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# SAMPRAPTHI & AYURVEDA MANAGEMENT OF METABOLIC DISORDERS W.S.R. TO OBESITY AND DIABETES

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## ABSTRACT

The metabolic syndromes are one the types of diseases affecting mankind globally, the prevalence of such diseases increases day by day due to the disturbed life style and bad dietary habits. Obesity, diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidemia are some common metabolic diseases. Present article described pathogenesis and ayurveda management of two important metabolic disorders; diabetes and obesity. Ayurveda describe obesity as *shaulya* which is one of the "*Medoroga*" since *meda* and *mamsa dhatu* are exaggerated in pathogenesis of obesity. Excess fat accumulation in *shaulya* further leads other complications such as; hypertensions, cardiac problems and *madhumeha*, etc. Ayurveda recommended *Ahar-Vihar*, *Yoga*, *Panchakarma* and use of drugs therapy for the management of obesity. Another severe metabolic disorder is diabetes (*Madhumeha* or *Prameha*). As per ayurveda *Prameha* associated with all types of *Doshas* imbalances; *Vata*, *Pitta* and *Kapha*. Ayurveda suggested conduction of *pathya*, *sodhana karma*, *yoga*, use of ayurveda formulation and herbs for the management of diabetes.

KEYWORDS: Ayurveda, Obesity, Medoroga, Diabetes, Prameha.

## INTRODUCTION

Metabolic syndrome is burning problem of today's time and lot of attention has been made towards such problem in past few years. Aging, genetics, disturbed lifestyle & dietary habits, presence of other diseases and deteriorated environmental conditions, etc. are the factors which may causes metabolic disorders. Obesity, dyslipidemia and hyperglycemia, etc. are some common metabolic disorders out of them obesity and hyperglycemia (diabetes) affecting making severely. The current scenario witnessed that large number of teenagers and elderly population suffered with metabolic disorders. Metabolic diseases may involve abnormal metabolism of *meda*, vitiation of *ahara rasa* & *jatharagni*, disturbed hormonal regulation and *tridoshic* imbalance.<sup>[1-3]</sup>

**Obesity** (*sthaulya*) is one of the disgraceful diseases associated with accumulation of *meda* and *mamsa* leading to; excessive growth of abdomen, hips, breast and other adipose tissues of body. *Medas* perform functions like; *sneha*, *drudhatva* and *asthipushti* while it possess *snighdha*, *guru*, *sthula*, *mridu*, *picchila* and *sandra guna*. Therefore excessive consumption of *snigdha*, *guru* and *madhuradi ahara* along with disturbed life style may increases *medas* which further causes *sthaulyam*. Hypertension, cardiovascular risk and diabetes are some consequences of obesity.<sup>[4-6]</sup>

**Diabetes** (*Prameha*) is another commonly occurred metabolic disease which involves high blood sugar level, frequent urination and other symptoms. *Prameha* associated with vitiation of *vata dosha* (incurable), vitiation of the *pitta dosha* (difficult to cure) and *prameha* associated with vitiation of *kapha dosha* (curable) therefore *prameha* are *sadhya*, *yapya* and *asadhya* depending upon involvement of *dosha*. *Prameha* due to genetic predisposition (*bija dosha*) termed as *saheja prameha* while *prameha* due to ageing, disturbed life style and other environmental factors termed as *apathyani mittaja*. *Bahudravasleshma* and *Bahuabaddhameda* are the major pathological factors of *prameha* as per ayurveda.<sup>[7,8]</sup>

### **Pathogenesis of Obesity**

Hetu
$\downarrow$
Vitiation of dhatu, dosha & meda
$\downarrow$
Meda obstruct shrotas (margavarodha)
$\downarrow$
More vitiation of vata dosha
$\downarrow$
Sustained release of vayu
$\downarrow$
Appetite increases
$\downarrow$
Disproportion of intake and output of energy
$\downarrow$
Obesity

## Vata in pathogenesis of obesity

Etiological factors vitiate *vata* causing disturbed transportation of *vayu* which resulted uneasiness, restless, disturbed mood & irregular appetite leading to primary symptoms of obesity.

#### Pitta in pathogenesis of obesity

Vitiation of *pitta* due to the etiological factors resulted hunger and also disturbed eating habits. *Pitta* affect eating sense and increases tendency to eat noxious foods such as; sugar, coffee, fat, oil and meat which increases weight and flabbiness.

#### *Kapha* in pathogenesis of obesity

Vitiated *kapha* slow down metabolic process, enhance weight gain tendency, disturbed hormonal regulation, causes fat deposition, affect pancreatic activity and decreases digestive fire therefore vitiated *kapha* may be considered responsible for obesity.

## Management of Obesity

#### Ahara

- Oily food, fast foods and heavy food articles should be avoided.
- Whole grains, fruits and vegetables recommended fastening metabolic activities.
- Bilva, Amalaki, Bibhitaki, Haritaki & Jambu offer relief in obesity.
- Patol, Shigru, Trapusha, Vartaka & Granjanak also recommended.

#### Drugs

Drugs having Katu, Tikta, Laghu, Kashaya Rasa, Ushnavirya, Tikshna Guna, Katuvipaka Lekhana, Deepana-Pachana, Kapha-Vatahara and Sroto-Shodhaka properties relief severity of Sthaulya.

# Pathogenesis of diabetes

*Hetu* (diet, lack of exercise, mental stress, strain, genetic predisposition, obesity and excessive sleep) causes vitiation of *vata*, *pitta* & *kapha* leading to vitiation of *rasa* & *rakta* which further affect *medas*, *mamsa* & *kleda* which resulted *shaithilyata* and finally *prameha* 

observed. Disturbances of metabolic activities, hormonal disturbances, vitiation of *kapha* due to *nidana sevana* and vitiation of *meda & rakta dhatu* affect pathological progression of disease and symptoms such as; *Trishna, Alaji, Vidradhi, Daha, pidaka Daurbalya* and *Putimaïsa* may observed. The following elements play significant role in pathogenesis of diabetes.

## Samprapthi Ghatakas of diabetes

Dosha:	Vata, pitta, kapha
Dushya:	Meda, mamsa, kleda, rakta, vasa,
	majja, lasika, rasa and ojas
Srotas:	Mootravaha
Srotodusti:	Atipravrutti
Agni:	Dhatvagni
Udhbhavasthana	Kostha
Vyaktasthana	Mootravaha srotas

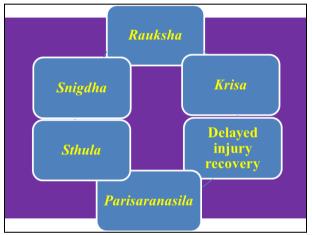


Figure 1: General symptoms of diabetes.

# Management of Diabetes<sup>[9-12]</sup>

#### Ahara

- Tikta shaka; Karela, Patola, Methi, Rasona and Udumbara etc.
- Mudga, Kulattha, Chanaka & Adhaki etc.
- Harina mamsa, Kapotha, Shashaka mamsa & Titira etc.
- Jambu, Kapitta, Amalaki, Kharjura, Tala phala, Kamala & Utpala etc.

## Yoga

Matsyasana Mandukasan Ushtrasan Sirsasana Paschimotasana Uddiyan Bandha Ardha matsyendrasana.

#### Medicine

Mehakalanal Rasa Vanga Bhasma Panchanan Rasa Rasasindoor Yasada Bhasma Guduchi swarasa Chandraprabha Amalaki Curna.

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