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SHODHANA, SAMAHAN AND NIDAN PARIVARJAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF STREE ROGA

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ABSTRACT

The traditional Indian system of Ayurveda placed a significant emphasis on female health management. Various stages of a woman's life have an impact on her health; the onset of puberty and menopause are significant contributors to female health issues. Erratic menstrual cycle, physical stress, daily & dietary habits and alterations in hormone levels, etc. are play a significant role in female reproductive health issues. Ayurveda investigates a number of preventative and therapeutic measures for restoring female health. Ayurveda advocated *Shodhana* & Samahan Chikitsa along with concept of Nidan Parivarjan for the management of various Stree Rogas such as; Vandhyatava, Pradara, Yonivyapad, Yoniroga, Granthi, Arbuda, Stana Rogas and Aartavavyapad, etc.

KEYWORDS: Ayurveda, Stree Roga, Gynaecological, Nidan Parivarjan, Shodhana.

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is a system of healthy living that prevents and treats various diseases to restore health. Meditation, yoga, herbal remedies and dietary adjustments, all emphasized by Ayurveda as means of treating variety of health ailments. Ayurveda portrayed multiple ways for keeping ideal health status of female, since Ayurveda considered women as pivotal pillar of society. Vitiation of the *Doshas* can result in a variety of *Stree-Roga* which primarily caused by vitiation of the *Vata dosha* along with disturbance in *Rasa Dhatus*. [1-4]

Ayurveda described the prevention and treatment of numerous gynaecological disorders. The majority of these conditions concern the female reproductive system and menstrual cycle irregularities. The common problems gvnaecological include menstrual abnormalities. uterine fibroid, infertility. uterine prolapse, uterine bleeding, white discharge and PCOD, etc. These pathological conditions involve symptoms of depression, itching, burning sensations, painful discharge and anxiety, etc.

According to Ayurveda Aharaja and Viharaja alongside Manasika Nidana initiates pathogenesis of Stree Rogas. The Samprapti of these diseases primarily involves the vitiation of Rasa Dhatu and the vitiation of Vata and Kapha Doshas. Vitiation of Apanavata, Jataragnimandya, vitiation of Kledakapha, Artavakshaya and Artavavahasrothas Margavarodha, etc. are the primary pathological events involved in Stree

Rogas. Ayurvedic approaches offering Medhya, Tridoshahara, Vrushya and Balya properties thus eases Apana Vata Dushti and relives many symptoms of Stree-Roga. [4-7]

Samahan Therapy

According to Ayurveda Samahan therapy can cure both male and female infertility, resulting in conception for women. Ashwagandha Churna and Kapikacchu can treat Vandhyatwa. Gokshura, Triphala Churna and Guduchi is used to clear the obstructions thus enhances production of Shukra dhatu. Shatavari and Amalaki are helpful for balancing hormones and treat health issues associated with the female reproductive system.

Ashoka and Dashmoola offers medical advantages in ovulation problems. Jeevanti is helpful in ovarian failure and Punarnava based formulations used for blocked fallopian tubes and pelvic inflammatory disease. [7-9] Ayurveda formulation offers several health advantages as depicted in **Figure 1**.

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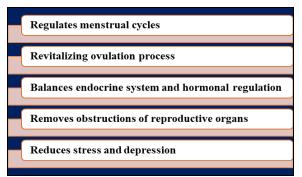


Figure 1: Health benefits of Ayurveda drugs in *Stree-Roga*.

Musta, Dhataki and Haritaki offers calming and reviving properties. Lauh Bhasma, Swarna Bhasma, Abhrak Bhasma and Dashamoola is used for rejuvenating effects in female. Candraprabha vati is used for anti-inflammatory effect and helps to boosts general strength. The formulation known as Dadimadi ghrita is used to treat conditions that affect the female reproductive system and pregnancy. Darvyadi kwatha churna is prescribed for leucorrhea, this medication is thought to be helpful for menstrual problems and regulates the body's hormonal balance.

Leucorrhea, burning sensation and urinary tract infections are relieved by *Goksuradi gugglu*. This formulation stimulates the uterus and treats various menstrual issues. *Kamadudha rasa* helps to relieve excessive menstrual flow, detoxifies blood and imparts anti-inflammatory properties.

Mukta Pisti, Kapardika Bhasma, Pravala Pisti, Guduchi Satva and Sanka Bhasma help to maintain body's normal physiological functions. Ksirabala taila is recommended for menstrual disorders because it reduces pain, alleviates inflammatory symptoms and increases blood flow, etc. Laghu malini vasanta rasa works on Rasaraktadi Dhatu, it treats excessive vaginal discharge, and imparts Jwaranashak and Garbha Sthapak properties. Pradarantaka lauha is helpful for excessive vaginal discharge, white discharge and pain, it relieves abnormal discharge and considered helpful for pelvic pain.

Saptasara kwatha churna is helpful for dysmenorrhea, it has diuretic and carminative properties. Sukumara ghrta is used to treat genital pain, it is an essential nutrient for menstrual health, helps the reproductive system to function better and regulates hormonal balances, etc. Trayodasanga guggulu is helpful for disorders of the female genital tract. Gokshura, Shatavari and Guggul, etc. strengthen the nerves and joints, relieves symptoms of pain and fever, etc. [9-11]

Shodhana chikitsa

Ayurvedic treatments like Abhyanga, Nasya, Basti and Shirodhara, etc. are also recommended to treat Stree-Roga. Shodhana chikitsa advises for non-ovulatory

cycles and uterine hostility. Basti is recommended to eliminate local disorders, increase the genital tract's receptivity to sperm entry and clear passageways, etc.

- Shodhana karma and Asthapana basti advised for Nastartava.
- Virechana karma helps to cure Asrugdara.
- > Shirovirechana followed by Dhuma, Kavala and Gandusha are recommended for Sthana Vidhridi.

Vamana eliminates Kapha poisons amassed in the body, Kaphaj transcendent Artava dushti might be treated with Vaman Karma, Shodhana karma leads production of Soumya Dhatu and Agneya Dhatu vruddhi thus expands Artava matra.

Virechana purifies the blood, eliminates toxins and removes excess Pitta. Yoni dosha influenced by Dushan Rakta, Artava and vitiated Pitta dosha can be treated easily with the help of Virechana Karma. Virechana Karma calms these aggravating factors and slows down the progression of Stree-Roga. Virechana Karma offers gainful impact in Pittaja Yonidosha.

Basti cured Dravya given through Adhomarga, this therapy considered helpful for vitiated Vata dosha, pacify Dushan of Rakta and corrects disturbances associated with Artava. Basti Karma calms agitated Vata and slowing the progression of disease. Basti karma provides relief in gynaecological disorders associated with vitiated Vata dosha.

Yonidhawana (vaginal cleaning) helps to clean vaginal pathways and clears opening of uterus. Kwatha, oil and pure water, etc. can be used for Yonidhawana purpose. This therapy indicated for Yoni Strava, Yoni Kandu, Yoni Kleda and Yoni Arsha, etc.

Yonidhupan (fumigation of vaginal region) used to disinfect *Bhaya yoni*, this therapy indicated for *Yoni Kandu*, *Shweta Pradara* and *Garbha Sanga*, etc. *Nimbapatra*, *Guggul*, *Kushta*, *Vacha* and *Vidang*, etc. are mainly used for fumigating *Yoni*. [8-11]

Nidan Parivarjan

One should avoid followings

- ✓ Viruddha Anna
- ✓ Guru & Sheetal Jala
- ✓ Ratri-Jagaran
- ✓ Vegadharan
- Excessive sexual activities or immature sexual intercourse

CONCLUSION

Yoni Paicchilya, Yoni Arsha, Yoni Kandu, Yoni Kleda and Yoni Strava, etc. are typical issues associated with female reproductive system and comes under the heading of Stree Rogas. In the pathogenesis of Stree Rogas, Viharaja, Aharaja and Manasika Nidana are the triggering factors. Vitiation of Vata Dosha, Rasa Dhatu Dushti and Margavarodha are major pathological issues

associated with *Stree Roga*. Modern science also described various gynaecological disorders which includes heavy bleeding, uterine prolapse, white discharge, PCOD, uterine fibroid and infertility, etc. *Shatavari*, *Guduchi*, *Guggul*, *Triphala* and *Ashwagandha* are some natural drugs that help in the management of *Stree Rogas*. Similarly Ayurvedic *Shodhana chikitsa* like *Nasya*, *Basti*, *Shirodhara* and *Abhyanga*, etc. also recommended to prevent and treat *Stree-Roga* along with the Ayurveda concept of *Nidan Parivarjan* that helps to avoid etiological factors responsible for gynaecological manifestations.

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