is just like tongue.	
	* Very soft.	
Madhava Nidana ^[28]	* Slimy.	
	* Painless.	
	* Not too Much discharge.	

Dushta Vrana

Dushta Vrana (chronic wounds), which is difficult to heal. Dushta Vrana is one in which there is localization of Vitiated Dosha Vata, Pitta and Kapha. Lakshanas of Dushta Vrana-Samruta (Narrow mouthed) Kathin, (Hard) Avasanna, (Depressed)Vedanarvan, (painful) Vivruta (Wide mouthed) Ushna, (Hot) Daha, (Burning sensation) Paka (Suppuration) Raga (Redness) Puyasravya (Discharging pus) Amanojnadarshana (With ugly look) Kandu, (Itching) Shopha (Swelling) Pidaka—(With boils) Mrudu, (Soft) Bhairava ,(Frightful), Putimamsasirasnayu (Full of pus, muscles, vessels, ligament)

Lakshanas of DushtaVrana

Sushruta^[29]- Extremely narrow or Wide mouthed, Too soft, Elevated/Depressed, Black / red / white coloured, Too cold or Hot, Full of slough / pus /Veins / flesh / ligaments / putrid pus, Upward or oblique course of suppuration, Pus runs in to cavity & fissures cadaverous smell, Burning sensation, Redness, Itching, Pustules crop up around secrete with blood.

Charaka^[30] No specific Lakshanas mentioned by Charaka, but by classification it is characterized in 12- White, Depressed path, Too thick path, Too yellow, blue, blackish, grey Black foul smelling, Wide cavity filled with pus, Narrow mouth.

Astangahridaya^[31]-Too hard/Too soft, Too elevated/TooInverted, Too hot/Too cold, Colour of Vrana is Red / Pandu /black, Severe painful Burning sensation, Inflamed, Redness and itching is present, Chronic in nature.

Madhavanidana^[32]- Purulent profuse blood stained discharge, Large cavity, Foul smelling, Severe painful, Opposite Lakshanas of Shuddha Vrana.

Action of Shada Rasa in wound healing^[33]

- a. *Madhura Rasa*: having the properties like *Balkrita* and *Sandhanakar* both are helpful in healing
- b. Amla Rasa: produces Vidaha (burning sensation) and form Puya (pus) in wound. [34]
- c. Lavana Rasa: acts as Vrana Shodhana due to Vishleshan and Lekhana Karma.
- d. *Katu Rasa*: having the properties like *Vrana Shodhana Kushthaghna*, *Krimighana* and *Lekhana*. [35]
- e. *Tikta Rasa*: It dries up *Kapha* and *Puya* (pus) give strength to *Twak* and *Mamsa Dhatu*.
- f. Kashaya Rasa: having Vrana Shodhakaa Ropak and Kleda Shoshaka properties.

MANAGEMENT OF VRANA

Though there are two types of *Vrana*, *Nija* and *Agantuja* the line of management is same except in the initial stage. *AgantujaVrana* after seven days if notheal considered as *Nija* and the treatment remains like that of *NijaVrana*. *Sushruta* has widely narrated the management of *SharirikaVrana* starting from the stage of *VranaShotha*. In *Sutra-sthana* he has mentioned it under seven mainheadings, while coming to *Chikitsa* these seven principles are elaborated into sixtyvarieties. He further gives special emphasis to the diet and regimen to the wounded for quick healing and to avoid complications. Similarly under the heading "*Vaikritapaham*" he includes cosmetic measures as well as to combat the deformities if any arising due to *Vrana*.

Sushruta has divided the entire course of treatment in connection with a disease under three headings as

1. Purvakarma 2. Pradhanakarma 3. Paschatkarma.

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In connection with surgical treatment the *Purvakarma* is considered as the Pre-operative measure, which includes the preparation of the materials for surgical procedure, and preparation of the patient to make him fit for operation. *Pradhanakarma* is the operation proper which includes the eight surgical measures. *Paschatkarma* means the post–operative care which includes all the measures for the completehealing of the wound and the wounded areas restores the normal colour and surface without any abnormality.

The medicines he advocated for the management includes local application to subside the *Vrana-shopha* in the primary stage, local washing to get the wound clean and devoid of infection, fumigation and other internal medicines for healing purpose and lastly cosmetic medicines.

Table Showing Shashti Upakrama (sixty measures of wound management)^[36]

S.No.	Upakrama	Indications				
1	Apatarpana	Advised in full of <i>DushitVrana</i> , <i>Dhatu</i> and <i>Mala</i> .				
2	Aalepa	In VranaShotha and in extremely painful Vrana				
3	Parisheka	Pouring of medicated liquid in <i>VranaShotha</i> , it pacifies, <i>Dosha</i> quickly.				
4	Abhyanga	Used for softening of VranaShotha				
5	Swedana	Fomentation is indicated in painful, extended VranaShotha				
6	Vimlapana	The gentle massage done in fixed, with less painful <i>VranaShotha</i> .				
7	Upanaha	In non-suppurated and partly-suppurated VranaShotha				
8	Pachana	Aalepa of Teekshna and UshnaDravyas for Paka of VranaShotha				
9	ViSravana	It is bloodletting, useful in new <i>VranaShotha</i> , <i>Vedanayukta</i> , <i>Visham</i> and <i>SavishaVrana</i> .				
10	Snehapana	Internal use of <i>Sneha</i> , indicated in person with complicated wound, emaciated one.				
11	Vamana	In person with KaphaDushti and Shotha-YuktaVrana				
12	Virechana	In Vata-PittajVrana and in chronic wounds				
13	Chhedana	Excision of Kathin, Sthira, Apaki and SnayukothayuktaVrana.				
14	Bhedana	In Puyayukta, Utsangi and GatiyuktaVranaShotha.				
15	Darana	Spontaneous bursting of <i>VranaShotha</i> by application medicine indicated in children, elderly,				
16	Lekhana	Scraping done in <i>Sthula</i> Oshtha and <i>Vrana</i> and which bursts repeatedly.				
17	Eshana	Explore with hair, finger, probe, In sinuses, wound with foreign body, those extending in wrong tract, and having pockets				
18	Aaharan	It means excision of foreign body mainly from narrow mouthed wounds				
19	Vyadhana	Puncturing with <i>Shastra</i> to remove <i>Puya</i> and <i>Dosha</i> , only done in <i>PakvaVrana</i>				
20	Seevana	Suturing in wide mouth wound, with no infection inside.				
21	Sandhana	Means to rejoin, indicated in wound without suppuration				
22	Peedana	In suppurated, narrow mouthed and in <i>Vrana</i> those are present at				

		MarmaStahana				
		Inducing haemostasis in surgical wounds, traumatic wounds or				
23	Shonitasthapana	bleeding by any mean.				
24	Nirvapana	Cold compress in <i>Pittaj</i> , <i>Daha-Yukta</i> , <i>Jwara -YuktaVrana</i> .				
	•	Poultice indicated in <i>Ksheenmamsi</i> , <i>AlpaSravi</i> , and				
25	Utkarika	TodayuktaVranas.				
2.5	Kashaya	Decoction in <i>Dushta</i> as well as <i>ShuddhaVrana</i> for washing				
26		purpose				
27	Varti	Plastered over with <i>Shodhana Dravya</i> and indicated in <i>Puyayukta</i> ,				
27		Dushta and SuddhaVranas.				
28	Kalka	Application of medicated paste, Shodhana and RopanaKalka are				
28		applied in <i>Dushta</i> and <i>ShuddhaVrana</i> respectively.				
29	Sarni	Medicated Ghruta is applied locally in Vrana with Pitta, Rakta,				
	Sarpi	Dushti and Agantuja and VishajaVrana.				
30	Taila	Application of medicated oil for Shodhana and Ropana				
	Rasakriya	Decoctions of medicated Dravyas further boiled and when achieve				
31		GhanaAwastha and it is applied over Vrana. Used for Shodhana				
		and Ropana purpose.				
32	Avachurnaana	Sprinkling of Churna, in Twakasthita Vrana				
32	Avacnumaana	DurgandhaYuktaVrana.				
33	Vrana	In VedanaYukta, SravaYuktaVranas fumigation with Dravyas like				
	Dhoopana	Yava, Ghruta etc.				
34	Utsadana	Elevation meanly indicated in AlpamamsiVrana, Vataj, Vata-pittaj				
	C i sciacii i i	and RukshaVrana.				
35	Avasadana	Lowering down of <i>Unnatamamsa</i> of <i>Vrana</i> by using				
		AvasadanDravyas.				
36	Mrudukarma	Softening in Vataj, Kathin, Alpamamsi Vrana				
37	Darunkarma	In MruduVrana				
38	Ksharakarma	In Chirkari, Kandu, Kleda and SravaYuktaVrana				
39	Agnikarma	For treating Atiraktasravi				
40	Bastikarma	Medicated enema used in Vataj, Ruksha, Chirakari, situated at				
		Adhakaya and ShalyayuktaVrana and				
41	Uttara Basti	In case of Ashmarijanya and MutrasrotogataVrana				
42	Patradana	Leaves of plants according to <i>Doshadushti</i> in <i>Vrana</i> they are				
		heated or cooled and applied over <i>Vrana</i> .				
43	Krimighana	In KrimiyuktaVrana, washing or local application of				
		KrimighanaDravyas are used				
44	Bruhana	Use in <i>Vataj</i> , Ruksha, <i>ChirakariVrana</i> and in <i>Krush</i> and				
15	Viahaalaaa	ShoshiRogi In Vishian and Vish				
45	Vishaghna	In VishjanayaVrana In Urdhyajataya ata and Vranga those are caused due to				
46	Shirovirechana	In <i>Urdhvajatrugata</i> and <i>Vranas</i> those are caused due to				
47	Nasya	KaphaPradhanDoshadushti. ShulayuktaVrana UrdhyajatruaataVrana				
4/	Nasya	ShulayuktaVrana, UrdhvajatrugataVrana Medicated gargle, indicated in Urdhvajatrugata, Mukhagata,				
48	Kavalgraha	JivhagataVrana				
	Dhoomapana	Urdhvajatrugata in KaphaVataJanayaShotha, Srava and				
49		VedanaYuktaVrana.				
50	Madhu	In Sadyo Vrana for Ropana purpose				
51	Sarpi	Applied in <i>Agantuja</i> and <i>PittaraktajVrana</i> for <i>Shodhana</i> and				
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		Dahasaman purpose.		
52	Yantra	Removal of <i>Shalya</i> seated in narrow mouthed or deep seated		
		Vrana		
53	Krishanakarma	Blackening of white discoloured area by application of medicinal		
		drug		
54	Pandukarma	For implication of natural colour of wound and surrounding tissue.		
55	Pratisarana	To regain the natural colour of skin by applying medicated		
33		Churna		
56	Romasanjanana	Measure to produce hairs at completely healed wound or scar area.		
57	Romashatana	To remove the hairs because hairs at wound site obstruct healing.		
58	Bandha	Bandaging protect the wound from infection, makes it pure and		
		soft, so facilitate healing.		
59	Ahara	All patients with <i>Vrana</i> should take light diet, in small quantity		
		and easily digestible food.		
60	Rakshavidhana	Vrana patient should be protective from diseasing causing		
		microorganism by following Yama and Niyama		

Treatments of *NijaVrana* are starting from the primary stage of *Vranashopha*. *Sushruta's* seven principles in the management are as follows.^[37]

- 1. Vimlapana 2. Avasechana 3. Upanaha
- 4. Patana 5. Shodhana6. Ropana 7 Vaikritapaham

All the sixty measures (Upakarmas) can be taken under the above said sevenprinciples and grouped such as.

Vimlapanam^[38]

This is aimed for dissolving the *VranaShotha* in its primary stage by subsidingthe Vitiated *Doshas*. This is carried out by gentle massage over the swelling with the help of fingers. The action can be achieved with the help of the following measures as:

- 1. Apatarpana 2. Alepana 3. Parisheka
- 4. Abhyanga 5. Sweda 6. Vimlapanam.

Avasechanam^[39]

This is aimed to resolve the inflammation by draining or expelling the vitiated *Doshas*. *Dalhana* has clarified that the *Avasechana* procedure should be adopted as per the condition e.g. *Doshika* involvement. Four measures are included in this *Upakrama* as follows.

1. ViSravana 2. Snehana 3. Vamana 4. Virechana

Upanaha^[40]

This helps in bringing the *Shotha* to the *Pakvavastha* and includes twoprocedures as,

1. Upanaha 2. Pachana

Patana^[41]

This is the surgical procedures to drain out the pus and other decomposed substances in the *Shopha* already formed. This constitutes nine measures as,

1. Chhedana 2. Bhedana 3. Darana 4. Lekhana 5. Eshana 6. Aharana 7. Vyadhana 8. Vyadhana 9. Sivana.

Shodhana and Ropana^[42]

This measure of management is for debridement of the infected wound and to support the healing process.

There are thirteen measures under this,

- 1. Sandhana 2. Pidana 3. Shonitasthapana
- 4. Nirvapana 5. Utkarika 6. Kashaya 7. Varti
- 8. Kalka 9. Sarpi 10. Taila 11. Rasakriya
- 12. Avachurnaa 13. Dhumpana.

Vaikritapaham^[43]

It is mentioned mainly to save the patient from different types of deformities after the healing the wound i.e. for cosmetic purpose and consists of twenty sixmeasures as follows.

1. Utsadana 2. Avasadana 3. Mridukarma 4. Darunakarma 5. Ksharakarma 6.Agnikarma7. Krushnakarma 8. Pandukarma 9. Pratisarana 10. Romasanjanana 11. Romapaharana 12. Bastikarma 13.Uttarabasti 14. Bandhana 15. Patradana 16. Krimighna 17.Brihanakarma 18.Vishaghna 19. Shirovirechana 20. Nasya 21. Kavala 22. Dhuma 23. Madhusarpi 24. Yantra 25. Ahara 26. Rakshavidhana as Sandhana, Ropana, etc. among sixty measures for the management of Vranathirteen measures are mentioned for the purpose of Shodhana and Ropana for better understanding these measures are described here.

Table Showing, Upadrava (complication) of Vrana.

S. No.	Acharya Sushruta ^[44]	Acharya Charaka ^[45]			
1	Jwara	1	Jwara	11	Unmade
2	Vamana	2	Chhardi	12	Ruja
3	Vepathu	3	Vepathu	13	Kasa
4	Grahani	4	Atisara	14	Shwasa
5	Moorchha	5	Moha	15	Visarpa
6	Apatanaka	6	Apatanaka	16	Sirastambha
7	Pakshaghata	7	Pakshaghata		
8	Pipasa	8	Trishna		
9	Hanugraha	9	Hanugraha		
10	Hikka	10	Hikka		

CONCLUSION

While discussing "Vrana" (the wound) Acharya Sushruta did not limit the Vrana to only cutaneous tissu, but made it clear that any destructive lesion in any body tissue is known as Vrana. He has described Vrana Vastu (sites of lesion), under which he includes Twaka - Mamsa - Sira - Snayu -Asthi- Sandhi -Koshtha - Marma,

Ayurveda considers three basic physiological factors-*Vata*, *Pitta* and *Kapha*, named as *Tridosha*. These three *Doshas* when present in balanced state in body, maintain normal function and when they become imbalancedleads to a disease. The disease process (pathogenesis) has a sequential pattern distributed over a period of time.^[46]

According to *Ayurveda*, the *Vrana-shopha* (inflammatory swelling), *Granthi* (scrofula), *Vidradhi* (abscess) are the condition occurring in fifth stage of *Shad Kriya-Kala* and thus appears to be the *Purvarupa* of *Vrana*. Further, it has been said that in case of *NijaVrana* (wounds due to internal cause) all six stages take place but in *Agantuja Vrana* (traumatic wound) trauma takes place first, followed by five stages of *Shad Kriya-Kala*.

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