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The efficacy of *narayan taila parishek* in the management of muscle strain- a single case study.

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ABSTRACT-

The competitive and hectic lifestyle increases the incidence of muscular disease. Muscle strain usually causes acute pain and occurs during strenuous activity. In the lower leg strain there is sharp pain, tenderness, restricted planter flexion and patient is unable to walk.The line of treatment is PRICE i.e. Protection, Rest, Ice application, Compression, Elevation. In chikitsa sthanaAcharya Sushruta has described Asthibhagna chikitsa in which the pratan abhigatais explained. This condition closely resembles with muscular strain. In the treatment of patana abhigata he advised to apply sheeta pradeha or Parisheka at the site. Vitiated Vata starts destruction in joints by producing pain and inflammation in joints. In Ayurveda, it is known as Shoola. Shoola can be at any region, but it is caused due to the aggravation of the 2

Vata Dhosha.Narayan Taila is good Vatashamaka.

A 30-year-old female patient diagnosed with left lower leg muscle strain was treated with Parisheka. This procedure was performed daily for 20 minutes followed bykept soaked gauze with Narayana Taila and simple roller bandage for 7days. Complaints like pain, stiffnessmild swelling, and Range of motion was assessed before treatment and after treatment. At the site of strain there is accumulation of vatadi doshas and due to this *viated vata dosha*Pain gets aggregated.Narayan Taila has Vatashamaka properties and thus Narayana Taila Parisheka reduces pain, stiffness, and improved range of motion.

KEYWORDS: Muscle Strain, *Narayana Taila, Parisheka*.

INTRODUCTION-

Muscle Strain means stretching of the muscle or its tendinous attachment¹. A muscle strain occurs when muscle fibers cannot cope with the demands placed on them by exercise overload and leads to tearing of the fibers. It is a contraction-induced injury in which muscle fibers tear due to extensive mechanical stress. The lower leg is a vital biomechanical component during

locomotion. The calf complex is an essential component during locomotive activities and weight-bearing and injuries to this area is very common. Muscle strains commonly occur in the medial head of the gastrocnemius or close to the musculotendinous junction. In the lower leg strain there is sharp pain, tenderness at the touch point, restricted planter flexion and patient is unable to walk.

According to symptoms it divided in to 3 grades, Grade 1-Sharp pain at the time of activity or after, may have a feeling of tightness. May be able to continue activity without pain or with mild discomfort, Post activity tightness. Grade 2- Sharp pain at the time of activity in calf, Unable to continue activity, Significant pain with walking afterwards. May have swelling in muscle, Mild to moderate bruising may be present Pain with active plantar flexion Pain and weakness with resisted plantar flexion Loss of dorsiflexion .Grade 3- Severe and immediate pain in the calf, often at musculotendinous junction Unable to continue with activity ,May present with considerable bruising and swelling within hours of injury Inability to contract calf muscle May have palpable defect. On swelling, palpation thickening, tenderness, defects and masses if present. conservative management includes

PRICE, injection of local anesthetic and cortisone in and around the area .Gentle passive stretching exercises without pain to maintain range of motion in the plantar flexors, compressive wrap ,in the latter stages, once inflammation has resolved, applying superficial heat simultaneously with a low load static stretch improves $muscles^2$. the flexibility of Acharya Sushruta in the context of Asthi-Bhagna has mentioned "Patanabhighatadwa" which means Patana, Abhighata or both are the main causes for strain. where he has highlighted the application of Sheeta Pradeha and Parisheka to reduce *Vedana* and *Shopha*³. a١

पतनादभिघाताद्वाशूनमङ्गंयदक्षतम्। शीतान्प्रदेहान्सेकांश्वभिषक्तस्यावचारयेत्॥४७॥ स्.चि.३/४७.

At the site of strain there is accumulation of vatadi dosha. This viated vata dosha aggravated the pain.Acharya charaka has mentioned that swedana therapy is the best treatment for viated vata and kapha dominated diseases⁴.Parisheka is one type of swedan karma.Pouring of hot kwatha ,Taila, Ghrita Dugdha,Kanji, Gomutra, liquids over the body from the specific height is known as Parisheka sweda.so in muscle strain Narayana taila⁵Parisheka used for this study

CASE HISTORY-

A 30 year old female patient suffering from left calf pain since 2 months.Patient reported history of sudden jerk at left foot 2 months before. presenting with the complaints of pain at left calf region,mild swelling,tenderness.

N/H/O- Diabeties, Hypertention, Bronchial Asthma, or any major illness. S/H- not any,

Family history: Not significant

LOCAL EXAMINATION-

- 1. Patient has difficulty in Walking.
- 2. Mild swelling at left leg upper calf region.
- 3. No E/O of redness or bruising.
- J-R4. Tenderness on superficial palpation.
 - 5. Painful dorsiflexion (Angle above 15[°])
 - 6. Mild Restricted Planter Flexion. (Angle above 15[°])

ON EXAMINATION:

- 1. Pulse; 68/min
- 2. Bp:-130/90 mm hg
- 3. Temperature;- afebrile
- 4. Systemic examination: NAD
- 5. Respiratory examination: NAD
- 6. Per abdomen: NAD.

Pathological investigations: -

X- ray of Left knee joint in standing view: NAD.

Blood report: Hb- 12.4gms% BSL Random-112mgs% Platelet count – 1.9 lakhs cells/cumm

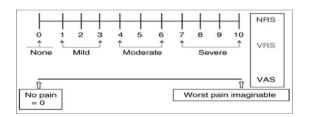
ASSESSEMENT CRITERIA: -

1) Pain – Visual analogue scale

VAS is a simple, objective and reproducible method of quantifying pain for VAS.

The patients were asked to mark the line to show how intense degree of pain is.

Sr. no	V A Score	Grade
1	0	0
2	1-3	1 NURLO
3	4-6	
4	7-10	3



2. Tenderness

Grade	Criteria	
0	No tenderness	
1	Patient winces on deep palpation	
2	Patient winces on superficial palpation	
3	Patient does not allow to touch the part	

3. swelling-

Grade	Criteria
0	No swelling
1	Mild swelling
2	Moderate swelling
3	Marked swelling

4) Dorsiflexion

Grade	Criteria
0	Angle of 25 ⁰
1	Angle above 15 ⁰
2	Angle above 5 ⁰

5) Plantarflexion

J-R A S

Grade	Criteria
0	Angle of 35 ⁰
1	Angle above 25 ⁰
2	Angle above 15 ⁰
3	Angle above 5 ⁰

METHODOLOGY-

- Narayana Taila Parishekais the method of pouring the Taila on affected part from 10 inch distance for 20 minute. [Fig-1]
- 2. This *Parisheka* was for7days followed by kept soaked gauze

with Narayana Tailaandsimple roller bandaging.[Fig-2].

3. Uniform *Parisheka* was done daily about 20 minutes in the morning.

OBSERVATION AND RESULT:

Sr.	Symptoms	Before	After
no		treatment	treatment
	Pain	2	0
,	Tenderness	2	0
	Swelling	1	0
	Dorsiflexion	1	0
	Planter	2	1
	flexion		

It is observed that Narayana Taila Parisheka was very beneficial to reduce the Pain, tenderness, swelling and improved Range of motion.

DISCUSSION-

In the muscular strain pain is the main symptoms which due to stitching of the muscle. *Parisheka* is type of swedana. According to Acharya Charaka samyaka sweda lakshna swedana reduces Shoola, sthambha and Gaurav⁶.

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At the site of strain there is accumulation of vata dosha and due to this viated vata dosha pain gets aggregated. Taila is the best medicine for viated vata.Narayana Taila is good Vatashamakaproperties, so Narayan Taila was used For Parisheka and after Parisheka Bandaging done which helps in reduce the Pain and Swelling. Local Parisheka of Narayana Taila at the site of Muscle strain increase the absorption of Taila reaching to particular site. Ushna guna of sweda dilates the capillaries thus increase the circulation. Increased circulation enhances the elimination of waste products and more absorption of Sneha. It also stimulate muscle and nerves which promotes its renovation .Heat administration by swedana may produce hypno- analgesic effect by diverted stimuli⁷

Parisheka produce vasodilatation. Higher temperature of the blood stimulates thermo receptors that send nerve impulses to the pre optic area of the brain which in turn stimulate the heat losing center and inhibits the heat promoting center. Nerve impulses from the heat losing center cause dilatation of blood vessels in the skin so the excess heat is lost to the environment via radiation and conduction. As a result of vasodilatation there is an increased blood flow through the area so that the necessary oxygen and nutritive materials are supplied, and waste products are removed⁷.

So Narayana Taila Parisheka in Muscle strain Reduce the Pain, Tenderness, swelling, and improves the Range of Motion.

CONCLUSION-

The present single case study shows that thelocal *Parisheka* of*Narayana Taila* is effective on Muscle strain. Which effectively reduce the Pain, Tenderness, swelling and improves the range of motion

further investigation is required to identify the effect of *Parisheka* of*Narayana Taila* in theManagement of the Muscle Strainand also study its mechanism of action in larger sample size.

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Figure 1-Narayana Taila Parisheka.



Figure 2-Bandaging after Parisheka.

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