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Ayurved panchkarma: A panacea for chronic diseases

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In *Ayurveda*, *Panchkarma* therapy is an unique and a complete holistic approach, to the elimination of the root cause of every chronic disease. In India, Chronic diseases contribute 53% of death and 44% of disability adjusted life year lost.

Charakacharya has described that moderate imbalance in *Doshas* can be pacified by *Shamana* i.e. palliation, such as administration of drugs, diet & life style modification, but deep rooted imbalances in Doshas can be completely eliminated by the administration of *Shodhana* therapies (Bio-purification) such as *Panchkarma*, including *Vamana*, *Virechana*, *Anuvasana* & *Asthapana Vasti* & *NasyaKarma*.

These therapies detoxify, strengthen tissues & enhance cell's inner intelligence to facilitate self-healing to help, eliminate chronic diseases & promote longevity.

Chronic diseases such as Arthritis, Asthma, Cardiac disease, Cancer, Stroke, Skin disease, Obesity & Epilepsy are among the most common, costly & preventable of all health problems in India.

Panchkarma therapies are widely practiced across the country & also getting Global attention, so there is urgent need to standardize the procedure with respect to its safety & efficacy. With this intent the attempt is made to assess the role of different *panchakarma* therapies in various chronic diseases.

In this studies 443 cases of different chronic diseases were treated by Panchkarma Therapies in which Vamana – 99 (15.76%), Virechana – 225 (35.82%), Anuvasana – 102 (16.24%), Asthapana Vasti – 137 (30.92%) & Nasya Karma – 65 (10.35%).

These therapies are found beneficial to all chronic cases, covering a wide range of preventive, curative and promotive aspects.

Biography

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