**Ayurvedic Management Of Cystitis with Urethral Stricture (Mootraghata with Mutrotsanga)- A Case Study**

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**ABSTRACT**

Cystitis is an inflammation of the bladder, while urethral stricture is a narrowing of the urethra's lumen. The prevalence of urethral stricture is determined to be 0.6% of the population. Males in their middle and older years make up the majority. According to the Ayurvedic Sushrut Samhita, urethral stricture symptoms are comparable to those of mutrotsanga. Despite being a rare ailment, stricture urethra continues to be a sensible and problematic issue in the global community. Prior to and following therapy, a 41-year-old male patient who visited the OPD at the All India Institute of Ayurveda Hospital in New Delhi with complaints of urgency, frequency, incomplete voiding, dribbling urine, and burning micturition was evaluated. Before and after the treatment, ultrasonography and retrograde urethrogramy were performed in this case study.

**KEYWORDS**

Dhanwantar taila, Mootraghata, Mutrotsanga, Cystitis, urethral stricture, uttarbasti
INTRODUCTION

From the study of ancient surgical text, *Sushruta Samhita*, it becomes evident that urological problems are an important part of medical sciences even during those days. It may be the reason that a clear and striking picture regarding their classification, symptomatology, complications and management are explained in all the classical texts. The earliest description about the afflictions of urinary tract can be traced back to *Atharva Veda*. Comprehensive description regarding *Mutraghata* and its treatment with the use of *Loha Shalaka* give as an account of knowledge that our ancestors had anatomical, physiological, pathological and therapeutic aspects of the human body.[1] As per Ayurvedic *Sharira Rachana, Mutra Srotas* includes *Vrukka* (kidney), *Gavini* (ureter), *Mutrashaya* (urinary bladder) and *Mutramarga* (urethra). *Ashtanga Hridaya* defines that urination is the function of *Vata*, and its vitiation settles in disturbed urinary functions.[2] Sushruta has described 12 varieties of *Mutraghata* which is classified on the basis of dominance of *Doshas*, but *Vata* is the basic *Dosha* for all varieties of *Mutraghata*.[3] It is a condition in consequence with some kind of obstructive uropathy, mechanical or functional; related either to upper or lower urinary tract resulting into either partial or complete retention of urine as well as oliguria or anuria. The present study is concerned with the *Mutramarga Sankocha*, a condition afflicting *Mutravaha Srotas*. In this condition, there is obstructed urine flow, straining, dribbling and prolonged micturation.[4] *Mutramarga Sankocha* can be correlated with stricture urethra. Pathologically it becomes narrowed by a fibrotic tissue, which hampers excretion of urine. In modern science, the suggested treatment is urethral dilatation besides surgical treatment. It may cause bleeding, false passage and fistula formation. The surgical intervention like urethroplasty also carries high grade risk of recurrences.[5] Though the science has developed in many directions, it is unable to provide satisfactory treatment to patients without any complications and recurrences. Seers highlighted the use of *Uttarabasti* in the management of *Mutramarga Sankocha*. Previous researches also highlighted that, *Uttarabasti* is effective in providing symptomatic relief in urethral stricture without any side effects.[6],[7] The current study re-establishes the effect of *Uttarabasti* of medicated oil (*Dhanwantar taila*) in the management of urethral stricture. *Mutra* is an outcome product digestion of food and metabolism in the body it is passes through urethra. In both *Mutraghata and Mutrakrichha, Krichhrata* (dysuria) and *Mutra-vibandhta* are simultaneously present but in *Mutrakrichha* there is predominance of *Krichhrata* (dysuria) in Ayurveda text the urinary disorders are described in the form of 8 types of *Mutrakrichha*, 8 types of *Mutraghatas*, 4 types of *Ashmaris* and 20 types of *Prameha*. [8] *Acharya kashyapa* had also described the sign and symptoms of *Mutrakriccha* in *Vednaadhyaya* (9) *Acharya Susrut* has described eight types of *Mutrakrichha*. [10] In *Mutrakrichha*, the vitiated Pitta *Dosha* along with *Vata* (mainly *Apana Vayu*) on reaching *Vasti* (bladder) afflicts the *Mutravaha Srotas* due to which the patient feels difficulty in micturition. [11] The above mentioned symptomatology has close resemblance with urinary tract infections, as described in modern texts specifically lower urinary tract infections (urethritis and cystitis) In such condition *Uttarabasti* of medicated oils is the most effective available treatment described by the seers of Ayurveda.
PATIENT INFORMATION

On July 7, 2022, a 41-year-old male patient in the OPD (AIIA) complained of burning urination, urgency, frequency, incomplete voiding of urine, and unsatisfactory urination. For a year, the patient suffered from the above mentioned complaints. He also sought advice from a urologist at Apollo Hospital regarding this issue, although he planned to undergo a cystoscopy and OIU on August 2022. Patient seeks treatment at an ayurvedic hospital since he does not want to undergo surgery.

Images of Ultrasonography

In this USG W/A report (07/07/22) clearly states that B/L Hydronephrosis with cystitis (Urinary bladder show irregular and thickened wall measures 6.5mm suggestive of changes of cystitis and significant post voidal residual volume (343cc) raising a possibility of bladder outlet obstruction after completion of one cycle of therapy USG W/A (27/08/22) shows B/L moderate hydroureretonephrosis with changes of cystitis (bladder wall irregular and thickened wall measures 5.4mm raising a possibility of bladder outlet obstruction. It shows no significant post voidal residual volume (20cc)
This RGU report states that Two focal short segment stricture are seen in bulbar urethra.
Material

Drugs and their proportions

- *Dhanwantar Taila*-30 ml
- *Saindhav*-1 gram
- *Madhu*-3 ml

Method

Procedure of *Uttarbasti*: Adopted standard procedure of *Uttarbasti* was followed (*Dudhamal*, 2010).

Diagnostic Criteria

**Subjective Parameters:** Diagnosis was based on the clinical signs and symptoms of the disease, which are

- Incomplete emptying
- Frequency
- Weak stream
- Straining
- Nocturia
- Intermittency
- Urgency
- Hesitancy

**Objective Parameters:** USG W/A

Retrograde Urethrography (RGU)

Procedure

*Uttar basti* is performed in following 3 phases as follow.

1. *Purvakarma* (pre-operative) (12)
   - All the needed investigations are done and necessary vitals are taken at first.
   - Patient is asked to void urine, and be free from natural urges. Then asked to lie in supine position with cloth undone.
   - Then Antiseptic care is given.
   - Then luke warm autoclaved oil is mixed with rocksalt.

2. *Pradhan karma*(operative) (13)
   - Thus obtained mixture is loaded in 10 ml disposable syringe.
   - The penile region is painted by betadine with help of betadine soaked gauzes and sponge holder. Then
penis is retracted and cleaned by betadine solution.

- Then foetal feeding tube is inserted and when it reaches bulbomembranous urethra patient is asked to take deep breathe. Further fetal feeding tube is inserted till it reaches bladder.

- Then the medicated oil mixture is passed through fetal feeding tube by the help of syringe in one shot. Patient is asked to remain in same position till 15 minutes.

- Then the fetal feeding tube is removed and prepuce is repositioned to avoid phimosis. This process is done in alternative days or in interval of 3 days for 7 sittings.

3. *Paschat karma* (postoperative) (14)

- Patient is avoided to micturate till 2 hrs after procedure.

- Post procedure vitals are taken and noted.

- Patient is called for followup on regular interval.

**Contraindications..**

Hypersensitivity, Anatomical urethral stricture, Phimosis, Hypo/Epispadias

**BEFORE TREATMENT AND AFTER TREATMENT OBSERVATION**

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**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

*Vata* and *Kapha* dosha are more prevalent, which causes *mutra marga samkocha*. *Dushyas*, on the other hand mucous membranes like *rasa, rakta, and mansa*. Urinary problems develop when the act of micturation, which is governed by *apana vayu*, becomes vitiated. *Vata dosha* vitiation causes an increase in *chala, ruksha*, and *khara guna* in *mutramarga*, which leads to *mutramarga samkocha*. So, in order to treat *mutramarga*, it is necessary to passify *samkocha vata* and *kapha*, which is accomplished by using various medications during a process known as *uttarbasti*. The following describes the mode of action.
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