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Management of Transphincteric Fistula Using Modified Ksharasutra A Case Report



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ABSTRACT:

Bhagandara is a terminology in Ayurveda for a chronic sinus in the, perianal area or perineum discharging pus or blood. It can be correlated to the modern concept of Fistula in ano. Though the condition is not fatal, results of surgery are sometimes less satisfactory, owing to the complications like faecal incontinence and recurrence. Ksharasutra is a parasurgical procedure in classical Ayurveda which was proven much beneficial when compared to fistulectomy in low anal fistula through extensive research. It resembles the Seton placement in modern surgery. This is the case of a 30 year old male, who presented in the Out Patient Department (OPD) of Department of Shalya Tantra (Surgery), Amrita School of Ayurveda, with external opening at 12 o' clock position associated with thick bloody discharge since past 2 months. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Fistulogram revealed a low anal, transpincteric fistula. He had a history of subcutaneous abscess 6 months back and had been under allopathic management. The fistula was successfully treated using Ayurvedic internal medications, infiltration of Yashtimadhu Thaila into the fistulous tract, ligation of Guggulu and Tankana coated Ksharasutra (GTK), Jatyadi ghrtha wound dressing and with minimal complications. The duration of intervention was 3 months.

KEYWORDS: fistula-in-ano, guggulu, tankana, ksharasutra, bhagandhara, yashtimadhu thail, medicated seton

INTRODUCTION

Bhagandara is a surgical disorder enumerated in Susrutha Samhitha. Fistula with a radial tract it is correlated to Riju Bhagandara. Ksharasutra, the Ayurvedic counterpart of Seton placement has been widely accepted para-surgical technique in managing complex fistula as it preserves sphincter mechanism. The technique used in this case study is a combination of Guggulu and Tankana Ksharasutra (GTK) ligation in the fistulous tract.

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