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A REVIEW OF LITERATURE – *AGNIKARMA* IN SHALAKYA TANTRA

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Ayurveda is one of the most ancient medical sciences of the world. Though modern science has been developing advanced technology and therapeutics for the diagnostic and management of different disorders, still ancient system of medicine fulfill the health are needs of the vast majority of a population.

Ayurveda have *Shamana* and *Shodhanachikitsa*. Variety of medical procedure mentioned in Ayurved*samhita* it as like *Ksharkarma*, *Lepana*, etc. *Agnikarma* is one of the important procedure described in Ayurveda.

In this fast lifestyle patients need instant result for pain. *Agnikarma* is one of the fast procedures to reduced *Vedana* (pain).

Agnikarma is elective and employed for such cases where medicines, surgey and Ksharkarma fails to bring about desire results.

Among the senses eye is most important organ. As once we lost the vision, will not able to differentiate day, night, and beauty of nature.

76 eye diseases are explained by *Acharya*. Among these for local *Vata* and *Kapha vyadhi Agnikarma* is superior, and disease will not recur.

Defination of Agnikarma

The action carried out with the help of Agni.

The methodical contact of fire (Agni) through suitable instrument is appropriate, as the aliment resistant to many therapies, respond to this supreme therapy.

Synonyms of Agnikarma

- 1. Agni chikitsa.
- 2. Agni dagdha.
- 3. Agni karma tapan karma.
- 4. Dagdha karma.
- 5. Daha karma.
- 6. Dahan karma.

Types According to Sushruta

Sr. No.	According to location	According to shape	Other
1.	TwagDagdha	Valay	Plushta
2.	Mansa Dagdha	Bindu	Durdagdha
3.		Vilekha	Samyak Dagdha
4.		Pratisaran	Ati Dagdha

According to Vagbhata.

Sr. no.	According To Shape	Other
1.	Swastika	Tutha Dagdha
2.	Ashtapaad	DurDagdha
3.	Ardhachandra	Samyak Dagdha
4.		Ati Dagdha

Dahanopakaran.

Sr. No.	Sthana	Dahanopakaran-
1.	Twak Dagdha	Pippali, Aja Shakrut, Go Danta, Shar Shalaka.
2.	Mansa Dagdha	Jambvoshtha, Lauha.
3.	Sira, Snayu, Asthi, Sandhi Dagdha	Kshaudra, Guda, Sneha.

These are use to desired transfer of fire's temperature to skin or muscles or vessels.

Twak Dagdha Lakshana- sound, little, disagreeable smell, shrinking of skin.

Mansa Dagdha Lakshana- little pain, raised surface along with grey discoloration, shrunk constricted ulcer that is grey.

Sira Snayu Dagdha Lakshana- black ulcer brims have elevated status. Occlusion of exudation.

Sandhi Asthi Dagdha Lakshana- dry, parched hard ulcer, rough.

Procedure

Purva karma

Pro activesleemy feed is obligatory before *Agnikarma*, except for obstructed labour, removal of stone, fistula in anus, ascetic, piles, oral disease.

Pradhana karma

Pathogenesis awareness with assessment of spread of disease, strength of patient, vicinity of vulnerable (marma) points, disease *dosha* and season, consideration collectively decides the pattern of touch necessary, where the random decision is dangerous.

Paschat karma- Apply same quantity of honey and Ghrita mixture.

Season- natural favourable season for this transfer of heat are 4 out of 6.autum and summer by their hotness are naturally not conductive for bearing the therapeutic

hot touch, but for emergency demand the module can be executed for benefits of patients.

Assesment of Agnikarma procedure-

- **1.** *Plushta Dagdha*-the type where the color of the skin is significantly affected and the skin is wrinkled due to burn is called *Plushta Dagdha*.
- **2.** *Durdagdha* The burn in which severe blisters, pustules appears on skin due to burn, and sensation of sucking pain, burning, redness, pus formation, and pain are extreme and for longer period, such burn is called as *Durdagdha*.
- **3.** *Samyaka Dagdha* The burn where the wound is not deep and takes the colour of palm, with burning sensation of skin, muscles and vessels is called *Samyaka Dagdha*.
- **4.** *Ati Dagdha* the burn part is seen hanging, there is discoloration of parts or joints of the body, there is considerable distruction of veins, ligaments, bones, and complications like fever, burning sensation, thirst and unconconsiousness develop. The wound developed by this type of burn takes longer time to heal and leaves scars even after healing.

Indications

The place of pterygium the touch in head-alinment. *Adhimanth* – brows, and after covered eyes the roots of hairs.

For *Vata* pain – at maximum location of pain. At bleeder vents- at benumbed points.

Netra gat vyadhi- Vartma gat vyadhi.

Vyadhi (Disease)	Condition	
Lagan	Mahat Lagan: After Bhedana and Pratisarana Agnikarma is indicated	
Shonitaarsha	After Chhedana	
Shuskaarsha	After Chhedana	
Arbuda	After Chhedana	
Pakshamakopa	If not relieved after Shashtra karma	
Alaji	After bhedan and lekhana	
Bisavartma	If not relieved after pratisarana	
Kruchchhonmilan	Even after medicinal treatment not relieved then	
	Dahan type: Bindu dahan	
	Distance between two bindu: 1 Muga	
	Dahanshalaka: TamraShalaka	

Krushnagatavyadhi.

Vyadhi	Condition
Ajakajata	Not relieved even after medicinal and surgical treatment
	Dahankarma with Suvarna shalaka (to prevent recurrence)

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In Kaphaja Linganasha, After its Pakva Avastha (i.e.Mature cataract condition) Lingnasha Vedhana Shashtra karma is done.

During and after *Linganash Shashtra Karma* several complications and their treatments are described by *Acharya Sushruta* and *Ashtang Hrudaya*.

According to technical complications during surgery

Complication	symptoms	condition of dahan	location
Vedhana karma at the place other	Hyphaema and pain	after Parisheka	At Apanga
than DaivakrutaChhidra			
Vedhana At Apanga (near outer	Inflammation toda bhedavat	After parisheka and	between two eyebrows
canthus)	vedana, arktaashrushrava	uapanaha	
By Shalakasparsha Utaplavana		After trasana	In between two
(displaced at other sites) of		treatment, swedana	eyebrows
linganasha dosha		and <i>punarvedhana</i>	

Sarvagatavyadhi- Adhimantha: When Adhimantha is not cured by any any treatment described by acharya sushruta.

As a last resolve Dahana karma is indicated by Acharya Vagabhata And Yogratnakara

Location: Above the eyebrows.

Karna roga- Karna arsha. Karna arbuda.

Nasa roga- Nasa arsha. Nasa arbuda.

Nasa shotha.

Mukharoga- Medoja oshthaprakopa.

Jalaarbuda. Dantavidradhi. Dantanadi. Krumidanta. Medoja gala ganda.

Shiro roga- Vataja shiroroga. Ardhavabhedaka.

Contra indications

- 1. pitta constitution person
- 2. internal suspected bleeder
- 3. suspected perforation of gut.
- 4. foreign body inside patient.
- 5. disabled, paediatric, gastric, pregnant, fearful, multiple ulcerated, not to be sedated.

Benefits of Agnikarma-

This management is superior to medicinal surgical, alkali, interventions.

It is on skin, little deeper at muscle, tendon, vessels, or bonds for joints, alinment and practiced for warts.

Functional loss, pains, headache, red patches on skin and such others.

Mode of action of Agnikarma

it increases the vasodilatation, rate of metabolism, capillary permeability, delivery of leukocytes, elasticity of ligaments capsule, muscles and nerve conduction.

removal of metabolic waste.

analgesia, sedation of nerve.

decrease oedema formation muscle tone, muscle spasm, perspiration.

these effect will depend upon-

size of area heated.

duration of heat.

method of application.

depth of absorption of specific radiation.

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