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#### EXPLORATION OF THE CONCEPT OF SADYOVAMANA

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Ayurveda is the science which describes the details of Panchakarmas that are used as Shodhana Chikitsa in the management of diseases. Vamana is the first among Panchakarmas and is known as Shreshtha Kaphahara Chikitsa.<sup>[1]</sup> Ancient Ayurvedic Samhitas have mentioned the details about scientific administration of Vamana in order to achieve its maximum benefits. However, it requires ample of time for implementation of each step mentioned in Ayurvedic classics. Sometimes, certain Vyadhi Avasthas also occur for the management of which all the protocols became unable to follow and attainment of relief in the complaints became the need of patient. By considering this. ancient Samhitakaras have mentioned the indications for administration of Sadyovamana. This study aims to familiarize the concept of Sadyovamana from ancient Samhitas in order to achieve the attention towards emergency management of Atyayika Avasthas in Ayurveda.

## AIM

To explore the concept of *Sadyovamana* in accordance with *Atyayika Chikitsa* in Ayurveda.

#### ABSTRACT

Ayurveda is a comprehensive natural health care system. This ancient science explains the Shodhana Chikitsa for complete elimination of root cause of the disease. Vamana is the first among Panchakarmas which is used as Shodhana Chikitsa in which Kapha pradhana Utklishta Doshas are expelled out through oral route. Ayurvedic classics have described the details about scientific approach of Vamana Karma. The only drawback of this therapy can be mentioned as it is a very time consuming procedure which is quite difficult every time for every Rugna. Some conditions also arise where implementation of Vamana in scientific manner is not possible as the situation demands for quick elimination of *Doshas*. At this time, Sadyovamana helps in quick and instant relief of complaints of patient. This concept of Sadyovamana can be used as an emergency management of Atyayika Avasthas depending upon the Utklishta Doshas. This article aims to review the concept of *Sadyovamana*, its variance from classical *Vamana* and its indications in order to explore the emergency management of diseases from Ayurvedic Samhitas.

#### Objective

- 1. To study the concept of *Sadyovamana* in Ayurveda.
- 2. To study the variance of *Sadyovamana* from classical *Vamana*.
- 3. To study the indications and contraindications of *Sadyovamana* as explained in ancient *Samhitas*.

#### **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

Ancient Ayurvedic *Samhitas* along with their commentaries were referred for this study. The discussion was made on the basis of conceptual study and conclusion was drawn by considering the study and discussion.

#### Meaning of Sadyovamana

The word Sadyovamana consists of two terms

- 1. Sadya meaning Tatkshane (immediate)<sup>[2]</sup>
- 2. *Vamana* One therapy among *Panchakarma* in which *Kapha pradhana Utkishta Doshas* are expelled out from upper part of the body through oral route.<sup>[3]</sup>

So, *Sadyovamana* can be defined as a *Karma* for immediate or quick elimination of vitiated and

#### *Utklishta Kaphapradhana Doshas* through oral route. Here, *Vamana Karma* is carried out immediately on the basis of requirement of *Dosha Avastha, Vyadhi Avastha* and *Bala* of *Rugna* without following any *Purvakarmas* like *Aama Pachana, Snehana* and *Swedana*.

- 1. Presence of Vamya Vikaras
- 2. The *Doshas* should be present in *Urdhvabhaga* of *Sharira* or in *Aamashaya*
- 3. The Doshas should be Kapha dominant
- 4. The Doshas should be in Utklishta Avastha
- 5. Good physical and mental status of the patient

## Criteria for Sadyovamana

#### Difference between Concept of Classical Vamana and Sadyovamana

The variance of *Sadyovamana* from classical *Vamana* can be explained as below

## Table 1: Showing Difference Between Classical Vamana Karma and Sadyovamana

S NO.	Characteristics	Classical Vamana Karma	Sadyovamana
1.	Purva Karmas like Aamapachana, Snehana, Swedana	Mandatory to carried out <sup>[4]</sup>	Not mandatory to carried out
2.	Sneha Vishranti Kala	When <i>Snehapana</i> is stopped, <i>Vamana Karma</i> is done after <i>Vishranti Kala</i> of 24 hours <sup>[5]</sup>	No <i>Vishranti Kala</i> is followed.
3.	Dosha Avastha	<i>Doshas</i> should be <i>Kapha Pradhana</i> and vitiated	<i>Doshas</i> should be <i>Kapha</i> <i>Pradhana</i> and vitiated as well as in <i>Utklishta Avastha</i>
4.	Kala	This should be done early in the morning <sup>[4]</sup>	There is no need to consider <i>Kala</i> as this can be performed at any time of day.
5.	Requirement of time of patient	This is done in patient having enough time to carry out all the steps in classical Vamana Karma.	This can be done in patients don't having enough time to carry out all the steps in classical <i>Vamana Karma</i> .
6.	Paschata Karma	Proper administration of Sansarjana Krama depending upon episodes of Vamana is of utmost importance along with avoidance of Aaharaja and Viharaja protocols <sup>[6]</sup>	SansarjanaKrama can be given after Sadyovamana but all the protocolswhich are followed after Classical Vamana are not mandatory here.
7.	Total period of therapy	This requires more than one day	This is done in a single day
8.	Effect of therapy	Long lasting effect	Short acting effect

## Sadyovamana Vidhi

#### Purva Karma

Sadyovamana is a therapy where Snehana and Swedana are performed as Purva Karmas. However, in case of acute condition of a disease where Sadyovamana is carried out for its management, it is not mandatory to perform Snehana and Swedana. These Purva Karmas of Sadyovamana may vary from disease to disease. This can be explained as-

- 1. In case of *Ajeerna, Visha*, etc, where emergency management is required, *Vamaka Dravya* or *Vamaka Yoga* is given to expel out the vitiated and *Utklishta Doshas* without performing any *Purva Karmas* like *Abhyanga* or *Snehana* and *Swedana*.
- 2. In case of Shwasa, Abhynga with Saindhava Lavanayukta Tila Taila and Nadi swedana, Prastara Sweadana or Sankara Swedana is important to perform in order to liquify the vitiated and Utklishta Kapha Dosha and to bring it to Aamashaya from Pranavaha Srotasa. These Purva Karmas help here for easy elimination of Kapha Dosha.<sup>[7]</sup>

#### Pradhana Karma<sup>[4]</sup>

This is carried out in conventional way as firstly administration of *Dravya* for *Aakantha Pana*. *Dugdhapana* or *Yashimadhu Phanta* can be used for this. *Vamaka Yoga* can be given after this followed by *Lavanodaka*.

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#### Pashchata Karma<sup>[6]</sup>

After proper *Sadyovamana Karma*, patient is advised to wash his face, hands and feet and then take rest for one *Muhurta* that is 48 minutes. Later, *Dhoomapana* with suitable herbs should be administered in order to remove the residual *Kapha Dosha* in *Nasa, Kantha* and *Ura Pradesha*. It has been mentioned that *Sansarjana Krama* should be initiated from the same evening or the next day after *Vamana*. Hence *Sansarjana Krama* can be given after *Sadyovaman* but all the measures which are followed after classical *Vamana* are not mandatory to follow here.

#### Indications for Sadyovamana

Classical procedure of *Vamana* requires more time which is difficult for each and every patient to invest. Also, sometimes some health conditions arise in which conduction of all the steps for *Vamana* assembled in ancient Ayurvedic *Samhitas* becomes not possible as the relief in the complaints of patient becomes the need of situation. By considering this, ancient *Acharyas* have mentioned the *Atyayika Avasthas* for the management of which, *Sadyovamana* can be administered.

#### Sadyovamana as a Rukshana Karma<sup>[8]</sup>

Acharya Charaka mentioned that Snehana Karma is contraindicated in patient whom Rukshana is prescribed. In such patients, Sanshodhana in the form of Sadyovamana can be administered without any Snehanadi Karma in order to achieve Rukshana action.

S.NO.	Adhikarana	Required Conditions For Administration of Sadyovamana	Specifications About Vamaka Yoga
1.	Alasaka Ch. Vi. 2/13	Sama Dosha with Utklishta Avastha As treatment protocol indicates Aashukriyata, there is no need of Snehanadi Purva Karmas and hence Sadyovamana should be performed.	Lavanayukta Koshna Jala
2.	Jwara Ch. Chi. 3/146	Jwara predominantly caused by Kapha Dosha, located in the Aamashaya and presence of Utklishta Avastha of Doshas	-
3.	Jwara A.H. Chi. 4-5	Sama Jwara immediately after taking food along with Lakshanas like Hrillasa (nausea), Praseka (excessive salivation), Annadvesha (no desire for food), Kasa (cough), Visuchika indicating Kapradhana Utklishta Doshas.	KoshnaJala mixed with Pippali, Kalinga, Madhuka and Madhu/ Kwath prepared with Patola, Nimba, Karkota and Vetapatra/ Ikshurasa/ Madya mixed with Madanaphala
4.	Aamadoshayukta Navajwara Ch. Chi. 17/85	Utklishta Dosha Avastha.	Lavanambu
5.	Kaphaja Gulma Ch. Chi. 5/49	Patient suffering from <i>Kaphaja Gulma</i> and having <i>Mandagni</i> (hypofunctioning of <i>Jatharagni</i> ), <i>Manda Vedana</i> (mild pain), Guru, <i>Stimita Koshthata</i> (fullness of abdomen), <i>Utklishta Dosha and Aruchi</i> (anorexia).	-
6.	Kushtha Ch. Chi. 7/43	<i>Utklishta Doshas</i> located in <i>Urdhavabhaga</i> (upper part of body).	Kutaja-Madanaphaladi Kwatha
7.	Grahani Ch. Chi. 15/74	Doshas located in Grahani and associated with incomplete digestion of food along with Vishtambha (constipation), Praseka (excessive salivation), Arti (Pain), Vidaha (burning sensation), Aruchi (anorexia) and Gaurava	Koshna Jala

#### Table no. 2 Showing Indications For Sadyovamana In Various Vyadhi Avasthas

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	Juonno ogunio	(heaviness of body).	
8.	Shwasa Ch. Chi. 17/75	Aggravated Kapha Dosha which is responsible for obstruction in Pranavaha Srotasa Also along with Kapha and Vata, Shwasa Vyadhi is Pittasthana Samudbhava indicating the involvement of Pitta Dosha and Pittasthana is nothing but Aamashaya as per Chakrapani commentary, hence Sadyovamana can be given.	Madanaphala Pippali + Saindhava Lavana + Madhu
9.	Shwasa A.H. Chi.4/4	Shwasa Vyadhi with Lakshanas like Kasa (cough), Vamathu (vomiting), Hridgraha (Tightness in chest region) and Swarabheda.	Madanaphala Pippali + Saindhava Lavana + Madhu
10.	Kaphaja Kasa Ch. Chi. 18/108	Balavana Rugna suffering from Kaphaja Kasa.	-
11.	Chardi Ch Chi. 20/26	Excessive Pitta Dosha in Aamashaya.	Madhura Dravyas
12.	Chardi Ch. Chi. 20/34	Excessive Kapha Dosha in Aamashaya.	Pippali + Sarshapa + Nimba Kwatha + Madanaphala +
13.	Chardi A.H. Chi. 6/17		Madanaphala + Saindhava Lavana
14.	Chardi A.H. Chi. 6/2	Balavana Rugna with Bahudosha Avastha.	-
15.	Sthavara Visha Ch. Chi. 23/45	Visha is an Atyayika Avastha for which Vamana is indicated in treatment protocol. As	-
16.	Gara Visha Ch. Chi. 23/238	<i>Snehanadi Purva Karmas</i> are unable to do in <i>Atyayika Avastha</i> , this can be considered as an indication for <i>Sadyovamana</i> .	Shuddha Tamra Bhasma + Madhu + Hemachurna
17.	Pittaja Madatyaya Ch. Chi. 24/141	Utklishta Kapha and Pitta Dosha in Aamashaya considering as Bahudosha Avastha and leading	-
18.	Pittaja Madatyaya A.H. Chi. 7/22	to <i>Daha</i> (burning sensation) and <i>Trishna</i> (thirst).	<i>Sheetambu / Madya</i> mixed with large quantity of <i>Ikshurasa /</i> <i>Draksharasa</i>
19.	Apeenasa, Putinasya, Ghranastrava with Kandu Ch. Chi. 26/150	Utklishta Kapha Dosha.	-
20.	Avashishta Doshas Chikitsa Ch. Si. 6/21	Patient with <i>Shuddhi Lakshanas</i> but still having <i>Vegas</i> as well as <i>Alaghavata</i> (heaviness of body), <i>Staimitya</i> (feeling of wet covering),	-
21.	Avashishta Doshas Chikitsa Su. Chi. 34/6	Anila Sanga (Obstruction of Vata Dosha), Nirudgara (Absence of belching), Trishna (thirst), Hrillasa (nausea), Murcha (fainting) due to residual Aushadhi in the Koshtha.	-
22.	Vamana Ayogya Vyadhi Su. Chi. 33/17	Vamana Ayogya Rugna suffering Ajeerna, Visha Vikara and Ulbana Kapha Dosha Avastha	-
23.	, Ajeerna	Utklishta Dosha Avastha	Vacha + Lavanambu /

	Yogaratnakara Purvardha –Ajeerna Nidana		Dhanyaka and Sunthi Siddha Jala
24.	Amlapitta Yogaratnakara Uttarardha– Amlapitta Nidana	Utklishta Dosha Avastha	Patola + Nimba Kwatha / Madanaphala + Madhu + Saindhava Lavana
25.	Sheetapitta Yogaratnakara Uttarardha- Sheetapitta-Udarda- Kotha Nidana	Utklishta Dosha Avastha	Patola + Nibha + Vasa Kwatha

Ch. Vi.– Charaka Vimanasthana

Ch. Chi.– Charaka Chikitsasthana

Ch. Si.– Charaka Siddhisthana

A.H.Chi.– Ashtang Hridaya Chikitsasthana

Su. Chi.– Sushruta Chikitsasthana

#### Samyaka Yoga Lakshanas<sup>[9-12]</sup>

On proper administration, there is proper emesis depending upon time of administration, quantity of medicine administered and level of comfort of the patient. Ancient *Acharyas* have enlisted the *Samyaka Lakshanas* produced due to proper administration of *Vamana Karma* as

1. Sequential expulsion of Kapha, Pitta and Vayu

- 2. Marga Shuddhi of Hridaya (chest or epigastric region), Parshva (side of the chest), Murdha (head), Indriya (sense organs).
- 3. *Laghuta* (feeling of lightness in the body)

There may be three types of properly administered *Vamana Karma* which are categorized by the amount of evacuated *Dosha* as *Mridu, Madhyama* and *Tikshna.* 

#### Ayoga Lakshanas<sup>[9, 13-15]</sup>

Acharyas have mentioned the Ayoga Lakshanas produced due to inadequate administration of Vamana Karma. Some of these Lakshanas appear during the procedure, some immediate after the procedure while some Lakshanas produced after certain period of time. These are as follows

- 1. *Apravritti* (absence of emesis)
- 2. *Kevala Aushadha* (emesis of drug only)
- 3. *Pravritti Savibandha* (obstruction during the episodes of emesis)
- 4. May lead to purgation
- 5. Appearance of *Sphotaka* (vesicular eruptions), *Kotha* (urticaria), *Kandu* (itching), *Nishthiva* (salivation)
- 6. *Avishuddhi* or discomfort in *Hridaya* (chest or epigastric region) and *Indriya* (sense organs)

- 7. *Gurugatrata* (feeling of heaviness in the body)
- 8. Jwara, etc.

## Atiyoga Lakshanas<sup>[9, 16-17]</sup>

The *Lakshanas* produced due to excessive administration of *Vamana Karma* are described in ancient *Samhitas* as below.

- 1. *Trishna* (Thirst), *Moha* (confused state of mind), *Bhrama* (giddiness), *Murccha* (fainting)
- 2. Vitiation of *Vata* and serious *Vataja Vikaras*
- 3. Frothy or blood-stained vomitus
- 4. Excessive expulsion of *Pitta Dosha*
- 5. Visadnyata (unconsciousness)
- 6. Pain at *Hridaya* (chest or epigastric region) and *Kantha Pradesha* (throat region)
- 7. Daha (burning sensation) and Shosha (dryness) in Kantha Pradesha (throat region)
- 8. Nidrahani (insomnia)
- 9. *Balahani* (generalized weakness)
- 10. Death due to expulsion of blood stained vomitus.

Acharya Charaka have stated the Upadravas produced due to Ayoga and Atiyoga of Vamana Karma like Aadhmana (abdominal distension), Parikartika (cutting pain), Pristrava (excessive salivation), Hridayopasarana (displacement of visceral organs), Angagraha (stiffness in the body), Jeevadana (haematemesis), Stambha (rigidity) and Klama (fatigue).<sup>[8]</sup>

#### Contraindications For Sadyovamana<sup>[18]</sup>

Sadyovamana should be administered particularly in the Kapha pradhana Utklishta Doshas in Aamashaya. Implementation of Sadyovamana apart from these conditions may cause certain ill effects like Hridroga, Shwasa, Aanaha, Moha, Atisara and Vishamajwara. An attempt to eliminate the Anupasthita Doshas results in the complications which can be compared with an attempt to take out the juice from a raw or unripe fruit which results in failure of getting the juice and destroys the fruit as well. Hence these things should be kept in mind and *Sadyovamana* should be administered by proper understanding of *Rugna Avastha, Vyadhi Avastha* and *Dosha Avastha*.

#### Mode of Action of Sadyovamana<sup>[19]</sup>

Vamaka Dravya possess the properties like Ushna, Tikshna, Vyavayi, Vikasi and with its Swavirya (self-effect), it takes the Aashraya of Hridaya. Then with the help of numerous Dhamanis, it moves into micro and macro channels in the body. It liquefies the impurity complexes by its Agneya Guna and with the help of Tikshna Guna, it breaks down the complexes. This liquefied matter moves through body channels and enters into Aamashaya and gets stimulated by Udana Vayu. Later by the dominance of Agni and Vayu Mahabhuta, it moves upward towards the oral route because of its Urdhvaga Prabhava and expelled outside through it.

## DISCUSSION

# *Sadyovamana* as an emergency tool in Ayurveda in the management of *Atyayika Avastha*

Ancient *Samhitakaras* have explained Panchakarmas as treatment modalities along with their scientific approach. Vamana is the first among Panchakarmas which is claimed as Shreshtha *Kaphahara Chikitsa*.<sup>[1]</sup> Ayurvedic classics have enlighten the Vamana therapy from selection of patient upto *Pathya* to be followed after *Vamana*. Each and every basic thing in relation with preparation of patient by Pachana, Snehana and Swedana, herb selection, method of preparation of Vamaka Yoga, time, place and method of administration of Vamaka *Yoga*, signs and symptoms of proper, inadequate and excessive administration along with its management is explained in detail.

Though *Vamana* is well known for complete elimination of root cause of Kaphaja disorders, it takes quiet large period of time to conduct all the steps involved in it. Also, sometimes it became difficult to follow all the instructions during the therapy. In addition, some conditions or health issues arise where implementation of Vamana in scientific and conventional manner is not possible. However, the situation demands for rapid and prompt elimination of *Utklishta Doshas*. Emergency management of such Atyayika Avasthas became priority in order to relieve the symptoms. Foundation of concept of Sadyovamana emerges here. Instead of following all the Purva Karmas, Pradhana Karmas and Pashchata Karmas, it became necessary to give Sadyovamana for the ease of patient. Ancient Ayurvedic Samhitas also have mentioned the conditions where Sadyovamana has

been instructed to be done. *Sadyovamana* can be used only in *Utklishta Dosha Avastha* otherwise it may cause harm to the patient. It has short acting effects as compared to conventional *Vamana* but by proper understanding of *Rugna Avastha, Vyadhi Avastha* and *Dosha Avastha, Sadyovamana* can be used as emergency equipment in the management of *Kaphaja Vikaras*.

## CONCLUSION

*Shodhana Chikitsa* is of prime importance in Ayurveda. Vamana is the first among Panchakarmas which is used for Shodhana in Kaphaja Vikaras. Conventionally, *Vamana* is conducted as per general guidelines mentioned in ancient Samhitas for the maintenance of health in healthy individuals as well as in diseased patient to relive its symptoms and to eliminate the root cause of disease. But every time, it is not possible to follow all the instructions in scientific manner in the management of certain conditions like Ajeerna, Amlapitta, etc, where Utklishta Kaphapradhana Doshas are required to expel out from the body immediately. *Sadyovamana* helps here for rapid and prompt elimination of *Doshas* and alleviation of the symptoms. An attempt has been made here to review the classical concept of *Sadyovamana* with its indications and specified *Vamaka Yogas.* This can be used as an emergency tool for the instant and speedy management of Kaphapradhana Vikaras depending upon the condition of Doshas.

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