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AYURVEDIC MANAGEMENT OF *PHALINI YONIVYAPAD* W.S.R. CYSTOCELE: A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda has elaborated on gynaecological disorders under the entity of *Yonivyapad*. Ayurveda also explains the condition of pelvic organ prolapse, which is a significant health concern for women. The approach of Ayurveda towards life is very unique; it concentrates on regimens to be followed to stay healthy. According to WHO, the global prevalence of uterine prolapse is 2-20%, which is directly proportional to the age of the woman. In Ayurveda, *Phalini Yonivyapad* can be correlated to 2nd-degree vaginal wall descent with or without 1st-degree cervical descent. Ayurvedic management can be adopted for this condition through *Stanika chikista* and oral medications.

Key words: Pelvic organ prolapse, Phalini Yonivyapad, Sthanika Chikista

INTRODUCTION

According to Acharya Charaka, Mithya Achara, Pradusta Artava, Bija Dusti and Daiva are considered Samanaya Nidana for all Yoni Vyapad¹. Pelvic organs prolapse is one of the common complaints of older women in gynaecological practice. The incidence is around 9 per 100 women per year, in which

the highest incidence of symptoms occurs between the ages of 70-79 years². The prevalence of this condition increases with age. Pelvic organs prolapse is a significant health concern for menopausal women. Causes of prolapse are multifactorial and result from weak pelvic supporting connective tissues and muscles and ligament injury. Cystocele is formed by laxity and descent of the upper 2/3rd of the anterior vaginal wall³. Among these *Phalini Yoni Vyapad* explained the condition of cystocele well. The Conservative line of management is with a pessary, which has several side effects and is only temporary. Ayurveda has mentioned various modalities for managing prolapse, such as *Yoni pichu* and *Yoni prakshalana*, and for conducting a balanced lifestyle.

AIM AND OBJECTIVE

• To assess the efficacy of *Ayurveda* treatment in managing *Phalini Yoni Vyapad*.

CASE REPORT

A 73-year-old female patient visited OPD of the Dept of *Prasooti Tantra* and *Stree Roga* of AAMC on 24/05/2022 with complaints of mass per vagina during exertion for two years. The patient was healthy two years ago. Gradually she developed a feeling of something coming out from her vagina with excessive exertion activities. She had five standard deliveries without any complications. The typical regular menstrual pattern was continued till menopause, which she attained at 50 years old. With the abovementioned complaint, she came to AAMC, Moodbidri, for treatment and further management.

PAST HISTORY

No H/o any other chronic illness

No H/o HTN/DM/ Asthma / Thyroid dysfunction

PAST TREATMENT HISTORY

Nothing significant

FAMILY HISTORY

Nothing significant

MENSTRUAL/OBSTETRIC HISTORY

Menarche – 16 yrs of age

Menopause – 50 years of age

MENSTRUAL HISTORY-

Nature - Regular

Interval - 28 - 30 days

Duration - 4 days

No of pads - 2 pads/day

$OBSTETRIC\ HISTORY-P_{5\ (hospital\ deliveries)}L_{5}\ A_{2}$

- 1 Female (FTND)
- 2 Male (FTND)

- 3 -Spontaneous Abortion at 2nd month
- 4 Female (FTND)
- 5- Male (FTND)
- 6- Abortion at 2nd month
- 7- Female (FTND)

GENERAL EXAMINATION –

- Built Average
- Nourishment Moderate
- Height 148cm
- Weight 55 kg
- Temperature- 98.6°F
- Pulse rate- 82 bpm
- Respiratory rate- 20/ m
- B.P-136 / 90 mmhg
- Pal-

lor/Icterus/Clubbing/Cyanosis/Lymphadenopathy/Edema -Absent

• Tongue- Uncoated

SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION

- CNS Well-oriented with time, place and person
- RS B/L equal air entry
- CVS No added sounds
- P/A Inspection -No abnormal skin lesion, scar, or mass was detected; Palpation - Soft, no tenderness, no organomegaly

GYNECOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Breast Examination- B/L Breasts atrophied **Inspection of vulva** –

- Pubic hair scanty
- Vulva normal
- Clitoris- normal
- Labia normal
- Discharge absent
- Swelling absent
- No evidence of pruritus

Per Speculum Examination— cervix healthy, no abnormal discharge

Per Vaginal Examination- Uterus Anteverted, Atro-

phied, Cystocele-Present (3rd degree)

Table No 1. Treatment Timeline of *Phalini Yoni*

Date	Treatment given	Duration	Observation
31/5/2022 to	Abhyantara Chikitsa		31/5/2022
15/6/2022	Tab. <i>Chandraprabha Vati</i> ⁴ 1BD (A/F)	15 days	-Cystocele present (3 rd degree)
	Cap.Ksheerabala ⁵ 2BD(A/F)		-Feeling of mass p/v on exertion
	Sthanika chikitsa		present
	Yoni Abhyanga with Ksheerabala Taila 30 ml	15 days	
	Followed by Nadi Swedana with Dashamoola	15 days	
	Ksheera		
31/5/2022 to	Yoni Pichu with CharngeryadiGhrita ⁶ : quantity	15 days	15/06/2022
15/6/2022	enough to soak the pichu		-Cystocele reduced (1st degree)
	Kegel's exercise ⁷		-Feeling of mass p/v even with
	10 sets, repeat 3 times a day	15 days	exertion improved.
Follow up	Chandraprabha Vati 2 BD	15 days	
15/06/2022 to	Pelvic Floor Exercise		
30/06/2022			

Procedure:

Consent was taken before starting the procedure. The bladder was emptied before starting the procedure. Under aseptic precautions, *Yoni Abhyanga* and *Nadi Swedana* were done with *Ksheerabala Taila5* and *Dashamoola Ksheera*, respectively, for 10 minutes. After that, *Yoni pichu* with *Charngeryadi Ghrita* was inserted in the vagina. The patient was instructed to

remove the *Pichu* when she felt the urge to micturition.

PATHYA -

Aahara- Vata pitta shamaka aahara, Dugdha, Mansaras, Lashuna

Vihara- Kegel's exercise 10 sets repeat three times per day

APATHYA -

Aahara – Vata pitta vardhakaaahara, Manda Vihara- Strenuous work

TABLE NO 2: Effect of treatment on Phalini Yoni



Before Treatment



After Treatment

DISCUSSION

Acharya Sushruta says that when a young woman has coitus with a man with a considerable size of penis, then she suffers from *Phalini*⁸. *Phalini Yoni* (protu-

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berant like a fruit or an egg), clinically, this entity is seen when the vaginal wall descents at least at the level of introitus, that is, second-degree vaginal wall prolapse. Phalini Yoni exactly correlates to seconddegree vaginal wall (anterior/posterior compartment) prolapse with or without first-degree uterine (middle compartment) prolapse. As per involvement of Doshas, Phalini voni vyapad may have Vata lakshana, like dryness and pain; Pitta lakshana, like burning sensation; Kapha lakshana, like unctuousness and itching in the vagina. The objective of the treatment here was to target the causative factors, improve the tonicity of perineal muscles and prevent further descent of genital organs. External use of Ksheerabalatailaby doing Yoni abhyanga pacifies Vata dosha due to ageing. It causes the rejuvenation of tissues, thus decreasing the hardness of displaced organs and firmness of soft tissues to facilitate the correction of organ prolapse. It also enhances the strength of local muscles and ligaments by organ mobilisation. Nadi swedana karma with Dashamoola ksheera aims to clear the passages, decrease laxity and relieve pain by Sthanika vatashamana.

Yoni pichu imparts strength to the vaginal muscle and Dhaatu, subside the vitiated Doshas, relieves the pain, and thus heals the damage that occurred due to the pelvic tissues stretching. Chandraprabha Vati has Tridoshahara, Balya and Rasayana properties. Charngeryadi Ghritais indicated in Guda bhramsa, which is Mamsa dhatu pradhana. Similarly, yoni is also Mamsa dhatu pradhana, so Charngeryadi Ghrita is used here to strengthen pelvic muscles. Ghrita has a Pitta-Vata Shamaka Guna, and because of its Sanskaranuvartini property, it will also gain the properties of Charngeryadi Dravyas, which is Vata shamka and Balya. These drugs will help Prasramsini Yonivyapad by its Vatashamaka property and give

balya to pelvic muscles. Kegel's exercisestrengthens the pelvic floor muscles.

CONCLUSION

The study showed highly significant results in the management of *Phalini yonivyapad*. The *Yoni Abhyanga*, *Nadi Swedana*, *and Pichu helped relieve* symptoms related to prolapse.So, it can be concluded that, through analysing involved *Doshas*, the treatment used in the present study imparted strength to the vaginal walls. It also acted as preventive care in Grade 1 pelvic organ prolapse from advancing to higher degrees and, thus, preventing further complications.

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