Ayurvedic treatment protocol in karnasrava (pooya) with special reference CSOM: A case report

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Abstract

Karnasrava is a disease described in Shushruta samhita as Karnaroga. In correlation to modern approach it can be correlated with Otitis Media presented with Discharge from Ear. In Ayurveda classic, there is particular line of treatment given for Karnasrava which is very cost effective and easy to do. So here A case study of 20 year old Male Patient of Rt CSOM(Karnasrava) is presented. Some treatment Protocols like Karnapramarjana, Karnadhupana, Karnapurana was done properly with taking care of ear with regular ear Examinations. It gives Very effective result in Stopping Ear Discharge.

Keywords: *Karnasrava*, Otitis Media , *Karna Pramarjan, Karnadhupana, Karnapurana*, CSOM.

Introduction

Shalakya tantra is one among the eight branches of Ayurveda. Shalakya tantra is a deep as ocean and is not possible to explain it completely even with any number of verses. Shalakya tantra [1] is the branch dealing with Urdhwajatrugata Rogas and its Chikitsa in detail. It involves all the diseases and its treatment affecting Netra (eye), Karna (ear), Nasa (nose), Asya (mouth) and Kantha (throat) and all Chikitsopakramas to treat the diseases affecting it, including Shastra Chikitsa [2].

Karnashashukuli to collect sound waves Sent towards the Shrotra which is not seen by nacked eye (Shrotra is situated in mastishaka(brain)). Karna is originated from Akasha Mahahuta [3].

Karna, one among the panchendriya, is responsible for Shabdagrahana and is

considered as a bahyasrotas. Acharya Sushruta has explained 28 Karna Rogas in detail which includes the signs and symptoms and treatment. He has included Karnasrava as one among the Karna Roga. Acharya Vagbhata has explained 25 Karna Rogas but he did not explain Karnasrava under Karna Roga.

Chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM) [4] is one of the most common childhood infectious disease world wide and is leading cause of hearing impairment. It is characterized by Pus discharge from middle ear Associated with tympanic membrane perforation. It can be correlated with *Karnasrava*.

Nidana and samprapti of karna roga [5]:

- 1. Stay in the Dew
- 2. Swimming in Water

- 3. Itching in ear
- 4. Use of false instruments
- 5. Misuse of shalaka
 According to above cause vitiated vata distracted to own path, then its met to shira produced severe pain. As 28 karnagata roga explain in Sushruta Samhita.

Karnasrava: Discharge of Pus from vata affected ear may result from a head injury or due to immersion in water or else due to suppuration of an abscess. This is known as *Karnasrava* [6].

Chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM) [7] is defined as ear discharge/otorrhea for more than 6 weeks in the presence of membrane perforation. tympanic etiological pattern shows mixed infections of Gram-negative, Gram-positive, aerobe, and anaerobe bacteria. Several studies worldwide have reported that the most common microorganisms isolated are Pseudomonas spp and Staphylococcus aureus, followed by Gram-negative bacteria such as Proteus spp, Klebsiella spp, Escherichia spp, and Haemophilus influenza.

Case report

A 20 year old male patient had came 9/05/22 in OPD -112 Shalakya tantra Parul *Ayurved* Hospital with chief complaints of pus discharge from right ear, heaviness and hearing difficulty in right ear since 15 Years.

Patient had been suffering from pus discharge from right ear, heaviness and hearing difficulty in right ear Since 15 years. He had taken allopathic medicine for many times, but he had got relief only while taking medicine after that recurrence was there. So he had consulted OPD of *Shalakya Tantra* department in Parul *Ayurved* Hospital for better management.

Past history:

The patient was advised internal and topical medicines but didn't get satisfactory result and recurrence was there and he had advised surgery by the surgeon. Patient didn't want to do the surgical procedure so, visited our Hospital and reported the above complaint.

Personal history:

• *Ahara* (Food): Samish (Mixed)

• *Kshudha(Appetite)*: Samyaka

• *Nidra*(Sleep): 6-7 hours/ night

■ *Mala pravrutti*: 1 time/ day

 Mutra Pravrutti: 5-6 times/ day (Samyak)

Local examination

All the Vitals sign were Normal.

Ear				
External Auditory	RE- Mucopurulent			
Canal	Discharge present (+++)			
	Congestion and erosion			
	present			
	LE- mild wax present			
Tympanic Membrane	RE- Subtotal perforation			
	LE- Intact			
Rinne's Test	RE- BC>AC			
	LE- AC>BC			
Weber's Test	st Lateralised to LE			
Nose				
Nasal Mucosa	Mild Inflamed			
Turbinate	B/L Inferior turbinate			
	hypertrophy present			
Throat				
PPW	Normal			

Diagnosis: Based on the history and clinical examination, the case was clinically diagnosed as a *Karnasrava* (Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media).

Chikitsa: Treatment of karnasrava, putikarna and krumikarna should be carried out on similar karma and also by specific Yoga their cure [8].

Chikitsa yojana:

- 1) Nidana Parivarjana
- 2) Upakrama /Kriyakalpa
- 3) Aushadha
- 4) Pathyapathya acharan

Nidana parivarjana [9]: Nidana parivarjana helps in prevention and cure of the disease and cure of th disease by avoiding the causative factors in the form of Ahara (Food)

/ Vihara (Lifestyle) or both. Further Nidana Parivarjana helps in stoppage of progression of the disease by avoiding respective Nidanas. Avoid Swimming in water, Avoid Direct exposure to Wind etc.

Upakarma/Kriyakalpa [10]:

Kriyakalpa	Drug Administration	Duration
Karnapramarjan with Panchvalkal Kwatha	Once in Morning	1 Month
Karnadhoopan with Raxoghan Dravyas (Guggulu, Haridra, Vacha, Nimba , Goghrit)	Once In morning for 5-7 Minutes	1 Month
Karnapichuvarti- pooran with Madhu & Sphatika Choorna	Once in Morning	10 Days
Nasya with Anutaila	Once in morning	07 days





(A)Karna Pramarjan with Panchvalakal Kwatha

(B) Karnadhoopan with dhoomvarti made by

Guggulu, Haridra, Vacha, Nimba , Goghrita





(A)Karna-pichuvarti Pooran with madhu & sphatika

(B) Nasya with Anutail for shirovirechan3) aushada (internal medicine given)

Drug Given	Drug	Duration
-	Administration	
Swadishta	At bed time with	03 Days
Virechana	hot water	
Choorna		
Guduchyadi +	30ml -Empty	1 Month
Pathyadi Kwatha	stomach in	
	morning &	
	evening	
Triphala Guggulu	2 tablet in morning	1 Month
	& evening after	
	food	
Aarogyavardhini	2 tablet in morning	1 Month
Vati	&evening after	
	food	

Observations

Chief	Before	3	10	1 Month
Complaints	treatment	day	Day	
Dakshina	+++	++	+	-
Karnasrava				
(Pus				
discharge)				
Dakshin	++	++	+	-
Karna				
Gauravata				
(Heaviness)				
Dakshina	++	++	+	+
karna				
shravan				
Alpata				
(Difficulty				
in hearing)				

Discussion

Swadisht virechan churna Shudh Gandhak, Yashti, Sanay, Saunf, Mishri (Prepared ByG.M.P Certified Parul Ayurved Pharmacy) Patient having Pitta prakruti so it was given for Virechan for koshth suddhi.

Pathyadi + Guduchyadi Kwatha having tridoshshamak, anti-inflammatory, rasayana, anti-bacterial, laxative properties. So here it may be helpful in reduce inflammation, infection and increase the immunity.

Karna Pramarjan with Panchvalakal Kwatha it is Kashaya rasa dominant. Having Sodhan(cleaning) and Ropana (healing) property. So here it may help in cleaning and healing both.

Karnadhoopan with dhoomvarti made by Guggulu, Haridra, Vacha, Nimba, Goghrit having Anti-Fungal, Anti-Bacterial, Anti-Inflammatory, Anti-Septic, Anti-Spasmodic property may help in reduce the pus discharge and inflammation.

Karna-pichuvarti Pooran with Madhu & Sphatika having ropana, anti-inflammatory and Raktsodhana properties so here it may help in healing and stop the bleeding.

Nasya with Anutail for shirovirechana which expels aggravated dosha from Shirah and pacify tridosha and nourish sensory organs so here it may help in stop infectious activity and recurrence of the disease as it expels dushit doshas from ear.

Triphala Guggulu having antibacterial, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory and analgesic properties so here it may help to control infection and reduce inflammation.

Aarogyavardhini Vati has anti-inflammatory and anti-pruritic properties which may help in reduces inflammation and stop pus formation.

Conclusion

Considering the entire factors regarding the treatment of Karnasrava, Karnapichu, Karnadhoopana, and herbo-mineral formulation help in the management of this ear disease. In the above case study, a significant reduction was obtained in ear discharge, perforation, and impaired hearing. Hence it can say that Ayurvedic medicines and procedure helps in the management of Karnasrava. With all the above facts it can be concluded that Ayurveda possesses a quality approach to alternative management of CSOM with the use of oral drugs, topical drugs as well as cleaning procedures.

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