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Importance of Samsarjana Krama after Samshodhana Karma: A Review

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ABSTRACT

Samshodhana and Samshamana are the two types of treatment advised for the patient with vitiated Dosha, Dhatu, Agni or Mala, out of which Samshodhana is advisable to treat a patient for permanent cure. But after the Samshodhana Karma, Agni get disturbed and patient is likely to be weakened; therefore regular normal diet is not advisable. After the administration of Vamana Karma or Virechana Karma, a special diet regimen is to be followed called as Samsarjana Krama which means a proper sequence of Peya- Vilepi- Kritakrita Yusha- Kritakrita Mansarasa. It is used to increase the Agni and to provide sequential nourishment to the patient i.e. from light diet to normal diet. The importance of Samsarjana Krama is to increase the strength of weakened Agni and body after Samshodhana Karma.

Key words: Samsarjana Krama, Agni, Vamana, Virechana, Kritakrita, Yusha, Peya, Vilepi, Mamsarasa.

INTRODUCTION

The term *Panchkarma* representsfive therapeutic procedures of *Samshodhana* (Internal purification of the body) through the nearest possible route. The evacuation of accumulated morbid *Dosha* from the body by *Panchkarma* allows the biological system to return to homeostasis and to rejuvenate and also facilitates the desired pharmaco-therapeutic effects of medicines administered thereafter. *SamshodhanaKarma* can be categorized as *PurvaKarma*, *PradhanaKarma*, *PaschataKarma*. *Purvakarma* includes *Deepana*, *Pachana*, *Snehana*, *Svedana*, *PradhanaKarma* includes *Vamana*, *Virechana*, *Niruha Basti*, *Anuvasana Basti*, *Nasya* and *Raktamokshna*, *Paschat Karma* includes *Samsarjana karma*, *Rasayanadi Karma* and *ShamanaPrayoga*.

As per *Ayurveda*, health is defined as equilibrium of *Dosha*, *Dhatu*, *Agni* and proper defecation of *Mala*¹. *Agni* plays an important role in the case of *Samshodhana Karma* and in a state of being healthy. The *Agni* is the reason for *Oja* and life and if vitiated leads to occurrence of diseases. Consideration of *Agni* while treating a disease is an important factor.

In Samsarjana Krama, food is introduced gradually as per the strength of Agni. If the patient doesn't take proper precautions and controlled diet, then it will lead to various complications. To avoid these

complications after the *Samshodana Karma*, *Samsarjana Krama* is very necessary and beneficial. In *Samsarjana Krama*, diet is introduced step by step from *Laghu-Aahara* to *Guru-Aahara* in order to increase the digestive power. A beautiful comparison between external fire and internal fire, so called *Agni* is explained by *Acharaya Charaka*; as little (external) fire kindled gradually with grass, cow dung etc becomes great and stable so as in case of *Agni* after *Vamana Karma* and *Virechana Karma*, *Peyadi Krama* makes the *Agni* to digest all types of food².

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1. Conceptual study of Samsarjana Krama.
- 2. Importance of Samsarjana Krama.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

- 1. Classical texts and various commentaries of Ayurveda.
- 2. Study material available on internet.

Conceptual Study

The concept of Samsarjana Krama can easily be understood as follows:

- 1. Purpose of Samsarjana Krama
- 2. Commencement of Samsarjana Krama
- 3. Course of Samsarjana Krama
- 4. Samsarjana Krama according to Bala
- 5. Types of Samsarjana Krama
- 6. Benefits of Samsarjana Krama

1. Purpose of Samsarjana Krama:

Due to the elimination of *Dosha*from the body after *Samshodhana karma*, *Agni* becomes weak. So as to restore the strength of *Agni* and *Prana*, *PeyadiSamsarjana Krama* should be followed³. *Samana Vayu* and *Kledaka Kapha* are disturbed in strenuous process of *Vamana Karma* and in *Virechana Karma*, *Samana Vayu*, *Pachaka Pitta* and *Apana Vayu* are disturbed. *Vamana*and *VirechanaKarma*causes weakness, loss of weight, freeness of *Sandhibandhana*, decrease in the *Agni* and emptiness in the respective organs due to the expulsion of *Kapha*, *Pitta* and *Mala*. Due to this reason patient can't tolerate any treatment or diet regimen⁴. So in order to normalize the *Jathragni*, *Samsarjana Krama* is essential by following the sequence of *Peyadi Krama*after *Vamana Karma*and *Virechana Karma*⁵.

2. Commencement of Samsarjana Krama:

When *Samyaka Shudhi* occurs, *Samsarjana Krama* may be started on the same day. If a little vitiation i.e. *Aushadhi* is remained inside, *Samsarjana Krama* should be initiated from the next day⁶.

3. Course of Samsarjana Krama:

The planning of *Samsarjana Krama* should be based on the type of *Shudhi* i.e. for *Hina Shudhi*, *Madhyama Shudhi* and *Pravara Shudhi*, it is of three days, five days and seven days respectively⁷.

Table No.1: Showing relation between types of *Shudhi* and *Samsarjana Krama* days

Type of Shudhi	Samsarjana Krama (in days)
Pravara	7
Madhyama	5
Hina	3

4. Samsarjana Krama according to Bala: Sushurata mentioned the Samsarjana Krama can be followed by considering the strength of the patient. SamsarjanaKrama should be planned as per the Bala. The individuals having good strength 3 Annakala are advocated, 2 Annakala for medium strength and 1 Annakala for the individuals with lesser strength⁸. Dalhana mentioned that, Bala can be judged by Upchaya⁹.

Table No. 2: Showing relation of *Bala* with No. of *Annakala* to be adopted

Bala	No. of Annakala
Pravara	3
Madhyama	2
Avara	1

Types of Samsarjana Krama:

Samsarjana Krama can be classified into:

- ✓ Peyadi Samsarjana Krama
- ✓ Tarpanadi Samsarjana Krama
- ✓ Rasa Samsarjana Krama
- ✓ Mamsa Rasadi Krama

PEYADI SAMSARJANA KRAMA

Generally after *Samshodhana Krama*, the *Peyadi SamsarjanaKrama* is advised as shown in the table no.3. In classics 2 meals life style is indicated and advised. For 2 meals life style 3*Peya*, 3*Vilepi*, 1*Akrita Yusha*, 2 Krita Yusha, 1*Akrita Mamsarasa* and 2 *Krita Mamsarasa* should be given so that the total 12 *Annakala* is completed in 7 days for *Pravara Shudhi*. In the same way 2 meals life style for *Madhyanma Shudhi* and *Hina Shudhi* should be planned with 8 and 4 *Annakala*¹⁰.

Table No.3: Showing Plan of *Peyadi Samsarjana Krama* (M=morning, E=evening)

Day	Annaka	la	Pravara Shudhi	Madhyama Shudhi	Avara or Hina Shudhi
I	1 st	M	- Shali Peya	- Shali Peya	- Shali Peya
		E			
II	2 nd	M	Shali Peya	Shali Peya	Shali Vilepi
	3 rd	E	Shali Peya	Shali Vilepi	Shalyanna
					+Krita/akrita Yusha
III	4 th	M	Shali Vilepi	Shali Vilepi	Shalyanna+
					Krita/akrita
					Mamsarasa
	5 th	E	Shali Vilepi	Shalyanna+Akrita	Normal diet
				Yusha	
IV	6 th	M	Shali Vilepi	Shalyanna+Krita	
				Yusha	
	7^{th}	E	Shalyanna+Akrita	Shalyanna+Akrita	
			Yusha	Mamsarasa	
V	8 th	M	Shalyanna+Krita	Shalyanna+Krita	
			Yusha	Mamsarasa	
	9 th	E	Shalyanna=Krita	Normal diet	
			Yusha		

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VI	10 th	M	Shalyanna+Akrita
			Mamsarasa
	11 th	E	Shalyanna+Krita
			Mamsarasa
VII	12 th	M	Shalyanna+Krita
			Mamsarasa
		E	Normal diet

Role of Maniki Shudhi in the planning of Samsarjana Krama:

Sushruta also suggested adopting the Samsarjana Karma after considering quantity of Dosha expelled by Samshodhana. Expelled Dosha are in three Pramanai.e. 1 Prastha, ½ Adhaka and 1 Adhaka. Among them 1 Prastha is Avara, ½ Adhaka is Madhyama and 1 Adhaka is Pravara or Uttam. In 1 Prastha Pramana of Dosha, Yavagu made by adding little amount of rice is given to the patient. In ½ Adhaka Pramana of Dosha, Peya should be given to the patient twice. In 1 Adhaka Pramana of Dosha, Peya should be given for three times¹¹. He further told the recipe to make the Yavagu, Vilepi, Yusha (Akrita and Krita) and Audana¹².

Table No. 4: Showing level of *Shudhi* in realtion with quantity of *Dosha* eliminated

Dosha Pramana	Level of shudhi
1 Adhaka	Uttama
½ Adhaka	Madhyama
1 Prastha	Hina

Table No.5: Showing Various *Kalpana* Preparations

Kalpana	Kalpana mixed with controlled diet	Properties
Yavagu	Rice less quantity with more water	Laghu Aahara
Vilepi	Used ¹ / ₄ th Audana+Vilepi	Apicchala Aahara
Asiddha Yusha	Mugda Yusha +1/2 Audana	Sneha- Lavana rahita
Siddha Yusha	Siddha Yusha+3/4 Audana (Krita Yusha)	Hridya+Ruchikar
Mamsarasa	Mamsarasa of Lava, Ena, Harina etcanimals+Audana	SamanyaAahara

TARPANADI KRAMA

Indications of *Tarpanadi Krama*¹³

- 1. The patients with increased *Kapha* and *Pitta Dosha*.
- 2. When *Kapha* and *Pitta* are eliminated in a smaller quantity during *Samshodhana*.
- 3. In the alcoholic patients.
- 4. The patients having *Vata* and *Pitta Prakriti*.

Tarpanadi Krama is preferred as an alternative to Peyadi Samsarjana Krama, as it may produce Abhishyanda(increased secretions) in well purified Patient. According to Chakrapani, Svaccha Tarpana can be given instead of Peya and Ghan Tarpan instead of Vilepi¹⁴. It contains Laja, Saktu and Mamsarasa with Audana (Cooked Rice). Jejjata says due to similarities, MugdaYusha and Mamsarasa can be given as Tarpana. But commemtators of Astanga Hridaya mentioned the diet regime clearly pertaining to Annakala.

Table No. 6: Showing Tarpanadi Samsarjana Krama

Annakala	Food item
1 st	Laaja
2 nd	Saktu
3 rd	Mamsarasa with Audana

Table No.7: Tarpanadi Krama according to Astanga Hridaya commentators

Commemtators	I Annakala	II Annakala	III Annakala
Arunadutta	Laja+Saktu	Jirna, Shali Audana	Mamsarasa+Audana
(on A.H.Su.18/40)			
Parameshvara	Laja+Saktu	Yusha+Anna Bhojana	Mamsarasa+Anna
(on A.H.Su.18/40)			

RASA SAMSARJANA KRAMA

During *Samsarjana Krama*, there are chances of provocation of *Dosha* due to augmented *Agni*. By arranging taste of the recipe in such a proper sequence the chances of increase of *Dosha* will be lessened. *Dalhana*¹⁵ and *Chakrapani*¹⁶ elaborated this as follows

Table No. 8: Showing different opinion regarding Rasa Samsarjana Krama

Sequence of	Charaka	Sushruta
Rasa		
1	Snigdha,Amla,Swadu and Hridya	Swadu and Tikta
2	Amla and Lavana	Sniddha, Amla, Lavana and Katu
3	Swadu and Tikta	Swadu, Amla and Lavana
4	Kashaya and Katu	Swadu and Tikta

Table No 9: Showing probable effect of Dosha in RasaSamsarjana Krama

Reason	Probale effect of <i>Dosha</i>
Augmented Agni	To pacify Vata and Pitta
	To balance Agni
	To pacify Vata situated in Pakvashaya
Taste opposite to previous	To pacify Vata and Kapha
one	To increase Agni Bala
	To augment <i>Agni</i> in the upper site
Increased Pitta due to	To pacify Pitta and Vata
previous Taste	
-	To pacify <i>Kapha</i> and <i>Pitta</i> situated in the upper region

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This is indicated in case of strong Agni, there is no need to follow *Peyadi Krama* and *Yusha* and *Mamsarasa* should be advised.

- Atyanta Kshina Kapha= Peyadi Krama
- Vata Bhuyishtha and Diptagni, Mamsa Satmya= Mamsarasa
- Kapha Yukta= Yusha ¹⁸

5. Benefits of Samsarjana Krama:

✓ Normalizes the *Agni* and *Vayu*.

- ✓ Provides nutrition and helps to normalize the body tissues, which are weakened due to *Samshodhana* process.
- ✓ By arranging such plans, the diet comprised of all the tastes can be served through 12 meals (*Annakala*) and *Dosha* becomes normal.

Table No.10: Difference between *Peyadi* and *Tarpanadi Krama*

Feature	Peyadi Krama	Tarpanadi Krama	
Use	Most commonly used	Less common	
Indication	Pravara and madhyama Shodhana	Avara Shodhana	
Dosha	Kshina Kapha	Vata-Pitta Pradhanyata Kapha-	
		Pitta Alpa Shodhana	
Annakala	Pravara Shudhi-12 Annakala	Avara Shudhi-4 Annakala	
	Madhyama Shudhi=8 Annakala		
Pathya Kalpana	Peya-Vilepa, Yusha-Mamsarasa	Lajja Svaccha tarpana- Lajja	
		Ghana Tarpana- Yusha	
Special indication	-	Madhyapa	

DISCUSSION

Samsarjana Krama is an important sequence to enhance the Agni in a systematized manner after Samshodhana Karma. It should never be correlated with Karma. Krama is a sequence to be followed. Various food items used in Samsarjana Krama are:

- 1. *Peya*¹⁹(rice Water): *Peya* is the only liquid easily digested. It is prepared by adding rice with 14 times of water and made thin in consistency (Simple Glucose).
- 2. *Vilepi*²⁰(Liquid Rice): *Vilepi* is semi-solid. *Vilepi* is prepared by adding rice with 4 times of water and thicker in consistency and should contain rice particles (Carbohydrates).
- 3. *Yusha*²¹ (Green Gram Soup): In the *Akrita*, salt and *Ghrita* is not added, whereas in *Krita Yusha* both of them is added (Simple Proteins-Plant proteins).
- 4. *Mamsarasa* (Mutton Soup): In the *Akrita*, salt and *Ghrita* is not added, whereas in *Krita Mamsarsa* both of them is added (Complex proteins-Animal Proteins and fats).

Table 11: Showing Samsarjana Krama Dravya

Peya	More liquid+ rice (in small unit)	Carbohydrates in less quantity
Vilepi	More rice (solid)+ less liquid	Carbohydrates increased
Akrita Yusha	Pulse without salt and fat	Protein content
Krita Yusha	Pulse with salt and fat	Protein along with fat
Akrita Mamsarasa	Fat present in Mamsa+ protein	Protein more+ fat
Krita Mamsarasa	Fat+ protein (Mamsa)+ supplement fat	Protein+ fat increased in more
	and salt	amount

Scientific View:

The Samsarjana Krama is given with two aims; to give time to stomach/intestine to replenish Agni during the Samshodhana procedures and to slowly increase the acidic and alkaline secretions in the stomach and intestine. Sudden increase in acidic/ alkaline will damage the mucosa and digest the organ muscles leading to gastritis and ulcers. The sequence followed is Peya- Vilepi- Akrita Yusha- Krita Yusha- Akrita Mamsarasa- Krita Mamsarasa. The first Annakala starts from evening of drug administration. At this stage Agni is the weakest, which means it is not capable of digesting normal food. At the same time strength of the body is also less. So

the focus is to give such thing that can be easily digested and is an instant energy provider. So the first thing to be given is $Peya^{22}$, which is Laghu, Grahi, Dhatuposhaka at the same time Dipana and $Vatanulomana^{23}$. This is administered for 3Annakala in $Pravara\ Shudhi$.

After administration of *Peya*, *Agni* is in better condition as well as body strength is also retained. So, more solid food can be given. For this, *Vilepi*²⁴ is used which is also light to digest, *Dhatuvardhak*, *Tarpak,Kaphanashak*, *Hridhya*, *Madhur,Pitta Shamak* and *Balakarak*^{*} This is administered for *3Annakala* in *Pravara Shudhi*. As per ingredients of *Peya* and *Vilepi* is concerned it can be inferred that they are the source of carbohydrates in the body.

The next food item is Yusha²⁵ which is Laghu, Balakarak, Ruchikar and Kaphanashak. Akrita and Krita Yusha increases palatability, Dipana and are capable of alleviating Tridosha.

First protein content is introduced is in the form of *Akrita Yusha*, then a little fat is added in the form of *Krita Yusha*. Now the *Agni* is ignited which can digest protein as well as fat in more quantity.

The next food item to be given is *Akrita Mamsarasa* which is rich in protein as well as fat. Whereas when salt and *Ghrita* are added it becomes rich in protein as well as fat. *Charaka* clearly stated that *Akrita Yusha* is easily digestible than *Krita Yusha* and so is applicable for *Akrita* and *Krita Mamsarasa*²⁶.

It becomes clear that first easily digestible *Laghu Aahara* is given which is later on followed by *Guru Aahara*. Same fundamental is applicable for *Samasarjana Krama* in *Madhyama Shudhi* with 2 *Annakala* and *Avara Shudhi* with 1 *Annakala*.

Mechanism of *Samsarjana Krama*²⁷**:**

Activity enhances calorie requirement. Hence after the *Samshodhana* procedure the patients are advised to do rest and to minimize activity.

Carbohydrates and fats are energy giving, so are required first (as patient is tired) but in lesser amount during *Samsarjana Krama* as reduced activities are performed by the patient.

Milk, egg and flesh proteins are rich is essential Amino acids. But they cannot be given soon after procedures because they also require huge amount of enzymes which can again damage the GIT.

Hence to start with, the *Shuka Dhanya* are given and that too in the form of *Peya* (liquid), since liquid requires less HCl compared to solid food. *Peya* is only liquid easily digested with less HCl secretion, the *Vilepi* is semisolid requires more digestive enzymes, but both are *Shuka Dhanya* (cereals), the *Yusha* is advised which is gram (*Shimbi Dhanya*), first in the form of simple without spices, and the fats is added to stimulate bile secretions. Since now both the enzymes for digesting carbohydrates and fats is secreted and also the mucous is somewhat repaired. After *Shuka Dhanya*, *Shimbi Dhanya* is given. This is because there is deficiency of lysine (essential AA) in cereal protein (*Shuka Dhanya*) and thus is compensated by the rich amount of lysine from pulse proteins (*Shimbi Dhanya*). While the rich amount of methionine (essential AA) in cereals compensates for the lack of methionine in pulses.

Lastly *Mamsarasa* is given (protein rich) which is heavy to digest i.e. needs more enzymes and HCl to denature and also protein enzymes are secreted.

Again the sequence for *Samsarjana Krama* is first *Akrita* and then *Krita*. *Krita* means with *Saindhava*, *Katu Dravya* and *Sneha*. Here *Sneha* is used to increase the bile secretion inorder to digest the fats or triglycerides. So all the 3 components of food are supplied and all the digestive enzymes to digest the 3 constituents are herein gradually increased in the body.

CONCLUSION

Samsarjana Krama enhances Agni as well as provide strength to the body after Vamana and Virechana Karma. It is done only in these two cases in the sequence of Laghu Aahara to Guru Aahara Carbohydrates, Proteins

and Fat. These pattern should follow after *Vamana* and *Virechana Karma* to enhance the digestive fire or capacity of the body which was get decreased during the *Pradhan Karma*.

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