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AN AYURVEDIC MANAGEMENT OF POST OPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS IN TRANSITIONAL CELL CARCINOMA OF THE BLADDER - A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Immunotherapy & Chemotherapy are widely used treatment in bladder cancer. The present case study explore the effectiveness of Ayurvedic treatment in Post – operative complications in a patient with Transitional Cell Carcinoma of the Bladder¹⁰. The patient underwent resection of tumour in bladder followed by Immunotherapy for 1 year. There after he developed complications of excessive urination associated with burning micturition with daily disturbed activities. According to Ayurveda it is co-related with Mutratita¹. Hence the patient was managed exclusively through a comprehensive Ayurvedic treatment protocol which focuses to manage symptoms & support overall health. This case highlights the exclusive use of Ayurvedic Intervention in post-operative complications of tumour resection resulting in significant clinical improvement without reliance on conventional medical management.

KEYWORDS: Transitional Cell Carcinoma, [10] tumour resection, Immunotherapy, Mutratita. [1]

INTRODUCTION

Case reports play a significant role in documenting unique clinical presentation, novel

management approaches, approaches, and successfull therapeutic outcomes. From a modern pathophysiological view, post-operative complications commonly involve local tissue inflammation, oxidative stress, microbial colonization, and altered urinary physiology. Inflammatory mediators (prostaglandins, cytokines) and oxidative free radicals prolong healing, while urinary stasis predisposes to infection and dysuria. Thus, an ideal post-operative regimen should be anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant, diuretic, and wound-healing supportive. Conventional management of post-operative complications often relies on analgeics, antibiotics, and supportive care. This Case report presents a patient with post-operative complications managed successfully with an integrative Ayurvedic approach, demonstrating its clinical utility and relevance in present-day surgical practice.

CASE REPORT

A 56 years old male patient working as a Veterniary Surgeon approached OPD of SV Ayurvedic medical college and Hospital, Tirupati, department of Shalya tantra on 19/12/2023 with Complaints of increased frequency of micturition(D/N: 35/20 times /day) since 8months. Associated with burning micturition, unable to hold the urge not even for shorter period (i.e.,<2min). Detailed history of patient revealed that Patient was apparently normal before 2 years he suddenly developed reddish discoloration of urine gradually followed by dropping blood clots through urine. So he consulted allopathic hospital and after doing some investigation they diagnosed it as Transitional cell carcinoma in bladder measuring of 38×38×40 mm(AP×TR×CC) at 1-4'O Clock position. So he underwent surgical treatment of tumour resection in urinary bladder followed by Immunotherapy 1year ago, after few months he started suffering with increased frequency of micturition (D/N: 35/20 times /day) associated with burning micturition and unable to hold the urge not even for shorter period(2min), he consulted many hospitals but didn't found any relief. As these complaints started disturbing the daily activities, he visited to SVAYH for better treatment.

PAST HISTORY

No H/O Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension

Surgical History- Undergone Tumour resection in urinary bladder in a year 2023 followed by Immunotherapy for 1 year.

FAMILY HISTORY

Nothing specific

Personal History

•	Diet	: mixed	Bowel: regular
•	Appetite	: moderate	Sleep : disturbed

• **Micturition:** Increased frequency (D/N:35/20times/day)

• Addiction: Nil

GENERAL EXAMINATION

Built	-Moderate,	Height -152cms,
Nourishment	-Moderate,	Weight - 52 Kg,
Temperature	- 98.4 F,	Pallor - Absent,
Respiratory rate	-20/min,	Edema- Absent,
Pulse rate	- 82 bpm,	Clubbing-Absent

Lymphadenopathy- Absent, Tongue-Uncoated.

SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION

CVS - S1 S2 Normal

CNS - Well Oriented, conscious

R.S - Normal vesicular breathing, no added sounds P/A - Soft, No Organomegaly

ASHTA VIDHA PARIKSHA

Nadi: 82bpm,

Mootra: bahu mutrata (D/N: 40-45times/day) Mala: Once a day (abadda mala)

Jihwa: Alipta Shabda: Avisesha

Sparsha: Anushna sheeta Druk: Avisesha Aakruti: Madhyama

DASHA VIDHAPARIKSHA

1. Prakruti: Vata + kapha pradhana tridoshaja 8. **Aahara Shakti**:

2. Vikruti: Madhyama Abhyavaharana: Madhyama

3. Sara: Madhyama Jarana Shakti: Madhyama

4. Samhanana: Madhyama 9. VyayamaShakti: Madhyama

5. Pramana: Madhayama 10. Vaya: Madhyama

6. Satmya: Madhyama

7. Satva: Madhyama

Vyadi Vinischaya: Mutratita^[1]

LAB INVESTIGATIONS
Bloodgroup - B+ve
Hb -12.2gm%
BT - 3min 2sec
CT - 5min11sec
RBS - 104 mg/dl
ESR - 30mg/dl
VDRL - Non reactive
HIV - Non reactive
HbsAG - Negative

Urine Routine examination-
Sugar - Nil
Albumin- Nil
Microscopic examination- pus cells- 16-18cells/hps
Epi cells -6-8cells/hpf

ABDOMINO - PELVIC USG on 19/12/2023

K/c/o Transitional cell carcinoma - post operative Immunotherapy

• Mild cystitis with significant post residual urine

• Pre void: 80ml Post void: 40mL

TIME LINE OF THE CASE

Date & day of visit	Patient summary from initial and f/u visit and description of symptoms and signs	Treatment Interventions
19/12/2023	Increased frequency and urgency of micturition (D/N:30/20 times/day) and burning micturition +++	 Sariba Rasayanam 10ml twice daily before food Palasha pushpa kshara 1pinch bd with luke warm water after food. Tab Chandra Prabha vati 1 tab twice daily after food. Tab. Tarakeshwara Ras 1 tab twice daily after food.
12/02/2024	1st follow Up visit –OPD Moderate relief in frequency and urgency of micturition and burning micturition ++	Continued the same treatment f/b Dietary and life style odification explained.
12/03/2024	2nd Follow Up visit - OPD Moderate relief in urinary system	 Tab. Nishamalaki 1 tab twice daily before food Tab. Neo 1 tab twice daily after food Tab. Tarakeswar ras 1tab twice daily after food Tab. Neeri 1tab twice daily after

		 food Chandanasavam 15ml thrice daily with equal water after food Dietary and life style modification continued
19/04/2024	3rd Follow Up Visit- OPD Significant relief in urinary symptoms	Dietary and life style modification continued
12/05/2024	4th Follow Up Visit- OPD Normal frequency of micturition	 Continued with same treatment f/b Dietary and life style modification continued

^{*}Diet - Normal bland diet, avoid excessive salty, sour and spicy food, ginger, non-veg etc.,

^{*}Life style – advised Sitz bath twice daily upto 15-20min, avoidance of excessive work, stress, worries and excessive sun exposure and to maintain proper perineal hygiene.

USG ABDOMEN AND PELVIS BEFORE TREATMENT (19/12/2023)	AFTER TREATMENT (07/03/2024)
K/c/o Transitional cell carcinoma - post operative Immunotherapy. Mild cystitis with significant post residual urine. Pre void: 80ml Post void: 40ml	K/c/o Transitional cell carcinoma - post operative Immunotherapy. No significant post residual urine. Pre void: 120ml Post void: 80ml.

OBSERVATIONS AND RESULTS

Table 1: Showing signs and symptoms.

Signs and symptoms	Before treatment	After treatment
Daha	Present	Absent
Ruja	Present	Absent
Peetamutrata	Present	Absent
Muhurmutrapravrutti	Present	Absent
Udarashoola	Present	Absent
Urine microscopic examination	Puscells-16-18cells/hpf	Puscells-1-2cells/hpf
	Epicells-6-8cells/hpf	Epicells-2-3cells/hpf

RESULTS

The pain intensity was reduced as there was a progression of frequency of micturition & holding capacity of urge. Burning micturition significantly reduced and got completely cured after his Fourth sitting.

DISCUSSION

Post-operative complications of Transitional Cell Carcinoma (TCC) of the bladder, such as dysuria, burning micturition, hematuria, wound-related issues, and general debility, often impact recovery and quality of life. In conventional practice, antibiotics, analgesics, and

supportive care are employed; however, these may not always provide satisfactory long-term relief.

From an Ayurvedic standpoint, such complications can be correlated with Mutravaha Srotas Dushti involving Pitta-Kapha vitiation and Dhatu Kshaya. The treatment principle emphasizes Mutrala (diuretic), Shothahara (anti-inflammatory), Vrana Ropaka (wound healing), Rasayana (rejuvenative), and Agnideepana therapies, along with suitable lifestyle modifications.

In this case,

- ➤ Palasha^[3] Pushpa Kshara^[2] was given orally for its Mutrala and Shothahara action.
- ➤ **Tablet Neeri**^[9] and **Tablet Neo** acted as urinary antiseptic and Mutravirechaka, reducing dysuria and recurrent urinary tract infection.
- > Chandraprabha Vati^[8] was included for its Mutrala, Shothahara, and Agnideepana properties, which improved urine output and reduced inflammation.
- ➤ Tab. Nishamalaki^[4] provided Rasayana and Prameha-hara action, strengthening immunity and balancing metabolism.
- > Tab. Tarkeshwar Ras, [4] being Shoolahara and Agnideepana, helped relieve pain and burning micturition.
- > Chandanasava, [4] with its cooling and Pitta-Shamana properties, alleviated burning sensation and improved urinary flow.
- Additionally, dietary regulation, hydration, and lifestyle modifications were advised to maintain Agni and prevent recurrence. comprehensive approach to managing Mutratita (urinary retention).

The combined use of these formulations work synergistically & resulted in significant reduction of dysuria, burning micturition, and hematuria, Break down obstruction (srotoshodhana), Improve urinary flow, Support renal function and urinary tract health alongside improvement in appetite, wound healing, and overall well-being. Earlier reports also highlight the efficacy of Chandraprabha Vati and Neeri in urinary tract disorders and Mutravaha Srotas diseases. Thus, Ayurvedic management, as demonstrated in this case, provided effective post-operative support and enhanced the patient's quality of life.

CONCLUSIONS

The present study entitled with "An Ayurvedic management of Post Operative

Complications in Transitional Cell Carcinoma of the Bladder - A Case Study".

The preliminary analysis of this observatory report indicates that suggested Ayurvedic treatment protocol is effective in post operative complications of tumour.

The primary goals of Ayurvedic treatment plans are to re-establish the body's natural defences capacity of self healing. This will strengthen and rejuvenate targeted body systems to support long term recovery from illness. The effectiveness observed after he treatment phase sustained across the follow-up period of 6 months as well. The interventions improved urinary symptoms, reduced discomfort, and promoted better recovery. Ayurveda offers a promising supportive role in integrative oncology care^[7], though further clinical studies are required to establish standardized protocols.

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