

Theme: Importance of Para surgical Procedures in Shalakya.

Agni karma in the treatment of Adhimandha: A Comparison with Modern Treatment Trends in Glaucoma.

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Abstract

Acharya Susruta broadly divided diseases into two categories viz; *Bheshaja sadya and Sastra sadya* (Those treated by surgical methods). Para surgical methods are special kind of treatments which are indicated for the person whose disease cannot be cured by medicines or surgical procedures. *Agni karma* is one of the parasurgical methods mentioned in Ayurvedic classics. It is suggested as a treatment method for *Adhimandha* by *Acharya Vagbhata*. Nowadays the *Agni karma* procedure may be correlated in modern science as cauterization, microwave cyclodestruction etc. This study aims to compare *Agnikarma* with modern treatment techniques in Glaucoma.

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