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# SYMPTOMS AND MANAGEMENT OF SAMYAK YOGA, AYOGA AND ATIYOGA OF VAMANA AND VIRECHNA KARMA

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### **ABSTRACT**

The Vamana and Virechana Karma are crucial modalities of ancient purification therapy Panchakarma. These procedures employed for achieving various goals related to the physicaland mental well being. The conduction of adequate Panchakarma procedure is prerequisite to avail maximum health benefits of therapy. While inappropriate (Ayoga) or excessive (Atiyoga) implementation of Vamana and Virechana Karma can produces noxious health effects. Therefore Vamana and Virechana Karma should perform optimally (Samyak Yoga). Samyak procedure ensures the efficacy and safety of therapies. Thus Ayurveda science first suggested optimal conduction of these procedures, however in case of Ayoga and Atiyoga Ayurveda also recommends some approaches to manage associated adverse effects. Uses of Deepana-Pachana therapy, Snehana and Swedana procedures, Pathya-Apathya Ahara/Vihara, rest and recuperation, etc. are advocated for managing complication of Vamana and Virechana Karma. This article summarizes symptoms and management of Samyak Yoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga of Vamana and Virechana Karma.

**KEY-WORDS:** Ayurveda, Panchakarma, Vamana, Virechana, Samyak Yoga, Ayoga, Atiyoga.

### INTRODUCTION

Vamana and Virechana Karma are detoxification therapies in Ayurveda, which are considered essential for maintaining Doshic balance, removing Ama and promoting overall health. Vamana as therapeutic emesis; is effective in expelling excess Kapha, addressing conditions like bronchitis and asthma, while Virechana as therapeutic purgation targets excess Pitta Dosha, helping to manage skin diseases, digestive problems and liver disorders, etc. These therapies not only cleanse the gastrointestinal tract but also enhance mental clarity, prevent diseases, maintaining Doshic equilibrium and

improve the efficacy of subsequent Ayurvedic treatments. Proper execution of these therapies, including preparatory and post-therapy procedures, is crucial for maximizing their benefits, making the body more receptive to rejuvenation and other treatments. On other hand inappropriate execution of these therapies can produces adverse effects which need to be cure immediately as arises. The symptoms of *Ayoga* and *Atiyoga* of *Panchakarma* therapies may arises due to the various factors associated with the procedural protocol as depicted in **Figure 1.** [4-6]

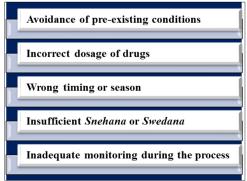


Figure 1: Causes of Ayoga and Atiyoga of Panchakarma therapies.

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Ayurveda philosopher advises guideline for proper administration of *Vamana* and *Virechana Dravya* to maximize their health benefits. This article further described symptoms of *Samyak Yoga*, *Ayoga* and *Atiyoga* of *Vamana* and *Virechana Karma*. Here management of conditions associated with *Ayoga* and *Atiyoga* of therapies also discussed.

# Samyak Yoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga of Vamana

The properly administered therapy produces sense of

relief, reduction in heaviness and congestion, cure symptoms like fatigue or dehydration. On other hand *Ayoga* (inadequate *Vamana*) causes incomplete expulsion, heaviness, congestion and presence of residual *Kapha*. *Atiyoga* (excessive *Vamana*) leads weakness, dehydration, dizziness and discomfort in chest and stomach. **Table 1** summarizes symptoms of *Samyak Yoga*, *Ayoga* and *Atiyoga* of *Vamana Karma*. [6-8]

Table 1: Symptoms of Samyak Yoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga of Vamana Karma.

Types of Yoga	Signs and Symptoms
Samyak Yoga	1. <b>Effortless Elimination:</b> <i>Kapha</i> is expelled fully and smoothly without
Types of Yoga	Signs and Symptoms
	causing undue pressure.
	2. <i>Kapha</i> Predominance: The expelled material primarily consists of <i>Kapha</i> , resembling phlegm or
	mucus with a light yellow or white tint.
	3. <b>Sense of Relief:</b> The individual feels a light sensation in the body, mentalclarity, and a decrease in
	heaviness and congestion.
	4. <b>Enhanced Digestion:</b> Improvement in appetite and digestive processes.
	1. <b>Partial Elimination:</b> Only a small amount of <i>Kapha</i> is expelled due toinsufficient vomiting.
	2. <b>Persistent Symptoms:</b> Issues like heaviness, congestion and lethargy, etc.
Ayoga	3. <b>Reduced Appetite:</b> The patient may still suffer from poor appetite.
	4. <b>Residual</b> <i>Kapha</i> : Continued feelings of heaviness and congestion because aggravated <i>Kapha</i> remains
	in the body.
	1. <b>Weakness:</b> The patient feels extremely weak and fatigued, and may even faint due to the loss of
	essential fluids.
	2. <b>Dehydration Indicators:</b> Signs such as a dry mouth and throat, dizziness, and lowered blood
Atiyoga	pressure may appear.
	3. <i>Pitta</i> Imbalance: Symptoms like burning sensations and acidity.
	4. <b>Aggravated Symptoms:</b> Instead of feeling better, the patient's symptomsworsen, with discomfort in
	areas like the chest, stomach, or head.

As mentioned above inadequate *Vamana* causes many noxious health effects, the management of these symptoms involves measures which enhance the expulsion of residual *Kapha* and ensure intended therapeutic benefits.

# Management of Symptoms of Inappropriate Vamana

- ✓ Additional mild emetics may be administered to stimulate further expulsion of *Kapha*
- ✓ using common emetics such as *Madanaphala* or combination of milk with salt.
- ✓ Use of *Deepana-Pachana* drug to enhance digestion and promote movement of residual *Kapha*. *Trikatu*, *Panchakola churna*, *Pippali* and *Chitraka* may be used as digestive stimulants.
- ✓ Snehana and Swedana can be employed to liquefy remaining Kapha and making it easier to expel out.
- ✓ Pathya-Apathya Ahara & Vihara include diets which is light and easy to digest. Kapha- reducing foods and ginger tea suggested. Avoidance of heavy, oily and cold foods that could aggravate Kapha.
- ✓ Use of mild *Virechana* if *Vamana* is inadequate and the *Kapha* remains unexpelled. This process considered helpful when toxins reaches to the lower channels and therapeutic purgation help them to

- expel out. Avipattikar churna or Trivrit can be administered for this purpose.
- Monitoring or observation of the patient's condition is required to take care of any health emergency associated inappropriate Vamana.
- ✓ Therapies which provide hydration, maintain balance electrolytes can be suggested along with *Rasayana* therapies to restore strength.
- ✓ Rest and recuperation is crucial to fasten the recovery process. [7-9]

### Samyak Yoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga of Virechana

Virechana procedures aimed at expelling excess *Pitta dosha*. The adequate therapy (Samyak Yoga) witnesses symptoms such as; expulsion of vitiated *Pitta*, stools are *Pitta*- dominant, lightness in the body, relief in burning sensations and improvement in appetite and digestion. *Ayoga* (inadequate Virechana) involves symptoms such as; burning sensations, acidity, feeling of heaviness and discomfort. *Atiyoga* (excessive Virechana) associated with symptoms like weakness, fatigue, dryness of the mouth, excessive thirst, body aches and abdominal pain, etc. Table 2 summarizes symptoms of Samyak Yoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga of Virechana Karma. [8-10]

Types of Yoga	Signs and Symptoms
	Moderate bowel movements; ensure the effective elimination of <i>Pitta</i> .
	Stools predominantly show <i>Pitta</i> characteristics, such as yellow and green color
Samuak Voca	with a sour odor.
Samyak Yoga	The patient experiences lightness with reduced burning sensations.
	Enhancement in appetite and digestive capacity.
	Urine and sweat become clear, without discoloration or strong odor.
	Fewer bowel movements than expected, indicating inadequate expulsion of <i>Pitta</i> .
	Symptoms such as burning, acidity and irritability.
Ayoga	Continued loss of appetite or indigestion may be observed.
	Stools may contain undigested food.
	Persistent feelings of heaviness and discomfort in the body.
	Excessive bowel movements, potentially loss of energy.
Atingaa	Extreme weakness, fatigue and dizziness.
Atiyoga	Symptoms of dehydration such as dry mouth and thirst.
	Coldness, body aches, restlessness and abdominal pain may develop.

Table 2: Symptoms of Samyak Yoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga of Virechana Karma.

# Management of Symptoms of Inappropriate Virechana

- ✓ Administering mild purgative like *Triphala* churna or *Eranda* in case of insufficient
- ✓ Virechana.
- ✓ Uses of digestive stimulants like *Trikatu churna* or *Agnitundi Vati* to improve digestion and promote the movement of residual *Pitta*.
- ✓ Uses of *Pitta*-pacifying herbs like *Shatavari*, *Guduchi* and *Amalaki* to manage any residual *Pitta* symptoms.
- ✓ Maintenance of hydration and electrolyte balance.
- ✓ Advise patient to rest in a calm and comfortable environment in case of excessive
- ✓ Virechana.
- ✓ *Vata*-pacifying herbs like *Ashwagandha*, *Bala* and *Dashamula* to stabilize *Vata* for alleviating symptoms of *Atiyoga* of *Virechana*.
- ✓ *Abhyanga* to pacify *Vata* and nourish the body.
- ✓ Light and nourishing diet like *Kanji* and moong dal. Avoidance of cold and dry foods.
- ✓ *Rasayana* therapies can be recommended to restores strength and vitality.
- ✓ Gradual diet advancement and continuous monitoring to ensure recovery and manage any further complications of *Atiyoga*.

## CONCLUSION

Proper administration and monitoring during Panchakarma therapies is crucial to ensure Samyak Yoga and avoid the complications of Ayoga and Atiyoga. When therapy is inadequate (Ayoga), it means the therapeutic emesis and purgation not produces desired expulsion of Kapha and Pitta respectively. Proper management is essential to correct Ayoga or Atiyoga of Panchakarma therapies. Digestive drugs along with Snehana and Swedana are recommended for managing symptoms of Ayoga or Atiyoga of Panchakarma therapies. Proper diet (Pathya) also advises along with Rasayana therapies to restore strength. Panchakarma therapies should be employed with standard procedural

protocol to avoid any complications associated with *Ayoga* and *Atiyoga* of therapy.

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