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Ayurvedic Management Of Darunak W.S.R. To Dandruff - A Review

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ABSTRACT:

According to Ayurveda *Tvak* and *Nakha* are the *Updhatu* of *Asthi dhatu* which is formed from *asthi dhatu* metabolism. In some individuals *tvak* is very sensitive organ; even environmental changes like cold, heat and other factors like cosmetics and chemical shampoo also occurred harmful effect on it that sometimes leads to *kapalgat roga like darunaka* w.s.r. Dandruff. *Darunaka* is also considering under the umbrella of *kshudra rogas* in Ayurveda. It is caused due to unbalance of *dosha*. Main *Dosha* are involved in *darunaka is Kapha and Vata dosha*. The condition like *darunaka c*an be managed by comprehensive approach like diet, detoxification procedures along with some internal medication.

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INTRODUCTION:

Avurveda is one of the most important ancient system of life, health and care. The first aim of Ayurveda is to maintain the healthy status of the people with the prevention from diseases and second one is to treat the diseases. Our Acharya divided Ayurveda in to eight branches, which deals with different parts of the body. Among the Ashthanga, Urdhvanga Chikitsa or Shalakya Chikitsa is described. Urdhvanga Chikitsa is also known as Urdhva Jatrugata *Chikitsa¹*. Modern day lifestyle, feeding habits, pollutants, stress level, decreased immunity etc. have all caused a considerable increase in diseases, mostly related to lifestyle, stress and allergy specifically involving the skin and respiratory system. Hairs play an important role in the personality, beautifulness and confidence. Common hair problems that interfere the beauty of an individual are graying of hair, hair-fall, roughness, brittle hair, split ends and dandruff.

Dandruff is common disorders affecting the skin of the scalp and can be an embarrassing condition. This disease has a high prevalence rate and frequent relapses. Dandruff is found to affect 50% of the world population². In *Ayurveda* the nearest correlation of dandruff can be made with *"Darunaka"*. *Darunaka* is the noninflammatory. It is a disease concerned to scalp which is the most common cause of cracking of the skin and itching with hair loss³.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE -

The purpose of the study is to collect and compile Ayurveda management

of *Darunaka* w.s.r. to Dandruff from various ancient classical Ayurveda texts.

MATERIAL AND METHOD –

The literary study has been conducted through various ancient text like- *Charak samhita, Sushruta Samhita and Astang Hridayam.* Various website are also referred in this context.

DISCUSSION -

Darunaka

The word "*Darunaka*" is derived from Verb.

- *Darayati* splitting or difficult to tolerate
- Darunawat Kyati Iti means it is very difficult to tolerate⁴.
- *Dalhana says darun* means Kathina⁵, or difficult to tolerate.

Darunaka is a very common disease with great prevalence rate. It affects the

scalp. Scalp is the covering skin of skull or it is called Kapala in Ayurvedic texts. Darunaka is categorized under different type of disease by various Acharya. It is explained as Kapalagata roga by Vagbhatta⁶ Sharangdhara⁷, and Sushruta⁸, Kshudraroga by Bhavaprakasha⁹, Madhavakara¹⁰ Chakradatta¹¹. All Acharya have the same opinion about the seat of this disease, which is Kapalagata.

Nidana¹²-

In Ayurveda literature there is no any clear cut reference regarding the causative factors of *Darunaka*. All the *Nidana* described by various Acharya for *Shiroroga* can be classified under four broad categories with *dosha involvment*:

- 1. Aharatmaka Nidana
- 2. Viharatmaka Nidana
- 3. Manasa Nidana

Relationship Between Nidana and Dosha

Aharaja Nidana

S.N.	Cause	Dosha
1	Amla Ahara Ati Sevana	Kapha and Pitta
2	Ati Sheeta Ambu Sevana	Vata
3	Guru Ahara	Kapha
4	Harita Ahara Sevana	Vata
5	Sheeta Ahara Sevana	Kapha and Vata
6	Ati MadyaPanna	Pitta

Viharaja <mark>ni</mark>dana

S.N.	Cause	Dosha
1	Tapa Ati Sevana	Pitta and Rakta
2	Ati Swapna	Kapha
3	Diva Swapna	Kapha
4	Jagarana	Vata
5	Pragvata	Pitta
6	Rajaha Sevana	Pitta and Rakta
7	Ati Maithuna	Vata
8	Bhaspa Nigraha	Vata
9	Rodana	Vata
10	Vegadharana	Vata
11	Abhyangadvesa	Vata
12	Mrija dvesa	Kapha

Manasa Nidana of Darunaka

S.N.	Cause	Dosha
1	Manahsantapa	Vata

PURVARUPA

Purvarupa denotes the symptoms that manifest incompletely before the Vyaktavastha¹³. No reference is available regarding *purvarupa of Darunaka* in the classics.

.SAMPRAPTI¹⁵

RUPA¹⁴

Kandu (Itching), Keshacyuti (falling of hair), *Swapa* (abnormalities of touch sensation), *Rukshata* (roughness or dryness of the skin), *Daruna* (difficult in tolerance) and *Twaksphutana* (breaking or cracking of the skin) are the cardinal symptoms of the disease *Darunaka*

Nidana Sevana

Vitiation of Kapha and Vata Dosha

Vitiation of Rasa and Rakta Dhatu

Vitiation of Rasavaha, Raktavaha, Medovaha, and Swedovaha Strotas

Circulation of vitiated Dosha through blood vessel and reach the scalp



SAMPRAPTI GHATAKA

1	Dosha	Kapha, Vata
2	Dushya	Twak, Rakta
3	Strotas	Medovaha and Swedavaha
4	Adhishthana	Kapalagata
5	Vyaktisthana	Kapala

UPASHAYA - ANUPASHAYA

No particular descriptions available in the classics about the *Upashaya* and *Anupashaya*. As per the *samprapti Vata-Kaphahara Chikitsa and Ahara-Vihara is Upashaya*.

SADHY- ASADHYATA

Darunaka is a curable disease as it limits itself in *Twak*. Even though it is curable, the rate of recurrence is high owing to the negligence of proper hygiene and such other factors.

VYAVACCHEDAKA NIDANA

Darunaka is required to be differentiated from Kapalagata Vyadhi especially from Indralupta and Arumsika. Following are the points of differentiation which are mostly based on the clinical experience. These are necessary in ascertaining Darunaka.

Showing the Vyavacchedaka Nidana of Darunaka and Indraluptha¹⁶

S.NO	Darunaka	Indralupta
1	Non-specific hair loss	Hair loss in specific pattern
2	Hair loss is less and gradual	Hair loss is more and rapid
3	Hair loss occurs only in scalp.	Hair loss occurs from head bearded area.
4	<i>Kandu</i> is more	Kandu is less
5	Twaksphutana is present	Twaksphutana is absent

Showing the Vyavacchedaka nidana of Darunaka and Arumshika¹⁷

S.NO	Darunaka	Arumshika
1	No Pidika	Multimouthed pidaka
2	Kleda and Srava are absent	Kleda and Srava are Present
3	Occurs among all age groups.	Occurs usually among children.
4	No Krimi Darshana	Frequent Krimi Darshana.
5	No patches of hair loss	patches of hair loss Present

PREVENTION

Maintenance of personal hygiene is most important for the prevention of disease. Recurrence rate increases if proper hygiene is neglected. *Acharya Sushruta* had given importance for maintaining personal hygiene in his *Nidanasthana¹⁸*. *Acharya Charaka* had stated that regular usage of oil and washing the scalp can prevent this disease to a great extent¹⁹.

CHIKITSA VIVECHANA

In Vangsen samhita a common treatment for all the Kshudraroga are given as-Shastra karma, Kshara Karma, Agnikarma, Lepan, Shonitamokshana²⁰. In Ayurveda literature references regarding the dietary measures and various treatment modalities for Darunaka are explained by different Acharya.

The treatments indicated for *Darunaka in Ayurveda are Siravedhana, Shiro* -*Abhyanga, Shiro-Lepa and Nasya, Shiro-Basti, Shiro-Prakshalana.* Various *Ayurvediya* formulations are prescribed to cure the disease *Darunaka*. Appropriate management of *Darunaka* can be do as per following -

- Diet Eating sweeter, Juicy fresh food, cooked greens and leafy vegetables with bitter taste will help in hair treatment. Seasonal the vegetables like fenugreek, turmeric and coriander, cumin, ghee, oil will also helpful into purification of fatty tissue and strengthen bone tissue. Food with good nutritive value; include fiber rich food, salads, fruits and lentils. Adding coconut water to diet and always using healthy fats like ghee in cocking is also recommended.
- Shodhana Shodhana is the elimination of vitiated Dosha from their place through Urdhva and Adhomarga. Most of the Acharya suggested Shodhana therapy for the Darunaka. Following are the Shodhana procedures mentioned in the treatment of Darunaka by different Acharyaha.
- Siravedha- In Darunaka, Raktamokshana by Sira-Vedhana in Lalata Pradesha

after *Snehana and Swedana of Murdha* is described by various Acharya.

Both Sushruta and Vagbhatta has described Lalata Sira as Vedhya Sira in Shiroroga.

- Nasya- Nasya Karma is done in Darunaka to eliminate vitiated Kapha Dosha and Mala through Nose Nasa is the gate towards Shiro. Avapida Nasya is recommended in treatment of Darunaka by Various Acharya.
- 3) Shamana -
- Shiroa-Abhyanga Shiro-Abhyanga is of prime importance in Darunaka owing to

Rukshata caused by vitiation of *Vata Dosha*. Various medicated oils are advised

by Acharya for this purpose. These are as following-

- a. Triphaladya Taila²¹
- b. Chitrakadya Taila²²
- c. Gunjadya Taila²³
- d. Bhringarajadya Taila²⁴
- e. Prapaundarikadya Taila²⁵
- f. Neelikadi Taila²⁶
- g. Bhringaraja Taila²⁷
- h. Maltyadi Taila²⁸

 Shiro-Lepa - Lepa are used externally to pacify locally vitiated Dosha by means of

applying a paste of *Dravyaha* locally.

Following is the list of various *Lepa* mentioned in the treatment of *Darunaka*.

- a. Priyalbeejadi Lepa²⁹
- b. Masha Lepa³⁰
- c. Nilotpaladi Lepa³¹
- d. Amradi Lepa³²
- e. Khaskhasabeejadi Lepa³³
- f. Kodrava kshara Lepa³⁴
- Shiroprakshalana

Ksharambu Prakshalana³⁵-*Ksharambu is made by dissolving Kodrava Bhasma* in six times water. This water is used to wash head in case of *Darunaka*.

Internal Medication -

- 1) Saptamruta Loha³⁶
- 2) Chandanasava³⁷
- 3) Panchatikta Kashaya³⁸
- 4) Mahatikta Ghrita³⁹
- 5) Triphala Rasayana⁴⁰

PATHYA⁴¹ AND APATHYA⁴²

Various dietary regimens, conducts, medicaments and the treatment modalities which are *Pathya (helpful) and Apathya* (hazardous) for the patient suffering with *Shirogata Roga* are listed in the table. Same *Pathya-Apathya* is recommended in *Darunaka*.

Pathya in Darunaka

Aharaja	Upcharaja	Aushadhija	Viharaja
Shastika shali	Swedana Purana	Ghritas	Chandrika (Moonlight)
Ksheera	Nasya	Patola	-
Dhanva mamsa	Dhoompana	Shigru	-
Amra	Virechana	Draksha	-
Amalaki	Lepa	Vastuka	-
Dadh <mark>im</mark> a	Seka	Karvellaka	-
Matu <mark>lun</mark> ga	Langhan	Haritaki	-
Taila	Shiro-Basti	Kushtha	-
Takra	Raktamokshan	Bhringaraj	-
Kanjika	Agnikarma	Kumari	-
Narikelam	Upanaha	Musta	-
Yusha	-	<u>U</u> sheera	-
-	-	Gandhasara	-
		(Chandana)	
-	-	Karpura	-

Apathya in Darunaka

Aharaja	Viharaja
Ksheera	Kshavathu, Jrumbha, Vashpa, Mootra, Nidra
Jala	Virudhha Jalanimajjanam, Mala Vegadharana
Viruddha anna	Dantakashta, Div svapna

CONCLUSION –

Darunaka is a disease confined to the skin of scalp as per Ayurveda. It has features like Kandu , Keashachyuti, Kapala Twak Rukshata and Twak Sphutana . On the basis of Sign and symptoms , Darunaka can be well co related to dandruff of scalp. Faulty food habits diminished digestive fire, distrubed sleep and excessive use of cosmetics may be the main causative factors. Ayurveda classics describes many oils and herbs in the management of *Darunaka* but comprehensive approach of diet, detoxification therapy, Yoga and some internal medicines and personal hygiene and hair care can be provide very impactful result in the management of *Darunaka w.s.r.* to Dandruff.

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