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PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN ANORECTAL DISORDERS W.S.R TO "PARIKARTIKA" (FISSURE) LITERARY REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Ano-rectal disorders are lifestyle disorders which includes lot of disorders include benign conditions such as fissure to more serious conditions such as malignancy; thus, it is important to be familiar with the common causes of these disorders from day to day life as well as to know how to avoid these disorders. This article reviews the most common causes of anorectal disorders, including hemorrhoids, fissures & Fistula and provides guidelines on preventive measures on anorectal disorders.

KEYWORDS: Ano-rectal Disorders, Fissure, Causes, Preventive Measures.

KEY MESSAGES

- There are lots of causes which leads to Fissure though are not in focus of western medical science but are mentioned in Ayurveda.
- As it is well known that Prevention is better than cure, it is mostly applicable to ano-rectal disorders specially fissure because it occurs due to minute negligence but produces lot of pain and can be treated only with surgical procedures according to western medical science.
- People should not shy of the anatomical location of the disease and cure it early.
- People should follow dietary and lifestyle changes mentioned in this article to avoid fissure.

INTRODUCTION

In India Fissures are very common among a wide population of patients of Anorectal disorders. Because major of population have unhealthy dietary habits and patients may be embarrassed about the anatomic location of their symptoms, they may present to care late in the course of their illness. Care should be taken to validate patient concerns and normalize fears.

This article discusses the causes specially mentioned in Ayurvedic Texts which are not yet in focus and the necessary lifestyle changes to avoid anorectal disorders.

Ayurveda is an applied science and time-tested health system with vast scope of trials to prove certain principles as well as therapeutic effects of the medicines, history taking methods, root causes and prognosis of disease which is the need of the hour to make the Ayurveda more acceptable worldwide. Ayurvedic texts

have emphasized at various places to take care of Parikartika & other various anorectal disorders which occurs due to vitiated doshas or any other causes such that constipation. Sushruta, the great surgeon of his era, was much ahead of his time in expounding and practicing the beautiful aspects of surgery but he also has explained concept of avoiding Parikartika i.e. Fissure and further complicated anorectal disorders and their management.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

As "Parikartika" is the benign conditions avoiding it indirectly lead to avoid further complicated anorectal disorders. Hence in this study literary review study, Charak Samhita & Sushrut Samhita explaining "Parikartika" its causes & its primary symptoms are reviewed well and then dietary and lifestyle changes are suggested to avoid Fissure and further complicated anorectal disorders.

- Literary review of Sushrut Samhita Nidan Sthan 2nd adhyay "Arshonidanam"
- Literary review of Charak Samhita Chikitsa Sthan 14th Adhyay "Arshachikitsitam"

Note: In Ayurvedic texts Arsha is considered as representative of all of the Ano-rectal disorder.

OBSERVATIONS

Acharya Charaka & Acharya Sushruta explained following causes of Parikartika:

- Doing excessive work more than strength
- Excessive eating specially non-vegetarian food
- Excessive Anger & unhappiness
- Excessive junk food & dry snacks habits

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- To eat very spicy food with lots of oils irrespective to quantity
- Eating mismatched food like milk and fruits eating together
- Having food at any time though the stomach is full
- Unhealthy sexual contacts
- Forceful defecation
- Excessive Horse riding & bike riding
- Forceful obstruction to defecation

All above mentioned causes makes Vata dosha & Pitta dosah infuriated and they mixes together and produces Dry and Hard stool. This actually leads to scratching of rectum and anal canal. Repeated scratching produces laceration and further gets developed as Fissure and due to rubbing over and by touching of cold water Fissure produces unbearable pain. Also cold water has tendency to infuriate the vata dosha. Daily bowel habit resist the wound from healing and patient falls in to worst condition day by day.

Acharya Charaka & Acharya Sushruta also explained early symptoms of Arsha as follows.

- Dislike to eat anything
- If something is eaten, it does not digest properly and quickly
- Burning esophagus
- Acidity and person feel feverish
- Excessive thrust
- Gases and constipation
- Sudden weight loss

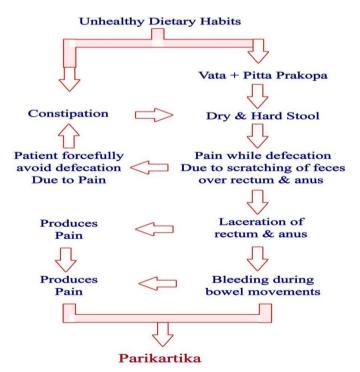
- Continuous hiccup
- And other symptoms like Siktha sadana, netra shoth, pralap, adhmana, aatopa, antrakujan, bhrama, ati nidra, indriya daurbalya.

These early symptoms should be identified and treatment should be given at the earliest to avoid further complications.

In addition to Sushrut Acharaya, Acharya Charaka explained following causes of Parikartika in a specific manner according of type of Doshaja Parikartika. But all the type of Parikartika gets developed due to infuriated Vata dosha, hence most of the causes which are common to infuriate Vata dosha are as follows.

- Excessive eating of Spicy food
- Food specially enhanced with Astringent & Bitter taste
- Always eating of dry food items
- Never eating freshly prepared hot food
- Never eating Liquid Diet
- To exaggerate dieting
- Eating less than hunger
- Drinking water just to fulfill the thirst but less then body needs
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- Excessive Sexual activities
- To prefer always in AC
- Drinking cold water for each time
- Sleeping in a day time
- Continuously roaming here & there

Prognosis of Parikartika



DISCUSSIONS

It is observed that, various reasons makes Vata dosha infuriated and then it mixes with Pitta which leads to

produces Dry and hard Stool. Due to this micro scratches to anal wall occurs which further gets developed hence in any type of Parikartika involvement of vata dosha is

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present and both Acharya Charaka and Acharya Sushruta agreed with this point. Also both have explained most of

the causes of Parikartika very similar.

OBSERVATIONS

Some Dietary habits should be followed to avoid Parikartika are as follows:

Dos	Don'ts
• Diet should be inclusive of all the verities	Do not eat only spicy and junk food on regular basis
Diet should be in proportion	Never eat less than hunger also never eat when stomach is very full
Let the Food digest properly	Avoid eating while previously eaten food is being digested
• Take proper rest for a while after having meal	Strictly avoid heavy duty work just after having meal

Some Lifestyle habits should be followed to avoid Parikartika are as follows:

Dos	Don'ts
Maintain Good bowel habits	Avoid forceful defecation also avoid forceful obstruction to defecation
Take proper care regarding sexual activities	Strictly avoid unsafe sexual contacts
Take little walk with proper intervals of time while doing Sedentary work	Avoid Continuously seating work as well as long standing work
One should do some exercise on regular basis	Avoid exertion while doing exercise.

CONCLUSION

In this article, for better understating, observations are given in dos & don'ts format. One could definitely avoid Fissure and further complicated ano-rectal disorders by following above mentioned lifestyle and dietary changes suggested, which are derived from great ancient Ayurvedic Samhitas i.e. Charak Samhita & Sushrut Samhita.

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