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EFFECT OF ANUVASANA BASTI AND YONI PICHU IN SUKH PRASAVA & REDUCING POSTPARTUM COMPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Delivery is a very typical process in a woman's life span. Every woman expects a normal delivery in her life, which is safe for her and the baby. Normal delivery is not only safe for the lady but also prevents post-partum complications. But, now a days, it is seen that due to changes of life style, culture, food habits and hectic schedule of working ladies, Caesarian Section has become a common occurrence in the society. Therefore, need is to adopt a procedure during pregnancy itself, that helps increase not only occurrence of Normal Delivery but also reduces problems after the delivery. In Ayurveda, according to Acharyas, especially, Acharya Sushruta, *Anuvasanabasti* and *pichu*, as described in *Garbhini Paricharya* (antenatal care), in 9th month of pregnancy, plays an important role in normal delivery. *Yonipichu* helps to provide lubrication to genital tract and *Anuvasnabasti* is used for *vatanulomana* and for smoothness of pelvic region and related organs. This paper emphasizes on using *anuvasanbasti* and *pichu* in 9th month of pregnancy, as both of these Ayurvedic procedures play an effective role in bringing *sukhprasava* and reducing post-partum complications.

Keywords: normal delivery, Ayurveda, garbhiniparicharya, yonipichu, anuvasanabasti,

INTRODUCTION

The child birth should be an event of joy and satisfaction. Maintenance of health of the women and wellbeing of the foetus is the aim of antenatal care. Series of events take place in the genital organs in an effort that take place in the genital organs in an effort to expel the viable product of conception out of womb through vagina into the outer world is called labour. Labour is called normal when the onset is spontaneous, at term, with vertex presentation, without undue

prolongation,natural termination with minimal aids and without having any complication affecting the health of the mother and the baby. Expected mother always wishes to have a normal delivery which is valid and safe. Simultaneously with good maternal care during pregnancy and labour, foetus is also taken care of. But now a day's incidence of caesarean section is high due to cultural changes, more anxiety at the time of labor and obstetricians fear of litiga-

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tion. These cases raise the percentage of cesarean section to bring about safe and normal delivery with healthy baby Ayurvedic paricharyas have a positive effect. Acharyas in our classical texts explained Garbhini paricharya in navam masa in form of yoni

which pichu favors snighdta to garbhashayamarga and Anuvasnabastifavoring vatanuloman particularly vayu, which performs Sukhaprasava and reduces postpartum complications.

Physiology of Delivery¹:-

Engagement increasing flexion ==>internal rotation

External rotation <=== Restitution <=== Extension <=== Crowning

Delivery of the shoulder by Lateral flexion

Complication during delivery²:-

- Prolonged labor
- Obstructed labor
- Dystocia
- Post-partum hemorrhage
- Injuries of birth canal

Types of abnormal delivery and their Drawbacks:-

- Forceps delivery
- Vacuum delivery
- Caesarean section.

Complications:-1.forceps delivery

injuries of office canal	complications. Moreops denivery	
Maternal	Fetal	
Immediate:-	Immediate	
• Injury	 Asphyxia 	
Nerve injury	 Facial bruising 	
• Pph	 Facial palsy 	
Anesthetic complications	 Hemorrhage 	
 Puerperal sepsis and maternal mor- 	 Skull fractures 	
bidity.	• Remote	
Remote:-		
Painful perineal scars	Cerebral or spastic palsy due to residual	
Low back ache	cerebral injury	
Genital prolaps		

2. Ventous/vacuum delivery:-

*	Neonate	*	Maternal
•	Superficial scalp abrasion	•	Cervix or vaginal wall injury
•	Cephalohematoma		
•	Sub-aponeurotic hemorrhage		
•	Intracranial hemorrhage		
•	Retinal hemorrhage		
•	Jaundice		

3. Cesarean section:-

Intra-operative	Post-operative	
uterine lacerations	• PPH	
 bladder injury 	• Shock	
GIT injury	Infection	
 hemorrhage 	 Intestinal obstruction 	
 morbid adherent placenta 	Deep vein thrombosis	
	Retinal hemorrhage	
	Jaundice	
	Chronic pelvic infection	

PrasavaVyapada According to Ayurve-da:-

- 1. KalateetPrasava[Prolonged Labour]:-Acc.to Ayurveda this condition is mainly seen in case of upvistaka, nagodara, leengarbha, moodhagarha etc.
- 2. Garbhasanga [Retention of foetus]:-
- 3. Aparasanga [Retention of placenta]:-

If placenta does not come out after 30 minutes of delivery, it is known as retention of palcenta. According to aacharya Susuruta, the complications of *aprasanga* are *Aanah* and 4.Aadhman.

According to above discussion we see that there are so many problems which are faced by a lady during normal as well as abnormal delivery. This paper focuses that if *anuvasana vasti* and *pichu* are administrated in 9th month of pregnancy, we can reduce chances of abnormal delivery and post-partum complications.

Classical Review of *Anuvasana Basti* and *Pichu* administration during Pregnancy:-

- * Acc to AacharyaSusuruta:-Aacharyasusuruta has indicated anuvasanabastiin 8th month of pregnancy during garbhiniparicharya in sarirsthan chapter no.10.
- Acc to Aacharyacharak:- Aacharya charak has indicated anuvasanabasti and

yoni pichu in 9th month of pregnancy during *garbhiniparicharya* in sarirsthan chapter no.8

Administration Criteria for Using Anuvasanabasti and Pichu:-

❖ AnuvasanaBasti:

[a]Time period:-From the first day of 9th month twice a week till delivery.

[b]Dose:-50ml

* Yoni Pichu:-

[a]Time period:-At night daily from 9th month till delivery

[b]Dose:-10ml

Effect of Basti and Pichu on Prasava:-

Basti is considered as the paramoushadhi of vata. Bastiis indicated where vayu plays a pathological role. But here in case of pregnant woman, basti is indicated to prevent the pathogenicity of vayu. Apanavayu plays an important role along with vyanavayu in act of contraction and relaxation of uterus, and in expulsion of foetus. Vyanavayu is situated in whole body, said to cause gati (motion), akshepa (contraction), prasarana (relaxation) etc. 5When proper time of prasavacomes, the vyanavayu stimulates the act of contraction and relaxation in the uterine muscles and due to it, apanavayu becomes active to expel the Garbha outside the garbhasva. In the next context of mechanism of normal labour Acharya Charaka has used a term Prasutimaruta. Prasutimaruta is nothing but it can be considered as sub type of Apanavayu, having a special function of Garbha Niskramana.

Aacharya charak mentions that basti by reaching up to umbilical region(transverse colon),sacroiliac region(rectum),flanks and hypochondriac region(ascending and descending colon) and churning up of feacal and morbid matter present there in and at the same time by spreading its unctuous effect in the whole body, draws out the feacal and morbid matter with ease. ⁶It has been further mentioned that while lying in the pakvasya (colon) due to irs veerya it draws the morbid matter lodged in the entire body from foot to the head, just as the sun situated in the sky sucks up to moisture from the earth. ⁷

AcharyaSusurta says that veerya of Basti

acts over the whole body through the intervention of apana and other vayus. Medicines duly administered through the rectum with the help of basti remains in pakvasva in the region of pelvis and below the umbilical regions where from the veerya of basti medicines spreads all over body just as the water poured at the root reaches all parts of tree thus been through micro and macro channels.8Basti alone has been unanimously claimed as half treatment of the disease.⁹ Anuvasnabasti is SnehaBasti, due to snehana property, the abdomen, flanks, sacrum and all the genital organs becomes snighda. The snigdha property removes the rukshta of vayu and thus it control exaggerated vata. At the same time for expulsion of foetus, the stretching of ligament is very much essential, when the *vayu* is in its normal direction and when the muscles and ligaments have snighda property, than the expulsion of foe-

tus from the birth canal is not that much difin pregnant woman prakutaapana and vyanavayu are very much essential for normal delivery. At the time of parturition, if anyone of these are vitiated, I will lead tovilambitaprasava,moodgarbhaetc, which convert prasava from normal to abnormal. It is necessary to keep these vayus in their prakritavastha. For that acharyas have instructed basti. Soanuvasanavasti facilitate prakrita and sukhaprasava.

CONCLUSION

Great things can be achieved only with labour. To attain the unlimited happiness of motherhood also, labour is very much essential. But the labour should be natural and bearable. When the foetus is expelled out through vagina with less duration and intensity of pain to mother, it is called prakrita and sukh prasava. To get the fruitful outcome of nature, Acharyacharak has advised garbhiniparicharya from conception till delivery, which includes administration of anuvasanabasti and use of yonipichu in navammasa. This ayurvedic regimen improves the physical and psychological condition of pregnant women and makes their body suitable for sukh prasava. Hence it can be concluded above results proper administration of anuvasanabasti along with the use of yoni pichu in navam masa reduce the exhaustion of *prasava* and makes pregnant women physically and psychologically strong. So, proper administration of Anuvasanabasti and use of yoni *Pichu* in 9th month should be done to remove the fear of labour pain in pregnant women.

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