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# A SINGLE CASE STUDY ON GUDA PARIKARTIKA (FISSURE-IN-ANO) WITH SHAMAN AUSHADHI

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## **ABSTRACT**

According to ayurvedic literature the disease Parikartika comes under gudaja vikara. In Parikartika there is a cutting type of pain in guda. Vamana-virechan vyapad, basti vyapad, atisar, arsha, grahani, udavarta, and other elements are credited with causing parikartika in various sources. Parikartika is not described as a separate disease entity, it is available in a scattered way in different ayurvedic texts. Parikartika may be co-related with fissure-inano in modern science in which patient experiences cutting or tearing pain in anus. Fissure-in-ano means a linear ulcer in the anal canal, mostly situated in the midline posteriorly. The lower end of the fissure can be seen when the anal margins are seperated. Fissure-in-ano is associated with pain during or after defecation for hours, per-rectal bleeding, burning sensation during or after defecation, constipation. In this case study, the patient with acute fissure is treated with panchaskara churna along with shatadhouta ghrita and Jatyadi taila. After two weeks of observation, the symptoms of Parikartika (Fissure-in-ano) have been reduced markedly.

Keywords: Parikartika, fisure-in-ano, shatadhouta ghrita

### INTRODUCTION

The disease *Parikartika* may be considered as *purish-vaha srotodusti janita vyadhi* in *Ayurveda*. Mainly *Vata dosha* is involved in *parikartika*, as it occurs in

guda, which is a site of vata dosha, specifically apana vayu resides here. The type of pain and symptoms point towards vata dosha aggravation. When a person

with ksham and mridu kosthi indulges in ruksha, tikshna, and ushna aushadhis, agnidusti is produced, which leads to vatapitta prakopa. Kha-vaigunya occurs owing to dushya daurbalya, i.e mamsha and twak in purishvaha srotas. Because of this and due to sthan samsraya of aggravated vata and pitta dosha in purishvaha srota, it leads to dosha-dushya sammurchana which results in twak - mamsha dusti especially in guda Pradesh. Twak mamsha dushti or vrana results in frequent defecation along with pain this leads to the disease called parikartika 2. The symptoms of parikartika are similar to the symptoms of fissure-in-ano mentioned in modern science. It's an ulcer in the lower anal canal's longitudinal axis. Commonly occurs in the midline, posteriorly common in males but can occur anteriorly which is more likely to occur in females<sup>3</sup>. Fissure-in-ano is more common in women of middle age. Pain is severe in an acute type of fissure and less severe in a chronic fissure. Acute fissure presents with severe pain and constipation. It is characterized by pain along with constipation, bleeding and discharge. Patients suffering from acute fissure are treated with Lord's dilatation done under general anaesthesia to relax the sphincter. Use of laxatives, xylocaine surface anaesthesia and anal dilatation by using fingers are given for a certain period. Patients are advised to take bed rest and nifedipine ointment for local application. Due to the fear of general anaesthesia and its complication, side effects of modern medicines patients get scared. So, to avoid these, pain and post anaesthetic complications and side effects, *Ayurveda* suggests effective treatment to get cured of fissure-in-ano.

**Materials and Method:** The details of drugs, dosage and *anupan*, mode of administration of drugs are given in below-

#### **Materials**

| SR. NO. | DRUGS              | DOSAGE      | ANUPAN     | MODE OF ADMINISTRATION       |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 1.      | Panchasakar churna | 3gm         | Ushna ambu | Orally at Night Before Sleep |
| 2.      | Shatadhouta ghrita | Twice Daily |            | Local Application            |
| 3.      | Jatyadi taila      | Once daily  |            | Local Application            |

## **METHOD-**

- **1. CENTRE OF THE STUDY-** DSRRAU, University College of Ayurveda, Jodhpur, Karwar.
- 2. TYPE OF STUDY- Simple single clinical study
- **3. PLAN OF TREATMENT-** It is an OPD based treatment. In this case, the patient was treated with *Panchaskara churna*, *jatyadi taila*, *shatadhouta ghrita* followed by *pathya-apathya* and *anupan*.
- **4. COLLECTION OF MEDICINE** All the medicines were collected from the GMP certified pharmacy of DSRRAU, University College of Ayurveda, Jodhpur, Karwar.

**CASE REPORT-** A 26-year-old Hindu female patient, student by occupation came to our OPD with the complaint of pain during defectaion for an hour along with burning sensation during defectaion and constipation for 2 weeks.

**1. HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS-** The Patient was suffering from the above symptoms for 2 weeks.

She took modern medicines but do not get relief. She is willing to take *ayurvedic* medicines.

## 2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION-ASHTAVIDHA PARIKSHA-

Nadi-74 Beats/Min

Mutra- Normal

Mala-Malabaddhata

Jihwa- Malavrita

Shabda-Spashta

Sparsha-Anushna-seeta

Drik-Normal

Akriti-Sama

#### **GENERAL EXAMINATION-**

Height-164 cm

Weight-58kg

B.P.-124/84 mm of Hg

Pulse Rate-74 Beats/Min

Respiratory Rate- 18/Min

Temperature- Afebrile

**ON EXAMINATION-** An acute fissure on seen at 6'O Clock position on the lower anal canal.

**OBSERVATIONS AND RESULTS-** The patient was observed for 14 days, with assessments of

objective criteria conducted by interviewing patients every seven days.

| SYMPTOMS                            | 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY | 7 <sup>TH</sup> DAY | 14 <sup>TH</sup> DAY |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Pain during defecation              | +++                 | ++                  | +                    |
| Burning sensation during defecation | +++                 | ++                  | -                    |
| Constipation                        | ++                  | -                   | -                    |

#### DISCUSSION

Cutting or cutting pain all over is what parikartika means which is similar to fissure-in-ano in western science. An acute fissure is a very dreadful and painful condition. A fissure is a superficial, small but distressing lesion that comes to an end above the dentate line. An acute fissure is a profound rip in the lower anal canal accompanied by a strong sphincter spasm but no oedema or inflammation. In modern surgery patients are advised to take plenty of water, a high fibre diet, bulk forming agents, stool softener, sitz bath, local anaesthetic agent etc<sup>4</sup>. According to the ayurvedic view when a debilitated person with ksham and mridu kosthi indulges in ati ruksha, ati tikshna, and ati ushna aushadhis, agnidusti is produced, which leads to vatapitta prakopa. Kha-vaigunya occurs owing to dushya daurbalya, i.e., mamsha and twak in purishvaha srotas. Because of this and due to sthan samsrava of aggravated vata and pitta dosha in purishvaha srota, it leads to dosha-dushya sammurchana which results in twak – mamsha dusti especially in guda pradesh. Twak mamsha dushti or vrana results in frequent defecation along with pain this leads to the disease called parikartika. So, in this disease, we need to maintain the agnibala of the patient. Vata- pitta shamak aushadhi, diet and regimen should be followed. Mala anuloman regimen should also be followed. Panchaskara churna prepared from sunthi which is grahi and ama pachak, swarnapatri which is vatanulomak, pitta shodhak, rechak, shodhak, balharitakee which is considered to be the best anuloman dravya, with its tridoshahara property and saindhav lavan has the property of tridoshhara and anuloman also are given. To use locally shatadhouta ghrita

which is a medicated ghee in the form of ointment was given twice, ghee has the property of seeta virya which helps in healing ulcers produced in a fissure. Jatyadai taila helps in the healing of dushta vrana composes of jati which is also tridoshnasak and lodhra which is vranaropaka, tuttha has the property of lekhan and bhedan, helps in removing the slough. Jatyadi taila has the property of kashaya rasa which has vrana ropak property, tikta rasa which helps in twakmamsha sthirikaran and lekhan karma, Katu rasa acts as vrana shodhan and avasadan<sup>5</sup>. Tila tila itself is vyavayi, vikasi, sukshma and vatanasak. In short, it could be said that panchasakar churna acts as virechak as well as vata-anulomak which gives relief from constipation and helps in passing stool without any difficulties. Shatadhouta ghrita and Jatyadi taila helps in healing ulcers produced due to fissure-in-ano when administered in an established case of parikartika, these formulations showed a significant role within a short duration.

### CONCLUSION

We can deduct from the preceding research that *parikartika* is *purishvaha srota dusti janita vyadhi*. In modern science, *parikartika* is quite similar to fissure-in-ano. Treatments such as *mala anuloman*, *vata anuloman*, *ama pachan*, and *vrana ropan*, as well as the use of Panchasakar churna 3gm daily at night before sleep with lukewarm water, local application of *jatyaditaila*, and *shatadhouta ghrita* twice daily could provide a satisfactory and curative as well as preventive effect on the acute fissure. During the research, no major negative side effects were discovered.

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