

The clinical evaluation of saptsama yog and mukhkantakar lepa in mukhdushika w.s.r. to acne vulgaris

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Teen years are the most challenging and exciting years of one's life, where social acceptance and peer pressure play a major part in the teens self image. Dressing up and looking good matters greatly to the young adult. And since our face is said to be the mirror of general health, it is important to pay attention to this part of the body. And the most common ailment that a teen suffers in this age is acne.

In Ayurveda, this disease is described as "*mukhdushika*" or "*yuvan pidika*". It is also called "*tarunya pidika*". According to Ayurveda, the *shalmali* thorns like eruptions on the face due to vitiation of *kapha*, *vata* and *rakta* which are found on the face of adolescents are called "*mukhdushika*" or "*yuvan pidika*".

If the poisons are used in a meticulous way, they can be useful in treatment of various ailments. They are not harmful if used sensibly. In many ailments, poisonous drugs prove more efficacious than normal prescription drugs due to their inherent properties. In the present study, two drugs from the ancient Ayurvedic literature, *Chakradatta*, were chosen for the clinical trial. The selected drugs, *Saptsam yog* and *Mukhkantakar lepa*, were in the form of *churna* and *lepa* respectively.

We found encouraging results from this clinical trial and will be discussed in detail in the conference.

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