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LITERARY REVIEW ON PARIKARTIKA

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ABSTRACT

Parikartika is a very common and painful anorectal disease. It is commonly encountered in daily life practice. It is not mentioned as a independent disease in Ayurvedic texts. The first reference of the disease Parikartika is presented by Sushruta Samhita. It is explained as the vyapad, updrava, purvaroopa etc. of various diseases. In modern science the terminology used for Parikartika is Fissure-in-ano. It has symptoms like pain, burning, sensation, bleeding per rectum, constipation etc. According to modern texts the secondary factors responsible for disease are Crohn's disease, tuberculosis etc.

KEYWORDS: Parikartika, Fissure-in-ano.

INTRODUCTION

In today's life health of a person depends upon diet and mode of life regimen. By which various diseases are increasing among which anorectal disorders are commonly increasing in society like *Parikartika*, *Guda arsha*, *Bhagandara* etc.

Parikartika is a very common and painful anorectal disease. This is commonly found in pregnant women, purpureal period and youngsters. It becomes a chief problem in society. In *Ayurvedic* texts, factors responsible for *Parkartika* are *Vamana -Virechana vyapad*, ^[1] *Basti vyapad*, ^[2] Garbhini vyapad, ^[3] *updrava* of *Atisar*, ^[4] *Jirnajwara*, ^[5] *puva roopa* of *Arsha*, ^[6] as a lakshana of *Purishaj udavar*. ^[7]

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The parallel word for *Parikartika* as per modern terminology is Fissure- in -ano in texts. Fissure - in - ano is an ulcer in the longitudinal axis of lower anal canal. Most common etiological factors responsible for it are constipation, increased tone of internal sphincters and after haemorrhoidectomy followed by anal stenosis results in fissure- in-ano.

Definition

Parikartika word is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Pari' which means 'all around' and 'Kartanam' means the act of cutting. [6] It means that excessive cutting pain around the anus is seen in Parikartika. It is a symptom of the disease than an independent disease. Different descriptionare given by various Acharyas. Like Acharya Jejjat and Acharya Vijayarakshita mentioned that there is cutting type of pain specially in Guda.

Synonyms

The synonyms for Parikartika are Ksata Payu and Ksata Guda.

Nirukti

Acharya Dalhana mentioned that Parikartika has cutting and tearing pain everywhere in the anal region. According to Acharya Kashyapa one having cutting and tearing pain. Acharya Jejjata explained that "cutting pain of guda which is limited to a small area up to a particular area."

Nidana

These are the precipitating and predisposing factors of any disease. These are of two types-

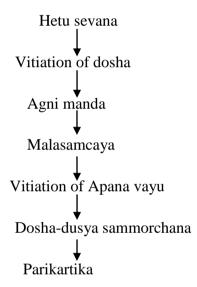
- a) General In general *nidana* there is vitiation of *Vata dosha* due to *vata* vitiating *Ahara* and *Vihara*. Because *Guda* is the main site for *Vata dosha* especially *Apana vayu*. The factors responsible for vitiation of the *vata dosha* are *Tikta*, *Usna*, *Kashaya*, *Alpa Bhojana*, *Vegadharaṇa*, *Udiraṇa*, excessive *Sodhana* therapy etc. *Pitta* vitiated factors like *Katu*, *Amla*, *Lavana Ahara*; *Krodha*; diurnal etc are also responsible for disease.
- b) Specific In specific *nidanas* they may be related to the disease or to the physician. The *nidana* related to disease are *purisajaudavarta* or *purisavrta vata*, prodromal features and symptoms of *Vataj* and *Kaphaj Arsha*, *jirnajwara*, *Vatika Atisara*, *Vatika Grahani*. The *nidanas* related to physician are *virechana vyapad* (*Mridu kostha* person if ingests *tiksan*, *ushna*, *ruksa virechana dravya*), use of *ruksa basti* in heavy dose, excessive use of *Yapana basti* and *basti netra vyapad*.

Roopa

- 1. Sharp cutting or sawing pain
- 2. Swelling at anal region
- 3. Burning sensation at anal region
- 4. Constipation
- 5. Stool streaked with blood.

Samprapti

All the diseases having six stages for their manifestation. These are *Sanchaya*, *Prakopa*, *Prasara*, *Sthana Sanshraya*, *Vyakti* and *Bheda*. In Parikartika the main vitiated dosha is Vata. Dushya are Twak, rakta, Mansa.



Sadhyasadhyata

सिफक्पायुप्रजननललाटगण्डौष्ठपृष्ठकर्णफलकोषोदरजत्रुमुखाभ्यन्तरसंस्थाः सुखरोपणीया

(Su.Su.23/5) The *Vrana* which occurs in *Guda* Pradesh can be easily cured.

If the *Vrana* is not treated timely, then as a result it may direct to *Yapyatva* stage and finally leading to *Asadhyatva* stage. In case if superficial layer of the *Twak* is involved then it is easily curable and included in the *SukhSadhyata* group. And if deeper layers are affected it is included in *Krichhrasadhya* group. In case of *Kustha*, *Vishadusti* and *Sosha* the healing of *Vrana* get effected and will be delayed.

Chikitsa

Parikartika in early stage is curable by local and medicinal treatment. In case if not cured by medicine, then it needs surgical or parasurgical intervention. So, in chronic *Parikartika* when local and medical treatment is failed then parasurgical or surgical procedures.

According to route of administration the medicines are divided into two categories-

1. Local treatment- In this type *basti karma* is invoved. The *Basti* is prepared with the help of *Ghrita*, *Taila*, milk and different drugs. The drugs are *Vata-Shamaka*, *Vrana-Sodhana-Ropaka* and *Pitta-shamaka*.

In Sushruta Samhita- Pichchha Basti Made from Yastimadhu, Krishna Tila, Madhu and Ghrita used. Anuvasan Basti of Yashthimadhu, Usheera, Gambhari, Kutaki, Kamala, Chandana, Shyaamaa, Padmaka, Indrayava, Ateesha, Sugandhabala, Taila, Ghrita, milk, and decoction of Nyogrodhaadi Gana etc are used.

2. General treatment- In this treatment drugs are used as a laxative and for correction of *Agnidusti* as *deepan*, *pachan*. In *Kashyapa Samhita* the treatment is according to predominance of *Dosha* e.g. In *Vataj Parikartika* drugs used are *Brihati*, *Beal* and *Ananta Mool* due to its *Vatasamaka* property etc.

CONCLUSION

According to Ayurveda Parikartika is not a independent disease. It is found that the desciprtion of the disease is in scattered form. Different Acharyas give different opinion for the disease. In Parikartika there is cutting type of pain in anal region which resembles the symptom of Fissure-in-ano. Thatswhy Parikartika is correlated with Fissure-in-ano in modern science.

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