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# NEUROPLASTICITY AND NEURO RIGIDITY DISEASES AND IT'S TREATMENT ACCORDING TO AYURVEDA - A CRITICAL REVIEW

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**ABSTRACT** 

Ayurveda Treatment is the best way of healing Neurological disorders. Ayurveda drugs can affect brain, central and autonomic nervous systems. Being the oldest holistic healing system, Ayurveda provides the perfect and unique Neurological disorders treatment. There are various kinds of Neurological disorders affect lots of people all over the world, such as Alzheimer's disease (AD), Epilepsy, Multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Migraines. If there are sufferings from Neurological disorders, Ayurvedic treatment can be beneficial for all conditions. Ayurveda treats illness and prevents diseases. It can maintain the balance between mind, body, and soul. Undeniably, Ayurveda has become increasingly popular all over the world. It has plenty of physical and psychological benefits.

**KEYWORDS:** Healing, Autonomic, Epilepsy, Ayurveda, Physical.

### INTRODUCTION

Vata is the prime dosha. Owing to its incorporeal nature and instability is inaccessible in comparison to other two dosha. The inaccessibility is characterized in regard to its functional and physical attributes but is more relevant regarding the therapeutic aspect. Vata is also explained as achintyaveerya and propeller of all functional elements in the body.<sup>[1]</sup>

The most prevalent Vatavyadhis in today's era are Pakshaghata (stroke), Sandhigata Vata (osteoarthritis), Katigata Vata (spondylosis), Gridhrasi (sciatica), Asthimajjagata Vata (ankylosing spondilitis) and Vatarakta (gout). Etc. Acharayas have classified the types of Chikitsa i.e. Shamana & Shodhana. Panchakarma is Shodhana Chikitsa Prakara which involves various therapeutic procedures like Snehana, Swedana, Vamana, Virechana, Basti and Shirovirechana beneficial in eliminating vitiated Vata along with other Dosha in body resulting in permanent relief and non-recurrence of Vatavyadhis. In Ayurveda Classics Musculoskeletal conditions can be related with the various diseases described under Vatavyadhi. Musculoskeletal conditions are characterized by pain, restricted movements and loss of functional ability, which restrict a person's ability to work and related day to day activities, which in turn affects mental well being. The data by WHO represents that painful musculoskeletal condition are prevalent in 20-30% of people across the globe. Pain and restricted mobility are the main features in musculoskeletal disorders. So now a day Panchakarma therapies are being used worldwide in musculoskeletal disorders which are correlated with Vatavyadhis mentioned in Ayurved classics. [2]

In facial paralysis, nasal medication, overhead application of oil, tarpana, tubular fomentation and poultices prepared of the flesh of aquatic animals are beneficial.

In hemiplegia, sudation with unctuous preparations and purgation are beneficial.

In sciatica, venesection of the vein situated between medially situated tendon (kandhara) and gulpha, enema and cauterization should be resorted.

In khalli, hot poultices prepared with milk pudding or krishara or flesh mixed with oil and ghee are beneficial.

In lock jaw; in case of opened fixed mouth, the jaw should be subjected to sudation procedure first and then it should be pressed downwards by the thumbs (inserting in the mouth and pressing on the molar teeth) and pushed upwards by fingers (which are placed externally below the chin) is beneficial. So, the subluxated part will reach its proper position. In stiffness it should be subjected to sudation procedure and flexed. For immersion bath, vessel should be filled with the decoction of the leaves curative of vata or with medicated milk or oil.

Affusion is recommended after a good oil massage to the patient suffering from vata disorder.

Cook in a pot the flesh of wetland and aquatic creatures, dashamoola, asparagus, horse-gram, jujube, black gram, sesame, rasna, barley and sida along with fat, curds, acetic acid and sour articles and administer this in the form of kettle sudation. This in the form of paste may also be used as poultice. And medicated ghee and oil prepared with this may be used for external massage as well as internal administration.

The preparations made of musta, yeast, sesame, kushtha, devadaru, rock salt and nata, along with curds milk and the four varieties of unctuous articles should be used as poultice.

The physician should give on the painful part, a thick application prepared of pancakes, vesavara preparation, milk, black gram, sesame, boiled rice, castor seeds, wheat, barley, badara, and sthira etc mixed with unctuous articles. This application should be at night and bandaged with caster leaves, and the bandage should be removed the next morning. Then the part should be poured with milk added with water and again poultice. The bandage which is applied during the day must be of leather with fur, and it should be removed at night. Medicated ghee, prepared with the paste of chitraka, dry-ginger, rasna, pushkara, long pepper and shathi is excellent to cure vata-disorders.<sup>[3]</sup>

#### Amritadi tailam

Prepare decoction of 2000 tolas (24 kg) of guduchi in 5 drones (98.304l) of water by reducing to ¼th its quantity. Later add 512 tolas (60144l) of sesame oil and equal quantity of milk in this decoction, along with paste of 1 tola (12 gm) each of cardamom, ela, mamsi, nata, ushira, sariva, kushtha, chandana, bala, tamalaki, meda, shatapushpa, riddhi, jeevaka, kakoli, ksheerakakoli, shravani, atibala, nakha, mahashravani, jeevanti,vidari, kapikacchu, shatavari, mahameda, karkata, harenu, vacha, gokshura, eranda, rasna, kala, sahachara, bala, veera, shallaki, musta, tvak, patra, rishabhaka, balaka, ela, kunkuma, sprikka and three tolas (36 gm) of manjishtha and 32 tolas (384 gm) of yashtimadhu. It restores the health of those affected with reduced semen, digestive power and vitality. Normalizes individuals with insanity and epilepsy and is excellent to cure vata disorder. This is the amritadya taila propounded by preceptor krishnatreya who was respected by reverent physicians. [4]

## Rasna taila

The medicated oil is prepared by taking 1024 tolas (12.2881) of oil and cooking it in 4000 tolas (481) of the decoction of rasna along with the paste of the fragrant groups of drugs grown in the Himalayas, as well as the cardamom group of drugs. This oil is curative of vata.

A similar preparation of ashvagandha and prasarani and the two varieties of sida or the medicated oil of sida and other drugs may be prepared using these drugs individually in the form of decoction, paste or milk.<sup>[5]</sup>

#### DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The Ayurvedic Classical texts mentions the Panchakarma procedures to manage the complaints of Vatavyadhi. The Purvakarma procedures like Snehana & Swedana relaxes, provides tone to the muscles & promotes the blood circulation. Whereas, Pradhanakarmas involving Vamana, Virechana, Basti, Nasya and Rakta-mokshan are very much beneficial in eradicating the vitiated Vata Dosha, thereby relieving the symptoms and signs of various Vatavyadhi. Panchakarma Chikitsa is beneficial in management of many types of Musculoskeletal Disorder. These procedures also promotes strength of the persons, maintains health & longevity.

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