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Ancient India therapeutic burning: Agnikarma

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Agnikarma is one of the para surgical treatment modality mentioned in Sushruta Samhita. It is an effective method of controlling pain in several diseases dominated by pain and inflammation. It is also beneficial in intervertebral disc prolapsed and other neurological conditions. There are two types of burning in Agnikarma – moist and dry, which is selected as per the pathogenesis of the disease. The theory and practice of agnikarma is gaining more popularity in the last two decades. Lot of research is undergoing in and around India on the clinical utility of this lost treasure of medical knowledge.

Biography

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