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PRACTICAL UTILITY OF SAMSARJANA KRAMA: A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

The Shodhana procedures are mainly divided into three phases known as Trividha Karma. Acharya Dalhana has clarified Trividha Karma in the context of Shodhana as Poorva Karma, Pradhana Karma and Paschat Karma. Samsarjana Krama is a special diet pattern which is followed as Paschat Karma after Samshodhana. After Samshodhana Karma the Atura Shareera will have reduced tolerance owing to the elimination of large quantities of Dosha and Mala from the body, leading to weakness and reduction in digestive fire. This can be corrected only by following proper Samsarjana Krama with respect to the Shuddhi attained by the Atura. Acharyas detailed the Samsarjana Krama for two Annakala with respect to the ancient time period in contrast to the present scenario, where we are following three Annakala. To get a successful result from the treatment the patient should follow all the 3 stages properly. Hence, here an attempt is made to modify the Samsarjana Krama chart for the present era with respect to classical information given by the Acharyas.

Keywords: Samsarjana Krama, Shuddhi Prakara, Annakala.

INTRODUCTION

During the course of treatment, particularly in Panchakarma (Shodhana) the physician should consider all the three stages, i.e., Trividha Karma. The commentator Dalhana has given clarity about the Trividha Karma in the context of Shodhana (detoxification therapy). They are Poorva Karma (preparatory procedures), Pradhana Karma (main therapeutic procedures) and Paschat Karma (post-therapy procedures). In Poorva Karma Pachana, Deepana, Snehana & Swedana to attain Dosha Utkleshana; in Pradhana Karma Vamana, Virechana, Vasti, Nasya & Raktamokshana for Dosha Nirharana; and as a part of Paschat Karma to stabilize and to improve both Agni and Bala, Peyadi Anna Samsarjana has been explained as the most important Paschat Karma for Shodhana¹. These diets are Kritanna (group of processed food) like Peya (thin gruel of rice), Vilepi (thick gruel of rice), Yusha (soup of vegetables and/or pulses), Mamsarasa (meat soup), etc. The duration of the Aahara Krama depends upon 3 types of Shuddhi.2

The importance of *Samsarjana Krama* after a *Shodhana* procedure, is explained by commentator Jejjata in the *Shloka* "*Samshodhanabhyam Dosha Dravikaranat...*". This means that the required *Dosha Utkleshana* and liquefaction of *Dosha* prior to *Shodhana* is attained by *Poorva Karma. Mandata* of *Agni* (diminution of Agni) is caused when these *Doshas* move towards the *Koshta* and also by the medicines administered during the *Pradhana Karma* for *Shodhana*. Hence to improve *Agni* the specific pattern of diet regimen known as *Samsarjana Krama* is necessary.³

Susruta has explained the need of Samsarjana Krama with a good simile. Just as the fire grows stronger in strength and stability when Anu Kashta (small pieces of stick) are gradually put in it but may be destroyed when big wooden logs are added, so too the Agni is improved gradually by taking Laghu Aahara (food that can be easily digested) and is hampered by taking Guru Aahara.⁴

In *Shodhana*, after achieving the *Hrita Dosha Lakshanas* (symptoms seen in the body after the complete expulsion of the impaired *Dosha*), the *Agni* will be in *Manda Avastha* (diminution of *Agni*). So, in order to bring the *Agni* to normalcy *Peyadi Anna Samsarjana Krama* should be advised.⁵

In Charaka Samhita after explaining about the procedure of *Vamana Karma* it is mentioned that *Samsarjana Krama* should start from the evening of the day of *Samshodhana Karma*. Chakrapani comments that the *Samsarjana* Krama can be started on the same evening or on the next day morning, only after attaining *Samyak Agni Shuddhi Lakshana*.⁶

Here, Samyak Agni Shuddhi Lakshana represents the Aushadhi Jeerna Lakshanas, which are Anulomo Anilah (regulation of physiological movement of Vata), Swasthya (feeling healthy), Kshut, Trishna (proper development of hunger and thirst), Urjo Manasvita (feeling energized mind), Laghuthvam (feeling of lightness of body), Indriya Shuddhi (proper perception of Indriyartha) & Udgara Shuddhi (clear belching).⁷

Types of Samsarjana Krama

- Peyadi Samsarjana Krama
- Tarpanadi Samsarjana Krama
- Rasa Samsarjana Krama

The most common and popular one is the *Peyadi Samsarjana Krama*. This can be applied in almost all patients. However, depending upon the condition either *Tarpanadi* or *Peyadi Samsarjana* can be followed. *Rasa Samsarjana* either should be incorporated as a part of *Peyadi Krama* or should be followed after *Peyadi* or *Tarpanadi Krama*.

Course of Samsarjana Krama

Here two different opinions are available about the duration of Samsarjana Krama –

- According to Charaka the duration of Samsarjana Krama depends on Shuddhi, i.e. Pravara (adequate), Madhyama (moderate) and Avara (mild/less) should be 7, 5, & 3 days respectively.⁸
- According to Susruta Depends on Purusha Agni Bala (i.e. Uttama, Madhyama and Durbala Agni Balavan) and with respect to quantity of Dosha Nirharana (1 Aadhaka Pravara Shuddhi, ½ Aadhaka Madhyama Shuddhi, and 1 Prastha- Avara Shuddhi), 9 Samsarjana Krama should be followed as 3, 2, & 1 Annakala each for 7, 5, and 3 days respectively. 10

Peyadi Samsarjana Krama¹¹

It is a special pattern of *Aahara Krama* which is followed in the order of *Peya*, *Vilepi*, *Akrita or Krita Yusha*, *Akrita or Krita Mamsarasa* for 3, 2, 1 *Annakalas* each based on *Pravara*, *Madhyama and Avara Shuddhi* for 7, 5, and 3 days respectively.

Charaka in *Sutra Sthana* explains in much detail about the *Samsarjana Krama*, like the ingredients and their quantity for making *Peya*, *Vilepi*, etc. (Table 1: Samsarjana Krama explained in Sutra Sthana of charaka samhita)

Method of preparation

Sharngadhara mentioned the method of preparation for these *Aahara Kalpana*. (Table 2: Method of preparation)

Tarpanadi Krama

Tarpanadi Krama is preferred over *Peyadi Samsarjana Krama* in the following patients as it will cause *Abhishyandana* (srotas obstructing dravya) in the *srotas*. ¹⁹

- 1. When *Kapha* and *Pitta* are eliminated in a smaller quantity during *Samshodhana*.
- 2. Patients having Vata- Pitta Prakruti.
- 3. Patients indulging in alcohol.
- 4. Patients with Vata- Pitta Vikara.

According to Chakrapani, *Svaccha Tarpana* to be given instead of *Peya* and *Ghana Tarpana* to be given instead of *Vilepi*. ²⁰ According to Jejjata, *Mudga Yusha* and *Mamsarasa* also can be used as *Tarpana*. According to Arunadatta, *Tarpanadi Krama* explained pertaining to 3 *Annakala* – *Laja Saktu, Jeerna Shali Odana and mamsarasa with Odana*. ²¹

Here *Tarpanadi* is mentioned instead of *Peya Prayoga* so, after 3 *Annakala* one can continue *Samsarjana Krama* from *Vilepi*.

Rasa Samsarjana Krama

Rasabhyasa Krama means the Krama in which Mamsarasa Prayoga is done towards the end, which is nothing but Peyadi Samsarjana. After Samsarjana Krama if one is not planning for Virechana Karma or the next Shodhana Karma, then reintroduction of Prakrita Bhojana is important for Shareerika Bala Pushti. For this reason, Rasabhyasa Krama is advised²².

Rasa Samsarjana Krama can be incorporated as a part of Peyadi Samsarjana Krama by processing the Aahara with Dravyas having Madhura, Amla etc. Shad Rasas and Snigdha (unctuous), Ruksha (dry) etc. Vimshati Gunas.

Rasa used one after the other must have opposite properties. Eg. Snigdha Guna is used first, then Rooksha and then Snigdha again. The Rasa Samsarjana Krama is prepared with respective Rasa and it should be given for 12 Annakala just like Peyadi Samsarjana Krama. The use of all Rasas should be covered within these 12 Annakala itself. (Table no.3 the particular order mentioned for incorporating the rasa in the diet and its benefits), (Table 4: incorporation of rasas in peyadi Samsarjana Krama according to kashyapa).

Indications of Langana on the day of Shodhana

- When Samyak Aushadha Jeerna Lakshanas are not seen after Shodhana.²⁶
- 2. In patients with *Snigdha Krura Koshta*, if the *Virechana* does not happen properly.²⁷
- 3. In *Agnimandya* (diminution of *Agni*), proper *Virechana* does not occur and associated with absence of *Durbalata*.²⁸

Importance of Samsarjana Krama

Just as grass, cow dung and husk will support and intensify a small fire, *Samsarjana Krama* gradually improves the *Antaragni* to make it *Mahan* (big), *Sthira* (stable), and *Sarvapachastha* (capable to digest all kind of food articles) which was subdued because of *Shodhana* measures.²⁹

After Samshodhana Karma the person's body undergoes some changes like krishata, Durbalata, Agnimandata (diminution of Agni), Shunyadeha (Ashayas become empty) and Pratikara Asahishnuta (body become intolerance to adverse situations) due to the elimination of Vit, Mootra, Kapha & Pitta in a large quantity from the body.

So, we should protect the patient like the caring for a newly hatched egg, or handling an oil filled pot without spilling a drop of it, or how a cowboy commands a group of cows with a stick. The physician should thus protect the patient.³⁰

Prakriti Prapta Purusha Lakshana 31

Prakriti Prapta Purusha Lakshanas are the set of features which helps to assess or to understand whether the person after having achieved Samyak Shodhana has attained restoration of normalcy or Prakriti.

- 1. The person able to take and digest the six *Rasas*.
- 2. Proper downward movement of *Vata, Mootra & Pureesha* which indicates the proper functioning of *Apana Vayu*.
- 3. Person will develop interest towards life.
- 4. Proper functioning of Ekadasha Indriyas.
- 5. Improves Shareerika and Manasika Bala.

Kashyapa explains the following *Lakshanas*(symptoms) that can be noted at the time of *Samsarjana Krama*³²-

- a. After drinking *Manda* (rice water) the person will develop perspiration over the areas like head, forehead, chest, neck, genital area and armpits.
- b. Day by day the proper evacuation of *Vata*, *Pureesha & Mootra* and *Shuddha Udgara* is noted.

By these signs we can understand that the person has achieved *Samyak Shodhana* and in future the person will not develop any complications. (Table 5: complications due to non-observance of *samsarjana krama*)

DISCUSSION

The reason for *Agnimandyata* after *Vamana* or *Virechana* are, at the time of *Poorva Karma* the liquefaction of *Dosha* happens & enters the *Koshtha*, during the course of *Pradhana Karma* the medicines used for *Vamana* and *Virechana* come in direct contact with the digestive fire, especially in case of *Virechana* where the medicine will act only after the digestion and also due to expulsion of *Doshas* and Malas in a large quantity happens mainly from *Koshta*.³⁴

But in Samyak Lakshanas of Vamana and Virechana, it is mentioned that the procedure will improve Agni "Vamite Vardhate Vahnihi", 35 "Laghutvam Urjoho Agniranaamayatvam" 36. These should not be mistaken as already Agnideepti occurs. This is only in comparison to the Dosha

Utkleshana and *Aushada Kshobha Janita Agninasha*³⁷. Here the improvement of *Agni* can be understood as, when the signs of digestion of *Aushada* are appreciated in *Vamana* or *Virechana* and are supposed to start with the food, the patient can appreciate the hunger & thirst properly.

For the vegetarians instead of meat soup, *Akrita Yusha* for three *Annakala* and *Krita Yusha* for three *Annakala* can be advised.

In the present era, based on three *Annakala* the *Samsarjana Krama* chart can be modified. The modified chart prepared based on the person who consumes 100 grams of rice. The amount of ingredients can vary based on each individual amount of food intake.

As we are following three *Annakala* in a day, doesn't mean that it should be completing in 4 days. The *Samshodhita Purusha* should follow 7, 5, 3 days of *Samsarjana Krama* according to the *Shuddhi*. The amount of ingredients can vary based on each individual amount of food intake. (Table 6: Modified chart of Samsarjana Krama)

Instead of rice depending upon the availability of *Dravya*, *Kala*, *Desha*, & *Vyadhi* we can look for other options also.

Depending on availability instead of *Purana Rakta Shali* the other varieties like red rice, millet rice, white rice, basmati rice etc also can be used. For patients like diabetes mellitus broken wheat rice is the good choice for making porridge.

TABLE 1: SAMSARJANA KRAMA EXPLAINED IN SUTRA STHANA OF CHARAKA SAMHITA 12

	1st day	2 nd day	3 rd day	4 th day	5 th day	6 th day	7 th day
Pratah	-	Manda Purva	Vilepi	Vilepi	Mudga Yusha	Mamsarasa of	Mamsarasa of
Kala		Sukhoshna	prepared out	(without/ with	with Odana -	Lava, Kapinjala	Lava, Kapinchala
		Yavagu.	of <i>Lohita</i>	mild Sneha &	2 prasrita	etc.	etc.
			Shali Tandula	Lavana)	tandula (with		
			(without/ with		mild Sneha &		
			mild sneha &		Lavana		
			Lavana)				
Sayam Kala	Purana Lohita	Manda Purva	Vilepi	Odana with	Odana with	Mamsarasa of	Prakrita Bhojana.
	Shali Tandula	Sukhoshna	(without/ with	Mudga Yusha	Mudga Yusha	Lava, Kapinjala	
	Swaklinna	Yavagu.	mild sneha &	(with mild	(with mild	etc.	
	Manda Purva		Lavana)	Sneha &	Sneha &		
	Yavagu			Lavana)	Lavana)		

TABLE 2: METHOD OF PREPARATION

Kalpana	Manda ¹³	Yavagu ¹⁴	Peya ¹⁵	Vilepi ¹⁶	Yusha ¹⁷	Bhakta ¹⁸
Ingredients	Tandula	Tandula	Tandula	Tandula	Tandula + Masura/ Channa/ Moong	Tandula
Grain - Water ratio	1:14	1:16	1:14	1:4	1:14	1:5
Consistency	Liquid without rice	Thick gruel	Liquid gruel	Paste of grain	Semisolid	Without liquid portion
Properties	If Shunthi and Saindhava are added it is Deepana & Pachana.	Grahi, Balakaraka, Tarpaka, Dhatu Pushtikara & Vata Nashaka.	Laghu, Grahi & Dhatu Poshaka.	Dhatu Vardhaka, Tarpaka, Hridya & Pitta Nashaka.	Bala Karaka, Kanthya, Laghupaka & Kaphapaha.	Madhura & Laghu.

TABLE 3: THE PARTICULAR ORDER MENTIONED FOR INCORPORATING THE RASA IN THE DIET AND ITS BENEFITS

According to Charaka	According to Susruta ²³	Benefits ²⁴
Snigdha, Hridhya, Amla, Madhura	Madhura, Tikta Rasa Yukta Aahara.	To pacify Vata Dosha which is residing in Pakvashaya.
Rasa Yukta Aahara.		
Amla, Lavana Rasa Yukta Aahara.	Snigdha, Amla - Lavana Rasa Yukta Aahara.	To improve the <i>Agni</i> which is residing in <i>Grahani</i> .
Madhura, Tikta Rasa Yukta Aahara.	Madhura, Amla - Lavana Rasa Yukta Aahara.	To pacify Pitta Dosha.
Kashaya, Katu Rasa Yukta Aahara.	Madhura, Tikta Rasa Yukta Aahara.	To pacify Kapha Dosha which is residing in Amashaya.

TABLE 4: INCORPORATION OF RASAS IN PEYADI SAMSARJANA KRAMA ACCORDING TO KASHYAPA $^{\rm 25}$

Days	Diet
1 st	On the same day evening -Rooksha Yavagu with more part of Manda prepared out of red rice and cooked with Ushna Deepaniya
	Dravyas and mixed with salt.
2 nd	Yavagu.
3 rd	Rooksha Ushna Vilepi is cooked with Deepaniya Dravya, and salt is added.
4 th	Mudga Manda with cooked rice.
5 th	Mudga Manda processed along with little amount of Amla Phala Rasa.
6 th & 7 th	Little ghee should be added to the <i>Mudga Manda</i> and given with cooked rice.
8 th	Thin meat soup, which is devoid of meat.
9 th	The meat soup processed with little amount of ghee.
10 th & 11 th	Meat soup is processed with sour fruit juice is mixed with ghee and salt should be served with well cooked rice.

TABLE 5: COMPLICATIONS DUE TO NON-OBSERVANCE OF SAMSARJANA KRAMA $^{\rm 33}$

Causes	Complications
If the person immediately after Shodhana indulges in	Abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, ascites & edema.
 Cold food and drinks. 	
 Sour and oily fried items 	
If he doesn't follow proper regimen	Fever, indigestion, jaundice, anemia, leprosy, throat pain or ear pain, cough, dyspnea,
	diarrhea, & hiccups.

TABLE 6: MODIFIED CHART OF SAMSARJANA KRAMA

Day	Annakala	Pravara Shuddhi	Madhyama Shuddhi	Avara Shuddhi
1 st	Breakfast	-	-	-
	Lunch	-	-	-
	Dinner	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)
2 nd	Breakfast	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)
	Lunch	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)
	Dinner	Peya Thin rice gruel (rice 25gms +14 parts water)	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)
3 rd	Breakfast	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)	Akruta Yusha (100gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)
	Lunch	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)	Kruta Mamsarasa (100gms rice + Mamsarasa)
	Dinner	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)	Akruta Yusha (100gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)	Prakruta Bhojana
4 th	Breakfast	Vilepi (50gms of rice + 4 parts water)	Alpakruta Yusha (100gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)	
	Lunch	Akruta Yusha (75gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)	Kruta Yusha (100gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)	
	Dinner	Akruta Yusha (75gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)	Akruta Mamsarasa (100gms rice + Mamsarasa)	
5 th	Breakfast	Alpakruta Yusha (75 gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)	Alpakruta Mamsarasa (100gms rice + Mamsarasa)	
	Lunch	Kruta Yusha (75 gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)	Kruta Mamsarasa (100gms rice + Mamsarasa)	
	Dinner	Kruta Yusha (75 gms of rice + 50gms Mudga or Kulatha +14 parts water)	Prakruta Bhojana	

6 th	Breakfast	Akruta Mamsarasa	
		(100gms rice + Mamsarasa)	
	Lunch	Akruta Mamsarasa	
		(100gms rice + Mamsarasa)	
	Dinner	Alpakruta Mamsarasa (100gms	
		rice + Mamsarasa)	
7^{th}	Breakfast	Kruta Mamsarasa	
		(100gms rice + Mamsarasa)	
	Lunch	Kruta Mamsarasa	
		(100gms rice + Mamsarasa)	
	Dinner	Prakruta Bhojana	

CONCLUSION

Samsarjana Krama helps to restore health by gradually improving the Agni and Shareera Bala after Shodhana. Adopting different measures like Peyadi and Tarpanadi Krama as per the requirement is necessary to avoid complications after Shodhana. Diet is introduced step by step from Laghu Aahara to Guru Aahara in order to increase the Jatharagni. Before planning Pathya, the Satmya and Desha should be considered, and modifications should be made.

In the classics of *Ayurveda* only two *Annakala* are mentioned in a day for *Samsarjana Krama* this is due to the practice of two *Annakalas* in a day. Now a days instead of 2 *Annakalas* people have the practice of three *Annakalas*. Hence it is the need of the hour to have the *Samsarjana Krama* for 3, 5, or 7 days with Three *Annakalas* in a day without disturbing the concept of *Samsarjana Krama*. Here is an attempt made by modifying the *Samsarjana Krama*. Which are mentioned in the classics and suits to the present food habits scenario.

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