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ENLIGHTENING THE CONCEPT OF *UPASAYA* AND ITS ROLE IN DIAGNOSIS AND *CHIKITSA* ASPECT S Rekha

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ABSTRACT

Diagnosis in *Ayurveda* is usually based on five techniques called as *Pancha lakshananidanas*, which are used to identify and diagnose any kind of disease along with the root cause of occurrence of disease. The word *Pancha lakshana Nidanas* constitutes combination of two words *Pancha* means five and *Nidana* means methods of diagnosis.

The five types of *Nidanas* include *Nidana* (cause), *Purvarupa* (prodromal symptoms), *Rupa* (symptoms), *Upashaya* (exploratory methods) and Samprapti (manifestation of disease).

In *Ayurveda Pancha nidana* deploys a proper diagnostic method where one factor can result in numerous diseases. For e.g., aggravation of *Vata dosha* in the body can lead to around eighty diseases. Hence, it is important for *Ayurvedic* practitioners to have proper knowledge of all types of *Dosas* i.e., *Vata*, *Pitta* and *Kapha*, *Srotas*, *Dhatus*, *Trigunas* and other systems of the body in order to diagnose the exact cause of the disease and to plan best remedial measures.

There are many ailments likely to have similar cause and symptoms. *Upashaya* is an ancient *Ayurvedic* technique to differentiate and diagnose such disorders and to plan accurate remedial measures *Upashaya* also includes various diet regulations depending on the individuals suitability and the stage of the disease.

Based upon the ancient treatises like *Charaka samhitha*, *Susruta samhitha*, *Vagbhata samhitha*, *Madhava nidana* In the present study an attempt has been made to understand the applicability of *Upasaya* in the diagnosis aspect especially for knowing the *Doshic* involvement as well as in treatment aspect for selecting the appropriate line of treatment for the ailments.

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INTRODUCTION

According to *Vachaspatyam Upasaya* word is derived from *Upa+Shi-Ach* (*Samipashayane*)¹. According to *Vaidyaka sabdha sindhu Vyadhi jnana heto* is *Upasaya*². According to Monnier Williams Diagnosis by the effect of certain articles of food or medicine³.

Upasaya word involves the factors which bring about happiness (*Sukhanubandha*) either by acting directly against the cause of the disease or the disease itself⁴. According to *Amarakosha* it indicates permanent relief but not temporary.

Achievement of *Sukhanubandha* is *Upasaya*⁵. *Vyadhi Satmya* is synonymously used as *Upasaya*⁶. *Upasaya* is nothing but *Chikitsa* i.e, various factors may be in the form of *Oushada, Ahara, Vihara, Desa, Kala* are also considered as *Satmya*⁷. According to *Charaka* it may be *Dravvabhuta* or *Adravvabhuta* also.

The word *Sukhanubandha* implies *Sukha rupo anubandah* that which gives pleasure⁸. And the word *Sukha* implies *Sarvesham anukula vedhaniyam sukham* means that which is associated with happiness all the time⁹. *Dharma janya anukula vedhaniyam sukham* means that which gives pleasure by doing *dharma* is *Sukha*¹⁰.

Satmva

Satmya is that which is wholesome to the individual even when continuously used¹¹. That which exists in oneself and favorable and at the same time Sukhavaha¹². In general sense Factors which are considered as Satmya also come under Upasaya¹³. Satmya results in Dhatu saamya and is one of the best things leading to Sukha¹⁴. Madhuradhi dravyas and Vyayamadi karmas which result in Sukha for beings come under Satmya¹⁵.

Nature of Satmya

Satmya is that Which exists with oneself¹⁶. According to Astanga hridaya Dravya which exists in body and doesn't cause any Vikara is called as Satmya¹⁷. Dosas even though having opposite Gunas to one another being, Sahaja and Satmya to the body wont disturb one another similar to a snake poison present in a snake¹⁸. Generally Ahara and Vihara having Gunas opposite to the nature of Desa and Vyadhi are considered as Satmya by the well known physicians¹⁹. Best thing to restore the normalcy of the Dhatus is Satmya²⁰.

Identifying Satmya

Prakriti and *Satmya* are two different entities which are specific for every individual and these can be identified only through thorough examination²¹. *Hetu, Arthi, Satmya, Agni* and *Bala* can be known only by questioning the individual²².

Indriya satmya

While discussing about *Vataprakopa* pertaining to *Srotadi Indriyas*, Charaka has advised treatment basing on *Indriya Satmya*²³.

Abhyasa satmya

Regular intake of Ahara which may be *Pathya or Apathya*, suitable to the individual is *Oka Satmya/Abhyasa Satmyathe word Oka satmya is used synonymously to Abhyasa satmya²⁴.* While describing *Upayokta* in *Ahara Vidhi Visheshayatanas* one should take *Ahara* depending on one's suitability i.e, *Oka Satmya*²⁵. Habituated food which is suitable to the individual is considered as *Oka Satmya* and synonymously *Upasaya* is also used²⁶. For eg:

1.While explaining the *Grisma Ritu Charya. Charaka* has indirectly quoted the importance of *Abhyasa Satmya*. Generally *Madhya* is contraindicated in *Grisma Ritu* as it is not *Satmya* to that Ritu owing to *its Amla Rasa* and *Amla Vipaka*. In such circumstance also *Madhya* is not totally contraindicated, on the other hand it was advised that it can to be taken in little quantity or in a more diluted form with water for *Madhya satmya* individuals²⁷.

- 2. While discussing the treatment of *Jwara* eventhough *Yavagu* is considered as *Jwara Satmya* (*Vyadhi satmya*), *Yusa* should be administered for *Yusa Satmya* rather than *Yavagu*²⁸.
- 3. Even in healthy individuals regular intake of *Satmya Ahara* having similar *Rasa* and *Guna* may disturb the *Doshic* equilibrium, in order to counter that effect Physical activity having opposite *Gunas* to the *ahara* is advised²⁹.
- 4. Regular intake of even *Madya* becomes *Satmya* as it clears obstruction in *Srotases*, stimulates *Vata*, *ignites Agni* improves taste³⁰.
- 5. While discussing about the period of administration of *Snehapana*, *it* is limited from 3 to 7 days and exceeding 7th day is not advisable as it becomes *Satmya* to the individual. Being *Satmya* the *Sneha* cannot drive the *Dosas* and cannot cause *Dosa Utklesha*³¹. *Charaka* has quoted the word *Okasatmya* when the word *Satmya* is used specific to an individual³². *Gangadhar* has quoted the word *Abhyasa Satmya* synonymous to *Oka Satmya*.

Atma satmya

The word *Atma Satmya* is used by Charaka to focus that *Satmya* differs in each and every individual which cannot be elaborated by even *Sastra*. *Satmya* pertaining to an individual is nothing but *Okasatmya*. Before consuming food one has to observe whether the food is suitable to oneself or not³³.

Ritu satmva

Consumption of food appropriate to the season imparts strength and complexion³⁴. *Ritu Satmya* is

nothing but utilisation of suitable *Ahara* and *Vihara* concerning to the particular *Ritu*. As this suitability always depends on one self it is called as *OkaSatmya*³⁵.

While describing about *Kala* in *Astavidha Ahara Visheshayatanas Charaka* has mentioned the word *Ritu Satmya* in *Nityaga kala*. He opined that regular intake of *Ahara* should be according to the suitability of that *Ritu*³⁶. *Charaka* has quoted that those who are having proper knowledge (*Ritu Jnana - Satmya* pertaining to *Ritu*) and those who follow the *Ritu Satmya* will achieve strength, complexion and *Sukhayu* through *Chaturvidha Ahara* (*Asitha*, *Pitha*, *Leeda*, *Khaditha*)³⁷.

Vvadhi satmva

Vyadhi satmya is nothing but intake of Ahara according to Avasthika kala. Avasthika is that which depends on Athura avastha / Vyadhi avastha. For eg:

- 1. In Abhigataja Jwara, Madhyapana and Satmya Mamsa Rasa Sevana³⁸.
- 2. In case of *Anaha* in *Abhighataja Jwara Madira Rasa Bhojana* is advised in *Madhya Satmya* individuals³⁹.
- 3. In *Jwara Yavagu* is considered as *Vyadhi Satmya*⁴⁰.
- 4. In *Urdhwagata Raktapitta Tarpana* is considered as satmya⁴¹.
- 5. In *Rakta Pitta Sakhas* are advised for those who are *Sakha Satmya*⁴².
- 6. While administering *Sneha* in *Suthika Avastha* among the four *Snehas* only *Satmya Sneha* should be considered⁴³.
- 7. In *Atisara* initially light diet and food along with buttermilk, wine, sour gruel, *Madhu* is advised according to suitability⁴⁴.
- 8. In *Pitta Atisara Baladi* decoction along with *Yavagu, Manda* or *Tarpanadi Krama* should be administered basing on suitability⁴⁵.
- 9. In *Trsna Dhanyambu* along with *Sarkara* and *Kshoudra* is considered as *Satmya*⁴⁶.
- 10. In *Chardi Satmya Ahara* is advised⁴⁷.
- 11. In *Pandu Mandura Vataka* is advocated along with *Takra* and *Satmya Ahara*⁴⁸.

Even though these are *Vyadhi Satmya* while administering individual *Satmya* and *Kala should* be given utmost importance.

Desa satmya

Among various factors *Satmya* is the foremost factor that differs with change of *Desa*. Acharya *Charaka* has given a list of *Dravyas* suitable to the individuals residing in different *Desas*⁴⁹.

In Bahlika, Pahlavas, Chinas, Sulikas, Yavanas and Sakas are suited to meat, wheat, Madhvika.

In *Pracyadesa Matsya* is *Satmya*

In Sindhu Desa Kshira is Satmya.

In Asmaka, Avanti Desa, Taila and Amla are Satmya.

In Malayavasi Kanda, Mula and Phala are Satmya.

In Dakshina Peya is considered as Satmya.

In Uttara Paschima Mantha is considered as Satmya.

In Madhya Desa, Yava, Godhuma and Gorasa are Satmya.

For these people medicine should be administered along with *Satmya Dravyas* so as to potentiate the effect of medicine and at the same time *Satmya dravyas* does not harm even when taken in higher doses.

While describing *Desa Satmya Charaka* has quoted the example of *Anupadesa*. Generally there will be predominance of *Sneha* and *Gourava Gunas* in *Anupa Desa*. *Ahara* opposite to these *Gunas* i.e., *Laghu* and *Roukshya*, *Jangala Mamsa Rasa* and *Madhya* are advised at the same time *Vyayamadi Chesta* are considered as *Desa Satmya* for those who are residing in *AnupaDesa⁵⁰*.

Birds and fishes which live in suitable environment are called *Satmyacharina⁵¹*. *Desa Satmya* means the food and dietetics having opposite qualities to that *Desa*. For example in *Anupa Ushna*, *Rukshadi guna yukta ahara* and *Vihara* are *Satmya⁵²*.

Types of Satmya

1. Charaka has classified Satmya into 3 types they are Sarva rasa satmya (pravara), Vyamishra satmya (Madhyama) and Eka rasa satmya (avara) Individuals having Sarva Rasa Satmya for eg Ghrita, Kshira, taila, Mamsa rasa, Satmya are considered as Balavantha and Klesasaha (can tolerate hard ships) and Chiranjeevinischa having longevity. Individuals with Vyamishra Satmya possess medium strength. Individuals with Eka Rasa Satmya possess less strength, less tolerance capacity, have short life span and Prone to diseases with bad prognosis⁵³.

The *Madhyama* and *Avarasatmya* individuals should try to change slowly to *Pravara Satmya* by adopting gradually wholesome diet.

- 2. According to *Astanga Hridaya* depending upon percentage of *Rasa Satmya*, *Satmya* is classified into *Pravara*, *Avara* and *Madhyama*⁵⁴.
- 3. According to *Arunadutta (Sarvanga Sundari)*Satmya is classified into
 - A) Satmya acquired by Swalpa kaala abhyaasa and
 - B) Satmya acquired by birth (Atma satmya)⁵⁵
 - But both types of Satmya ultimately result in Sukha.
- 4. *Satmya* is classified into two types:
 - A) Kritrima that which becomes Satmya through Abhyasa and
 - B) Akritrima which is again of two types:
- *A) Nirupadhikam*: that which doesn't depend on *Dosas* is *Nirupadhikam /Dosa satmya*. For eg: Charaka has quoted *Abhyasa satmya* as *Nirupadika*.
- **B)** Soupadhika: having similar Gunas to Dosas. For example: those having opposite qualities to the qualities of Dosa, Prakriti, Desa, Ritu, Vyadhi act as Oushadas and those having similar properties become Asatmya. Thus Asatmya is opposite to Satmya and considered as Kritrima (Chira parityaagena kriyate). Here those having similar Gunas to Dosas act as Oushadas (Hetu viparithardhakari chikitsa).

In *Nirupadhika satmya and Asatmya* are considered as *Pathya* and *Apathya* whereas in *Soupathika*

satmya and Asatmya are called as Oushada and Anoushada.

Hence *Virrudhahara* being *Nirupadhika* (*Dosa Satmya*) due to *Abhyasa* (*Kritrima* and *Soupadhika*) it will not exert any untoward effects on the body and becomes *Satmya*.

Ultimately *Kritrima* (*Abhyasa satmya*) is considered as superior to *Soupadhika satmya* and last comes *Nirupadhika satmya*⁵⁶.

- 5. *Satmya* is classified into three types basing on *Vyadhi*, *Desa* and *Deha*⁵⁷.
- 6. *Satmya* is classified depending upon different factors. For eg:
- *A) Desa Satmya*: under *this Bhumi* and *Athura Sarira* are considered. *Bhumi* is the place where the person resides, whereas *Atura Sarira includes Rasa Satmya* and *Avayava satmya*.

In Rasa satmya Madhura Rasa is Sarva Dhatu Vardhana and in Avayava Satmya Chakshu, Kesya, Kantvadhi Dravyas were considered.

- B) *Jati Satmya* means community wise *Satmya for* example *Shali* etc. are suitable to humans.
- C) *Ritu Satmya* includes eatables and drinkables wholesome to particular *Ritu*.
- D) Roga Satmya: Aharas suitable to that disease. Eg: Kshira in gulma, ghrita in Udavarta, Kshoudra in Prameha. Whichever results in Sukha is Satmya⁵⁸.
- 7. Satmya is of two types Chestakhya and Aharaakhya. Chestakhya includes activities carried out through Kaya (body), Vak (speech) and Manas (mind) whereas Aharakhya includes 6 types depending on Rasa⁵⁹.
- 8. Satmya is of eight types Jati, Atura, Ousadha, Anna, Rasa, Desa, Ritu, Udaka⁶⁰. In Vachaspatyam commentary on Madava Nidana it was quoted that Charaka has discussed two types of Satmya one is Prakriti Satmya and other is Abhyasa Satmya.

In a nut shell *Satmya* differs for every individual basing on *Desa, Kala, Vyadhi, Prakriti, Svabhava, Abhyasa etc*

Sarva satmya

Sarva satmya means suitable to any individual unconditionally. For eg:

Stanya is Satmya for Kshirapa⁶¹. Madhura Rasa is considered as Sarvadhatu Satmya⁶². Kshira and sarpi were quoted as Sarva Satmya⁶³. While explaining Astavidha Kshiras Kshira is quoted as Sarva Satmya⁶⁴. Stanya is Satmya for all living beings⁶⁵.

Satmva as a factor

This includes various circumstances where *Satmya* is considered as a factor worth considering. Here a list of such circumstances is being presented:

- 1. While determining *Pathya Satmya* and *Asatmya* are considered as one of the important factors⁶⁶.
- 2. While treating *Ama* and *Amaja Vikaras Satmya* is considered as one of the factor⁶⁷.
- 3. While discussing *Janapadodwamsaja Vyadhi, Charak*a has quoted that this will affect the

- individuals having *Samana Prakriti, Ahara, Deha, Bala, Satmya, Satva* etc⁶⁸.
- 4. While examining the patient *Satmya* is considered as one of the factor⁶⁹.
- 5. For achieving *Siddhi* assessment of *Satmya* is the most essential factor⁷⁰.
- 6. For the selection of appropriate *Ousadha*, *Satmya* is considered as one of the important factors⁷¹.
- 7. Pathya described for Yakshma Rogi can be adopted by patients of Kasa and Rakta Pitta also, but before advising the persons Agni, Vyadhi, Satmya and Bala should be considered⁷².
- 8. *Charaka* while describing 600 *Virechana Kalpas* stated *Satmya* as an important factor to be assessed⁷³.
- 9. While administering *Sneha* in the form of *Virechana Satmya* is also one of the factors to be kept in view⁷⁴.
- 10. After proper examination of disease physician should also examine *Dosa, Bhesaja, Desa, Kala, Satmya, Prakriti* etc for proper treatment of the disease⁷⁵.
- 11. While treating *Vatavyadhi Desa, Satmya, Ritu, Bala* etc have to be given importance⁷⁶.
- 12. While prescribing *Tarpana Dravyas Satmya* and *Bala* are two important entities which should be considered⁷⁷.
- 13. While discussing *Viruddha Ahara Satmya* is also one of the factors along with *Desa, Kala, Matradi* to be examined⁷⁸.
- 14. *Satmya* is one among 6 factors responsible for the production of embryo. After the formation of zygote, its growth depends mainly on *Satmya Rasa Upayoga*. At the same time *Satmya* alone is not responsible for *Garbha*. Because both persons consuming *Satmya Ahara* and *Asatmya Ahara* are having progeny. It implies that an association of all the factors is vital in getting a progeny rather than *Satmya* alone⁷⁹.
- 15. Satmyais one among the Dashavidha Parikshas meant for Atura Pariksha⁸⁰.
- 16. After administration of *Ksara Karma Ahara* depending on *Satmya* of individual is advised⁸¹.

Satmya viruddha

For individuals having *Katu* and *Ushna Satmya Madhura* and *Sita Ahara* is considered as *Satmya Viruddha /Asatmya. Satmya Viruddha* is that which is opposite to the *Vatadi Dosas*⁸².

Benefits of Satmya

Satmya is the foremost factor which will nullify the effect of Viruddhaahara⁸³. Viruddha Ahara cannot effect the individuals who consume Satmya Ahara. If Virrudhaahara becomes Satmya then also it will not have any effect. Even Madya when becomes Satmya will not show any untoward effects.

Individuals who are conscious about well being (health) should take *Satmya Ahara* and *Paniya*⁸⁴. While undergoing medication and following *Swathavrtta* one

has to take *SatmyaAhara*⁸⁵. *Charaka* has included *Satmya* as one among the important factors that imparts strength to an individual⁸⁶.

Satmyaja bhavas

Charaka has described Satmyaja Bhavas i.e., factors/entities that are derived from Satmya in Garbhavastha those are Arogya, Anala, Alasya, Loluptha, Indriya Prasadha, Swara, Varna, Beeja Sampat, Praharsha etc⁸⁷. Susruta has described Virya, Arogya, Bala, Varna, Medhaas Satmyaja Bhavas⁸⁸.

Importance of Satmya

In *Sneha prayoga* while administering *Sneha Satmya* should be considered⁸⁹. While explaining *Trayopasthambhas, Vagbhata* has given more importance to *Satmya* in case of *Nidra* and *Ahara*⁹⁰. *Ahara* should be taken according to *Satmya* of that individual⁹¹. *Charaka* while explaining the *Garbhini Paricharya* (dietary regimen for pregnant woman) in order to avoid developmental disorders in the foetus when there is suspicion of conception in the first month woman should take wholesome food both morning and evening⁹².

Consequences of sudden changes in Satmya

While discussing the importance of *Ritu Sandhi*, *Charaka* has quoted that sudden stoppage of *Satmya Ahara* and *Vihara* pertaining to the previous *Ritu* and adaptation of *Satmya Ahara* of subsequent *Ritu* will lead to *Asatmyaja Vyadhi*. It indicates that sudden changes are not advisable even in case of *Satmya Ahara*⁹³. Hence *Satmya Dravyas* also have to be withdrawn gradually. So, that they will not do harm or do less harm⁹⁴. *Asatmya Ahara* should be stopped gradually in small children⁹⁵.

Asatmya

Asatmya is that which is not suitable to the person and utilization of which may effect the *Prakriti*⁹⁶. According to *Dalhana* the word *Viruddha Ahara* includes Asatmya Ahara also⁹⁷.

Asatmya as etiological factor

Persons who indulge in Asatmya Ahara fail to fight against diseases⁹⁸. Asatmya Bhojana is etiological factor in the following diseases Arsas, Grahani, Pandu, Ksayaja Kasa, Atisara Sannipataja Atisara, Nija Vrana, Dwaja Banga, Sukra Kshaya, Slesmaja Krimi. Asatmya Gandha Sevana as etiological factor Sannipataja Jwara, Janapadodhwamsa, Chardhi, Atisara, Krimi. Asatmya Rasa Sevana is one of the causative factors that affects growth of foetus. In the same context it was mentioned that Asatmya Rasa Sevana alone cannot effect the growth of foetus instead association of Asatmya Rasa Sevana along with other factors may be responsible⁹⁹.

Asatmya ahara as Apathya

Asatmya Ahara should be avoided during Jwara/Jwara Mukta (convalence period) 100 . In Svayathu Asatmya Ahara is considered as Apathya 101 .

Asatmya in Chikitsa aspect

In *Dwisthartha Samyogaja Chardi* in order to pacify *Chardi* even *Asatmya Ahara* can be given if it is liked by the individual¹⁰².

Anupasava

Factors described under *Nidana* are *Anupasaya* and opposite to those are *Upasaya*. Factors opposite to *Upasaya* are considered as Nidana and synonymously called as *Vyadhi Asatmya* and results in *Dukha*¹⁰³. For eg:

- 1. Sitala Upacharas are considered as Anupasaya in Vata Sonitha and may lead to Sthambha, Vepathu, Supthi¹⁰⁴.
- 2. Cold water intake is considered as *Anupasaya* in *Vataja Trishna*¹⁰⁵.

Anupasaya as Apathya

Ruksha, Kashaya, Tikta and Katu Rasas are mentioned as Anupasaya Dravyas in Vataja Gulma 106 . Usna and Amla Ahara as Anupasaya in Pittaja Pandu 107 .

Role of Anupasaya in diagnosing Raktaja vikara

When an easily treatable disease is not responding either to *Sita, Ushna, Snigdha* and *Ruksha Upakramas* then it should be considered as *Raktaja Vikara* and same has been quoted by *Charaka* in several contexts¹⁰⁸. For eg:

- 1. When fever is not subsiding either with *Sita, Ushna, Snigdha* and *Ruksha Upakramas* then it should be considered as *Raktaja* and it subsides only with *Raktavasechana*¹⁰⁹.
- 2. In case of *Arsas* also if it is not responding to *Sita*, *Ushna*, *Snigdha* and *Ruksha Upakramas* then physician has to treat it as *Raktaja Vikara* and only *Raktavasechana* will work¹¹⁰.
- 3. When *Gulma* is not responding on treating the *Tridoshas* then it should be considered as *Raktaja* and only *Raktavasechana* is advised¹¹¹.
- 4. If *Vata* subsides with *Snehana, Mardhanadi Upacharas* then it is called *Upasaya*. If it is not subsiding with these *Upakramas* then it should be considered as *Rakta Dushti*¹¹².

Role of Anupasaya in Nidanarthakara vyadhi

Vyayama, Vyavaya, Snana and Chankramana are contraindicated in Jwara Mukta till he regains the strength otherwise the consequence will be Punaravartaka Jwara¹¹³. Taking bath immediately after subsidence of Jwara again causes fever¹¹⁴. If the individuals suffering from Pitta Atisara, indulges in Pittala Annapana then it will lead to Raktatisara¹¹⁵. If individuals suffering from Rakta Atisara continued to take Pittala Ahara then it will lead to Valipaaka¹¹⁶. Persons suffering from Pandu if indulge in Pittala Ahara it will lead to Kamala¹¹⁷.

Role of Upasaya and Anupasaya in diagnosis

On observing the symptoms *Supti, Sankocha* and *Kampa* in order to differentiate *Urusthambha* from *Vatavyadhi Snehana* is advocated. In case of relief (*Upasaya*) it is diagnosed as *Vatavyadhi*, in case of aggravation (*Anupasaya*) it is diagnosed as *Urusthambha*. Thus here *Upasaya* and *Anupasaya*are effective in diagnosing a disease when symptoms are identical/ similar¹¹⁸. For eg:

- 1. *Anupasaya* in *Vatika sula: Sula* aggravates after digestion of food in evening time and in cold climate¹¹⁹.
- 2. Upasaya in Vatika Sula: Abhyanjana, Svedana, Mardana, Snigdha, Ushna Bhojana alleviates Sula¹²⁰.
- 3. *Anupashaya* in *Pittaja Sula:* Aggravates in afternoon, mid night, during digestion of food and in *Sarat ritu*¹²¹.
- 4. *Upashaya* in *Pittaja Sula*: Cool climate, *Sitala Ahara* and *Madhura Ahara* alleviates *Sula*¹²².
- 5. Anupashaya in Kaphaja Sula: Aggravates immediately after food intake, early morning, Sisira and Vasanta Ritus¹²³.
- 6. *Anupashaya* in *Parinama sula:* The pain occurs during digestion of food¹²⁴.
- 7. *Upashaya* in *Vatika Parinama sula*: Relief of pain by intake of *Snigdha* and *Ushna Padarthas*¹²⁵.
- 8. *Anupashaya* in *Paittika Parinama sula:* the pain increases by intake of *Katu, Amla,* and *Lavana Rasa Padarthas*¹²⁶.
- 9. *Upasaya* in *Paittika Parinama sula:* relief of pain by *Seethopachara*¹²⁷.
- 10. *Upasaya* in *Kaphaja Parinama sula:* Relief of pain by intake of *Katu, Tikta Ahara*¹²⁸.
- 11. *Anupashaya* in *Annadrava Sula: Sula* would not subside either after digestion or during digestion or indigestion. Either with *Pathya* or *Apathya Prayoga* either with food intake or in fasting¹²⁹.
- 12. *Upashaya* in *Annadrava Sula: Sula* immediately subsides after vomiting¹³⁰.
- 13. *Anupasaya* in *Vataja Grahani:* the person feels discomfort during digestion, and after and gets a doubt of having *Hridroga, Pliha Roga or Vatagulma*¹³¹.
- 14. *Upasaya* in *Vataja Grahani*: Gets relief with food intake¹³².
- 15. Sangrahika grahani aggravates during day time (Anupashaya) and Upashaya is Alleviates during night time¹³³.
- 16. *Anupashaya* in *Ajirna*: Even though *Satmya Ahara* is taken in *Kala* it will not undergo digestion if the person is afflicted with *Chintha*, *Bhaya*, *Krodha*¹³⁴.
- 17. *Upasaya* in *Kasa*: Subsides with intake of *Snigdha*, *Amla*, *Lavana*, *Ushna Ahara* and *Paniya*¹³⁵.
- 18. *Anupasaya* in *Pratamaka Swasa:* increases with darkness¹³⁶.
- 19. *Upasaya* in *Pratamaka Swasa:* Subsides with *sitala upacharas*¹³⁷.
- 20. *Upasaya* in *Bhasmaka roga*: feels comfortable after intake of food¹³⁸.
- 21. *Anupasaya* in *Bhasmaka roga*: feels discomfort after the digestion of food¹³⁹.
- 22. *Vataja Vyadhis* aggravate after the digestion of food, *Pittaja Vyadhis* aggravate during the digestion of food and *Kaphaja Vyadhis* aggravate after digestion of food these come under *Anupashaya*¹⁴⁰.

- 23. *Upasaya* in *Tamaka Swasa*: the person feels comfort in sitting posture and *Ushna Upachara*¹⁴¹.
- 24. *Anupasaya* in *Tamaka Swasa:* aggravates on exposure to clouds, water and cold climate and whichever vitiates *Kapha*¹⁴².
- 25. *Anupasaya* in *Vataja Trsna: Trsna* aggravates with cold water¹⁴³.
- 26. *Upasaya* in *Pittaja Trsna*: feels comfort with *Sitala Upacharas*¹⁴⁴.
- 27. Anupasaya in Kaphaja Trsna: Even after intake of water day and night person will not feel comfort in Kshayaja Trsna due to Rasa Kshaya. Some consider it as Sannipataja Trsna¹⁴⁵.
- 28. *Anupasaya in Vataja Unmada:* increases after digestion of food¹⁴⁶.
- 29. *Upasaya in Pittaja Unmada:* Person feels comfort in having water and food and likes to live undershade¹⁴⁷.
- 30. *Anupasaya* in *Kaphaja Unmada:* Aggravates after intake of food¹⁴⁸.
- 31. *Anupashaya* in *Vataja Gulma*: Aggravates immediately after digestion of food and with Ruksha, *Kashaya*, *Tikta*, *Katu Rasas*. gets (*Upasaya*) Subsides immediately after food intake¹⁴⁹.
- 32. *Upashaya* in *Vataja Gulma*: Subsides immediately after food intake¹⁵⁰.
- 33. Anupashayain Pittaja Gulma: aggravates during afternoon, midnight, during digestion and gets (Upasaya) relief by intake of Madhura and Sita Ahara¹⁵¹.
- 34. *Upasaya*in *Asmari* and *Sarkara*: pain subsides immediately after passage of *Sarkara* through urine¹⁵²
- 35. *Upasaya*in *Pakva Sopha*: sudden subsidence from pain and relief from complications indicates that *Sopha* has undergone *Paaka*¹⁵³.
- 36. *Anupasaya* in *Pachyamana Sopha*: will not feel relief either by sitting or in lying posture¹⁵⁴.
- 37. *Anupasaya* in *Sandi Vislista:* Severe pain aggravation during night time and persistence of pain throughout the day¹⁵⁵.
- 38. *Anupasaya* in *Asthi Viddha:* pain will not subside in any posture in bone fracture¹⁵⁶.
- 39. *Anupashaya* in *Kanda Bhagna:* Person will not feel comfort in any posture¹⁵⁷.
- 40. *Anupashaya* in *Visarpa*: will not feel relief either by sitting or in lying posture¹⁵⁸.

Role of Anupasaya in Chikitsa

- 1. When *Rakta Pitta* is not subsiding even after treating with *Kashaya Yogas*, after ignition of digestive fire, after subsidence of *Kapha* then it should be considered as *Vata* predominant and should be treated with goats milk¹⁵⁹.
- 2. When Fever is not responding either to *Langhana*, *Sarpipana*, *Dugdha Pana*, *Mamsa Rasa Prayoga* then if the person is having adequate strength, muscle

- and *Agni* then he has to be treated with *Virechana*¹⁶⁰.
- 3. When fever is not responding to *Kashaya*, *Langhana*, light diet etc *Ruksha Upacharas* then it has to be treated with *Ghrita*¹⁶¹.
- 4. In case of bleeding piles if bleeding is not controlled by *Sitala Upacharas* then it has to be considered as *Vataja* and subsides only with *Snigdha, Usna, Mamsa Rasa Prayoga*¹⁶².
- 5. When *Atisara* is not responding even after *Anuvasana Vasti, Samsarjana Krama* then it should be treated with *Piccha Vasti*¹⁶³.
- 6. If *Madhatyaya* is not subsiding with *Yukti Yukta Madyapana* then it should be stopped and *Kshirapana* should be initiated¹⁶⁴.
- 7. With Continuous ununctous therapies, *Vayu* gets aggravated causing insomnia and pains, then the patient should be given oleation and fomentation therapies for alleviation of ailments caused by *Vayu*¹⁶⁵.
- 8. In Urusthambha is due to Vata Kapha Doshas, Sitala Jala causes aggravation of Kapha and Vata.But swimming in SitalaJala generates heat. This heat subsides both Vata and Kapha and ultimately the disease gets pacified¹⁶⁶.

Co-existence of *Upasaya* and *Anupasaya*

In case of *Hikka* and *Swasa* if treatment is done for *Vata* it will aggravate *Kapha* (*Vata-Upasaya*, *Kapha-Anupasaya*) and if *Kapha* is treated it will lead to *Vata Prakopa*. In such circumstances it will be better to treat *Vata*¹⁶⁷.

Upasaya in treatment aspect:

In *Vataja Sirah Sula* therapies *Snigdha* with *Ushna* nature give more comfort¹⁶⁸.

Upasaya vis satmya

While describing *Ahara Vidhi Vishesha Ayatanas* in *Vimana Sthana Charaka* has used the word *Upasaya* synonymously to *Satmya* i.e., one has to take food basing on *Satmya* ¹⁶⁹.

Upasaya importance

In *Pitta Atisara* presence of *Ama* should be examined basing on *Nidana*, *Upasaya* and *Akriti*¹⁷⁰. Before commencing treatment for children physician should examine *Upasaya*¹⁷¹. In modern medicine *Upasaya* is named as therapeutic test. For example Salicylates are administered to differentiate rheumatoid arthritis from other types of arthritis associated with fever if there is subsidence or relief of symptoms it is considered as rheumatoid arthritis.

Classification of *Upasaya*

The word *Upasaya* is associated with two conditions i.e., Being *Hetu viparitha/Vyadhi viparitha/Hetu vyadhi viparitha*.

Basically *Upasaya* is classified into 6 types¹⁷²

- 1) Hetu Viparitha
- 2) Vyadhi Viparitha
- 3) Hetu Vyadhi Ubhaya Viparitha

- 4) Hetu Viparitharthakari
- 5) Vyadhi Viparitharthakari
- 6) Hetu Vyadhi Viparitharthakari

Ousadha, Ahara, Vihara whichever results in Sukha are considered as Upasaya also called as Satmya.

| | Ousadha | Ahara | Vihara |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hetu Viparitha | Sunti Prayoga in Sita Jwara due to | Mamsa Ahara in Sramaja | Jagarana in Kapha |
| | Ushna Virya. | and <i>Vata Jwara.</i> | <i>Vriddhi</i> due to |
| | Sita Prayoga in Uhsna Janya Vyadhi and | | Divaswapna. |
| | Ushna Prayoga in Sita Janya Vyadhi. | | |
| Vyadhi Viparitha | Patadi Stambhana Dravyas in Atisara. | Masuradi Sthambhana | In Udavarta Pravahana. |
| | | Dravyas in Atisara. | |
| Hetu Vyadhi | Dasamula Prayoga in Vata Sopha. | <i>Takra Prayoga</i> in | <i>Ratri Jagarana</i> in |
| Viparitha | | Vatakaphaja Grahani. | Snigdha Divaswapna |
| | | Yavagu Prayoga in Sita | Janitha Tandra. |
| | | Vata Jwara. | |
| Hetu | Ushna Upanaha in Pittaja Vrana Sopha. | <i>Vidahi Ahara</i> in | <i>Trasana</i> in <i>Vataja</i> |
| Viparitharthakari | | Pachyamana Vrana Sopha. | Unmada. |
| Vyadhi | Madanaphala Prayoga in Chardhi. | Ksira Prayoga in Atisara. | Pravahana in Chardhi. |
| viparitharthakari | Haritaki Prayoga in Atisara. | | |
| Hetu vyadhi | Agurvadi Lepa Prayoga in Agni Dagdha | <i>Madhya Prayoga</i> in | Jalapratarana in mooda |
| Viparitharthakari | Vrana. | Madhatyaya. | vata due to Vyayama. |
| | Sthavara Visha Prayoga in Jangama | | |
| | Visha and viceversa. | | |

Vapya Chandra opines that Ousadha, Ahara, Vihara having opposite qualities to Dosas, may not have antagonistic action against disease. This is the main difference between Vyadhi Pratyanika and Dosa Pratyanika. For example even though Vamana and Langhana are Kaphahara they cannot cure Kaphaja Gulma. But Oushadhas acting opposite to Vyadhi will also act against Dosas, While subsiding the disease they subside the Dosas also.

But some scholars does not agree with *Vapya Chandra*. According to them *Dosas* are considered as *Samavayi* or *Nimitta Karanas* for *Vyadhi* and destruction of these *Karanas* is necessary for the alleviation of the disease, but destruction of *Asamavayi karana* also alleviates the disease in certain disorders.

For example destruction of union of Kapala (pots) leads to destruction of pot and destruction of re union of threads leads to destruction of cloth. In the same way destruction of union of Doshas and Dushyas at a place (Dosa dushya sammurchana) particular (Samprapti) will lead to destruction of the disease i.e, Samprapti Vighatana alleviates the disease. But Sometimes even after destruction of this Dosha Dushya Samurchana, vitiation of Doshas still persists then a question arises how does Vyadhi will alleviate. Here comes the importance of Samavayi and Nimitta karanas, it itself indicates that still these Karanas have to be destructed in order to alleviate disease. This indicates that Dosa pratyanika chikitsa is equally important to Vyadi pratyanika chikitsa.

In certain circumstances the *Vyadhi Pratyanika Upacharas* may not act against *Dosas* and *Dosa pratyanika upacharas* may not act against *Vyadhi* hence *Ubhaya Pratyanika upacharas* alleviating *both Dosas* and Vyadhi should be considered for the radical removal of the disease.

Generally if *Vyadh*i is considered as *Karya*, it constitutes *Samavayi*, *Asamavayi* and *Nimitta Karanas* for its *Utpatti/* origin. *Dosas* are considered as *Samavayi Karana* for *Vyadhi, Dosa Dushya Samyoga* as *Asamavayi Karana* and *Mithya Ahara Vihara* are *Nimitta Karanas*.

Thus when Samavayi Karana is predominant than Hetu Pratyanika Chikitsa is preferred. In predominance of Asamavayi Karana Vyadhi Pratyanika Chikitsa is preferred. In predominance of Nimitta Karana Ubhaya Pratyanika Chikitsa is preferred.

Some physicians are of the opinion that *Dosas* are *Nimitta Karanas* for *Vyadhi*. If *Dosas* are considered as *Nimitta Karanas* for *Vyadhi* then *Vyadhi* should subside after alleviation of *Dosas* through *Vamana* and *Virechana*. For example if *Danda* and *Kumbakara* are considered *as Nimitta Karanas* for the formation of *Ghata* then destruction of *Danda* and *Kumbakara* should result in destruction of *Ghata*. In the same way destruction of *Nimitta Karana* i.e., alleviation of vitiated state of *Dosas* should result in *Vyadhi nasha* but it is not happening in all circumstances.

Same has been clarified by Susruta by quoting that वातिपित्तश्लेष्मणएवमुलम् and Charaka also clarified by stating that रोगस्तुदोष Vaishamya i.e., Dosa Vaishamya is nothing but Vyadhi it means Prakupita/ Vishama Dosas cannot be separated from Vyadhi. Thus these Dosas are considered as Samavayi Karanas but not Nimitta Karana. Ousadha, Ahara, Vihara acting opposite to Vyadhi need not act opposite to Dosas. Sometimes Ousadha, Ahara, Vihara effect the Vyadhi without effecting the Doshas which is nothing but Prabhava (vyadhi pratyanika chikitsa). For eg: Patha Prayoga in Atisara, Sirisa Prayoga in Visha, Khadira Prayoga in Kushta, Haridra Prayoga in Prameha.

CONCLUSION

Upasaya is one of the Pancha lakshana nidanas, it is not only useful in diagnosing but also in treating a disease. The word Upasaya includes the Ahara, Oushada and Viharas which ever result in Sukha and Sukhanubhanda, on the other hand factors whichever are Satmya come under Upasaya. But the word Upasaya is limited to Vyadhi satmya whereas Satmya is having wide applicability. In the present study an attempt has been made to understand the applicability of Upasaya in the diagnosis aspect especially for knowing the Doshic involvement as well as in treatment aspect for selecting the appropriate line of treatment for the ailments.

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