Leucorrhea an Ayurvedic perspective

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Menstrual Health Yoni Swasthya

- Window into the human body
- Understanding_dosha imbalances
- Byproduct of the first layer, *Rasa Dhatu*, or the plasma after nourishment
- Rakta Dhatu releases excess Pitta during cycles
- Dosha Vitiation of these layers due to Diet & Lifestyle



Common Menstrual Disorders

- PCOS polycystic ovarian syndrome
- Leucorrhea (& Vaginal Discharges)
- Dysmannrohoea
- Premenstrual Syndrome
- Menorrhagia

Leucorrhoea/ Shweta-Pradara & Its Ayurvedic References

- Found in around 65% of women
- Mainly Caused due to Kapha Dosha Vitiation
- SHWETA = White
- PRADARA = Discharge

- Aacharya Charaka described it in Kaphaja Yonivyapada.
- Acharya Yogratnakar also described Pradar Roga and its types.

Understanding Leucorrhea

SHWETA PRADARA

What Is Leucorrhoea?

Excessive discharge of white, thick, sticky and foul smelling material from vagina is termed as leucorrhea.

Mucus membrane and gland which are present in upper part of vagina, uterus and fallopian tube produces secretions which are reabsorbed in the lower part of vagina.

This secretion helps in maintaining healthy vagina by keeping its moist, lubricated, and flexible.

Normal vaginal discharge is milky, watery & odorless And quantities of this secretion are as much it requires to moist vagina.

| A) Physiologica | B) Pathological |
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| Usually before and after menstruation and ovulation during pregnancy during sexual excitement | Due to inflamations- Cervicitis- caused by STDs , Vaginal yeast infection Lack of hygiene Trichomonal Vaginitis Injuries to cervix during pregnancy |
| milky, watery & odourless Quantity – enough to keep Vagina moist | Froathy, Yellowish, itching, foul smelling |
| Generally no medication is required for this kind of leucorrhea | Medication required; Nutrition enhancement needed |

Normal Discharge or Pathological?

Two Types -

Hetus &
Lakshanas
Causes &
symptoms of
Shweta Pradara

(Leucorrhoea)

Hetu/Causes

(Ref.:Yogratnakar)

Viruddha Aahara (Incompatible food),

adhyashana overeating

Ajirna (Indigestion)

Garbhapata (Miscarriage)

Ati maithuna (excessive indulgence in sex)

Atishoka (grief)

Abhighata (injury)

Divaswapna (day sleep)

Lakshanas/Symptoms

- Lower back pain
- Lower abdominal pain
- General tiredness
- Constipation/Indigestion
- Irritation & Itching in the genitals

Samprapti

Vitiated Kapha Dosha (Along with other factor)



Badly affects Yoni (Dushti)



White Colored Liquid With Kandu (Itch) & Vedna (Pain)



- ➤ Restoring & Balancing the Agni (Metabolic/Digestive Fire) in order to clean to toxins accumulated.
- To bring vitiated Kapha Dosha back to normalcy.
- To tone the reproductive system increasing general well being of the patient.

Pushyanuga Churnam

Churna Kalpana- Dry substances reduced to find powder by disintegrate machine and sieved and mixed together, this powder preparation is known as churna kalpana

Pushyanuga Churnam- A combination of 26 herbs ground and combines into a homogenized mixture.

Reference- Bhaishajya Ratnavali

Dosage- 2-3 Gram; Before Meals Thrice a day;

With Ghee or with Rice Water for Two Months

Ingredients

- Patha Cyclea peltata
- Jambu-bija majja Eugenia jambolana
- amra-bija majja Mango
- Pashan bheda
- Daruharidra
- Ambasthaki Cissampelos pareira
- Mocharasa (Shalmali) Salmalia malabarica
- Lajjalu Padma kesara (Kamala) Nelumbo nucifera

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Discussion

- Symptom of an underlying disease
- Affects Physical and mental healtha of women
- Pushyanuga Churnam Effects-

Rasas- Kashaya, Tikta

Virya(Potency)- Ushna(Warm)

Affect On Dosha- Kapha Hara

Agni Deepaka (Restores Metabolic fire)

Gunas -Grahi; Stambhaka

Kandughna; Krimighna(reduces itching& fungal Infection)

Conclusion

- Results: The above study shows that Pushyanuga churna is found very useful in treatment of leucorrhea. After using Pushyanuga churna symptoms like itching, white discharge can be reduced.
- Additionally Rasayan Chikitsa; Yogasanas that are Apana Vayu balancing; Meditations should be practiced to have a complete all-round health and well being.



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