



USE OF PRATISARNIYA K SHARA AFTER FISTULOTOMY IN BHAGANDARA (LOW ANAL FISTULA): A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

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KEYWORDS: Bhagandara, Guda Pradesh, Ksharasutra, Pratisarniya Kshara, Fistulotomy.

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is ancient and effective medical science and also science of life too. Ayurveda is like an abysmal ocean in which as we dive deeper we discover possess more and more valuable gems in the form of new truths, unrevealed so far. The present 21st century is gradually and drastically changing the attitude of every individuals of the society toward every aspect of life by guiding and prompting them towards a weird quality of day to day physical and mental activities and finally making them to lead many disorder like Bhagandara. Bhagandara among Ashta-mahagada due to its asadhya (dreadfulness) in nature. A track is form in bhagandara by darana (cutting) of guda Pradesh. Puya (Pus), urine, stool discharge from track is main symptom of bhagandara. On the basis of sign and symptom Bhagandara can be compared to Fistula in – ano of modern science, At present most common surgical procedure in the fistula in ano is fistulectomy & fistulotomy, newer modalities are being used as treatment modalities. These surgical management carries several complications and even complete excision of track are chance of subsequent recurrence.

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Definition

The boil present in the bhaga, guda and vasti areas scorches the area like bhaga (sun) so this condition called bhagandara.^[1]

A fistula in ano, is a chronic abnormal communication, usually lined to some degree by granulation tissue, which runs outwards from the anorectal lumen (internal opening) to an external opening on the skin of the perineum or buttock.^[2]

Fistula having a tract entering the anal canal at the level of inter sphincter line are termed as low anal fistula.^[3]

Etiology^[4]

It is divided into two group^[5]

- (A) Non specific- caused by Cryptoglandular infection and previous ano-rectal abscess.
- (B) Specific- caused by different diseases-
 - Tuberculosis

- Anal fissure, Crohn's disease, Colloid Carcinoma of rectum, Hidradenitis suppurativa^[6]
- Foreign body
- Lymphogranuloma venereum
- Ulcerative colitis
- Rectal, gynecological and obstetrical operations.

Pathology

Commonly the fistula is preceded by an abscess, inappropriate surgical drainage of perianal abscess is responsible for small but significant proportion of fistula.^[7] If an abscess in ano-rectal region is recurrent,

the fistula exists surely. The fistula usually originates in the infected crypt (internal opening) and tracks to the external opening. Most of the fistulae are due to the infection rising in the anal glands which open into the crypts in anal canal at the level of dentate line. The glands are situated posteriorly, so most of the fistula and abscess are seen posteriorly. The infection passes from there in one of the three direction^[8] –

1. Upward in the intersphincteric
2. Downwards in the intersphincteric space
3. Laterally, through the external sphincter.

Classification

Table no. 1: Classification of Bhagandara.

S.N.	NAME	DOSA	S.S. ^[9]	A.H. ^[10]	M.N. ^[11]	B.P. ^[12]	Y.R. ^[13]
1	Shataponaka	Vata	+	+	+	+	+
2	Ustragriva	Pitta	+	+	+	+	+
3	Parishravi	Kapha	+	+	+	+	+
4	Sambukavarta	Tridosha	+	+	+	+	+
5	Unmargi	Agantuja	+	+	+	+	+
6	Pariksepi	Vatapitta	–	+	–	–	–
7	Riju	Vatakapha	–	+	–	–	–
8	Arsobhagandara	Kapha-pittaja	–	+	–	–	–

Table no. 2: Classification of fistula in ano.

Milligan morgan's & Goligher classification ^[14]	Parks classification ^[15]
Subcutaneous (5%)	Low intersphincteric
Low anal (75%)	Transsphincteric
Anorectal (8%)	Transsphincteric with high blind infralelevator extension
Anorectal (7%)	Trans or suprasphincteric with high blind supralelevator extension
Ischiorectal/ infralelevator	
Pelvirectal/ supralelevator	
Submucous	Extrasphincteric

Symptoms^[16]

- Discharge – persistent seropurulent discharge around anus keeps the part always wet.
- Blood or pus mixed stool
- Pain during defecation
- Pruritus ani
- Fever

straight whereas an external opening posterior midline.

Palpation - Identification of internal opening

A cord like thickening may be palpable on digital examination beneath the skin between the secondary opening and anal wall.

During probing^[19]

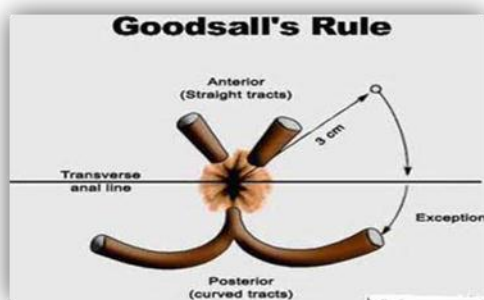
By digital examination with index finger of one hand, flexible probe may be used with another hand through external opening to detect internal opening.

- The internal opening identify by the injection of hydrogen peroxide or dilute methylene blue.

Examination

Local examination^[17]

1. Position of patient – Lithotomy position / Knee elbow position
2. Inspection
 - External Opening^[18]
 - Site
 - Number
 - Discharge
 - Surrounding skin
 - Goodsall's rule- if an imaginary transverse line through the central portion of the anal verge is drawn, the external (secondary) opening anterior to this line indicates that track runs directly to the primary opening on the same quadrant in anal canal



Goodsall's rule

Investigation^[20]

- Hematological examination
 - Hb %
 - TLC
 - DLC
 - CT
 - BT
 - E.S.R.
 - Blood sugar - PP, Fasting
 - HIV, HBsAG
- Urine analysis - Routine, Microscopic
- Radiological investigation
- Fistulogram

Treatment

At present most common surgical procedure in the fistula in ano is fistulectomy & fistulotomy, newer modalities are being used as treatment modalities. These surgical

management carries several complications like frequent damage to the sphincter (leads incontinence), rectal prolapse, anal stenosis, delayed wound healing and even complete excision of track are chance of subsequent recurrence.

So there is need to evaluate the role of an innovative technique for the management of fistula as to minimize recurrence, make it cost effective with universal acceptability of minimum hospitalization. In Ayurveda, Acharyas have explained in detail about the management of Bhagandara (fistula) with various treatment modalities. Bhedana karma^[21] (Fistulotomy) followed by Pratisarniya kshara^[22] application is one of them having good curative properties with worthwhile results. Under pratisarniya kshara Acharya sushruta mentioned many of drugs like Apamarga, Chitraka, Gomutra, Katasharkara (Lime stone) is there.^[23]

➤ **Fistulotomy**^[24]

In Low anal fistula, fistulotomy is the treatment of choice. It includes the incision of the track laying open followed by the curettage of underlying tissue. After full examination, under anaesthesia in the lithotomy position, during which internal opening should have being identified, butterfly probe is passed from the external to internal opening, the track is lid open over the probe. Granulations tissue is curetted. Sometimes recurrence occurs due to the remained portion of fibrosed and necrotic tissue.

➤ **Table no. 3: Contents of Pratisarniya Kshara and their action.**

S.N.	Drug	Botanical name	Karma	Pharmacological action
1	Apamarga ^[25]	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Shothhar(reduce swelling), Vednasthapan(analgesic), Lekhana (scraping), Kandughna (reduce itching), Vranashodhan(blood purifier), Vranaropaka (induce wound healing)	Astringent, diuretic, hepatoprotective, emmenagogue.
2	Chitraka ^[26]	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	Lekhana (scraping), Krimighna(reduce infection) Shothhar(reduce swelling), Vednasthapan(analgesic)	Antibacterial, Antifungal, Anticoagulant, Antitumor
3	Gomutra ^[27]	-----	Shothhar (reduce swelling), Vednasthapan (analgesic), Lekhana (scraping), Rraktashodhak(blood purifier), Kusthaghna (reduce skin irritation).	Anti-inflammatory, Analgesic, anti-hyperlipidaemic
4	Katsharkara ^[28] (lime stone)	-----	Lekhana(scraping) , Sthambhan(coagulation), Shoolnashak(analgesic).	Antibiotic, antipyretic, antifungal, anti-inflammatory

Mode of Application^[29]

- Pratisarniya kshara paste is applied just after fistulotomy.
- After applying kshara wait for 1 to 2 min.
- After getting samyaka dagdha lakshana, prakshalan will be done by Amala dravya.
- Then ghrita & mulethi will be apply.

DISCUSSION

All drugs of Pratisarniya Kshara having Shodhana (purification), Ropaka (increase healing property), Raktashodhaka (blood purifier), Kusthaghna (reduce skin irritation), Krimighna(reduce infection), Vednasthapan (analgesic) etc. property^[30] which help to treat the Bhagandara. As per combined drug formulation therapy is concerned, that the drug which are present in kshara

directly applied in local pathological tissues which enhance the degeneration of unhealthy tissues & Kshara having Antibacterial, Antifungal, Anticoagulant, anti-inflammatory.

CONCLUSION

Bhagandara is one of the most troubling diseases, thus enumerated among 'Ashta mahagada' and considered as dushchikitsya i.e. difficult to cure. Pain around anal verge, Discharge, Itching are present as the chief complaints in most of the patients. Discharge will be completely subside after Fistulotomy and application of Pratisarniya kshara because Pratisarniya Kshara has Tridosahara (manage equilibrium of three dosha), Shothahara (reduce swelling), Vranashodhaka (purification of wound), Vranaropaka (increase healing of wound), Lekhana (scraping), Kusthaghna (reduce skin irritation) properties. Pratisarniya Kshara is a herbo-mineral drug which is very simple, economic, safe and effective drug in low dose. Hence it can be employed in the cases of Bhagandara specially low anal fistula.

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