

A Literature Review of Perumpaadu Management in Siddha

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ABSTRACT

Perumpaadu, (Menorrhagia) is one of the commonest gynaecological complaints, affecting 10-15 % of the adult female population. It is an abnormal uterine bleeding (AUB) occurring at any age but the problem is common in woman over 35 years. It causes considerable morbidity. It can cause the patient to become anaemic. On the contrary patient develops the risk of cancer of reproductive organs [15]. Ancient and traditional medicines have been used to handle menorrhagia for many centuries. Our siddha system of medicine is very effective in treating such problems. This article reveals the treatment of menorrhagia according to their in siddha aspect.

KEYWORDS: Perumpaadu, AUB, Menorrhagia, etiology, Siddha treatment, Drug.

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INTRODUCTION

Menstrual irregularities is consider as a major problems in women in India. Females of reproductive age experience cycles of hormonal activity that repeat at about (one-month) 28 days intervals. This series of natural changes is termed as menstrual cycle. Any changes in this cycle is consider as an abnormal condition, for any underlying diseases^[1].This can be corrected through diet, medication, etc., Menorrhagia is one of the AUB that can be managed and treated through Siddha medicines. Here menorrhagia is denoted as *perumpaadu* in siddha literatures. This article gives as a brief knowledge about herbals, metals and minerals and animal origins that is used for treating menorrhagia.

Definition: [15]

Menorrhagia (perumpaadu) is defined as cyclic bleeding at normal intervals; the bleeding is either excessive in amount (>80 ml) or duration or both.

Related terminology: [1]

Abnormal uterine bleeding (AUB) is used to describe any deviation from the normal menstrual cycle. The related terms are also given in siddha aspect:

i. Abarimidha perumpaadu

It is defined as excessive menstrual bleeding with regular or irregular interval and in normal duration of cycle.

ii. Adhama perumpaadu

It is defined as intercyclic bleeding.

Etiology in modern aspect: ^{[15][17]}

Menorrhagia is a symptom of some underlying pathology – organic or functional.

I. Organic

✚ Pelvic pathology:

- ✓ Fibroid uterus
- ✓ Adenomyosis
- ✓ Pelvic endometriosis
- ✓ IUCD in-utero
- ✓ Chronic tubo-ovarian mass
- ✓ Tubercular endometritis (early cases)
- ✓ Retroverted uterus – due to congestion
- ✓ Granulosa cell tumour of the ovary

✚ Systemic

- ✓ Liver dysfunction – failure to conjugate and thereby inactivates the oestrogens.
- ✓ Congestive cardiac failure
- ✓ Severe hypertension

✚ Endocrinial

- ✓ Hypothyroidism
- ✓ Hyperthyroidism

✚ Blood dyscrasias

- ✓ Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura

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- ✓ Leukaemia
- ✓ von Willebrand's disease
-  Emotional upset
- Genital tuberculosis (starting stage)
- Endocrine disorders
- Psychiatric illness

II. Functional

Due to disturbed hypothalamo-pituitary-ovarian-endometrial axis.

Etiology in Siddha aspect: [1]

There are two major types of perumpaadu (menorrhagia):

1. Saatharana perumpaadu
2. Asaatharana perumpaadu

I. Saatharana perumpaadu:

- Fibroid uterus or uterine polyps
- Pelvic tumors

II. Asaatharana perumpaadu:

Based on the symptoms and age, it can be classified as

- Excessive bleeding in adolescent age
- Postpartum bleeding
- Postmenopausal bleeding in old age

According to siddha literature, Yugimuni classified perumpaadu into four types;

- ❖ Vadha perumpaadu
- ❖ Pitha perumpaadu
- ❖ Sethpa perumpaadu
- ❖ Thondha perumpaadu

Treatment:

Herbals in treating menorrhagia: [4] [5]

| S.No. | Plants | Botanical name | Parts used |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Asogu | <i>Saraca asoca</i> | Bark |
| 2. | Atimaduram | <i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i> | Root |
| 3. | Atti | <i>Ficus racemosa</i> | Milk, bark |
| 4. | Avarai | <i>Cassia auriculata</i> | Flower |
| 5. | Itti | <i>Ficus microcarpa</i> | Tender fruit |
| 6. | Lavangappattai | <i>Cinnamomum verum</i> | Bark |
| 7. | Odimaram | <i>Lannea coromandelica</i> | Bark |
| 8. | Ganjah | <i>Cannabis sativa</i> | Whole plant |
| 9. | Kattukodi | <i>Cocculus hirsutus</i> | Leaves, root |
| 10. | Karungali | <i>Acacia catechu</i> | Pesin |
| 11. | Kavizhtumbai | <i>Trichodesma indicum</i> | Leaves |
| 12. | Kasa | <i>Memecylon umbellatum</i> | Root |
| 13. | Pannaikkirai | <i>Celosia argentea</i> | Flower |
| 14. | Sengkiraithandu | <i>Amaranthus gangeticus</i> | Stem, green leaf,root |
| 15. | Kizhkai nelli | <i>Phyllanthus amarus</i> | Root |
| 16. | Kungiliyam | <i>Shorea robusta</i> | Pesin |
| 17. | Kothumai | <i>Triticum aestivum</i> | Kothumai kanghee |
| 18. | Sathikkai | <i>Myristica fragrans</i> | Unripen fruit |
| 19. | Chaya maram | <i>Caesalpinia sappan</i> | Wooden pegs |
| 20. | Chemparattai | <i>Hibiscus rosasinensis</i> | Leaves, flower, root |

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|-----|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 21. | Chempai | <i>Sesbania sesban</i> | Seeds |
| 22. | Thipilli | <i>Piper longum</i> | Unripen fruit, rice |
| 23. | Thenku maram | <i>Coccus nucifera</i> | Root |
| 24. | Thettran | <i>Strychnos potatorum</i> | Root |
| 25. | Naval | <i>Syzygium cumini</i> | Bark |
| 26. | Nilappusini | <i>Ipomoea mauritiana</i> | Tuber |
| 27. | Nirmulli | <i>Hygrophila auriculata</i> | Seeds |
| 28. | Nettlingam | <i>Polyalthia longifolia</i> | Bark |
| 29. | Neithar kizhangu | <i>Nymphaea pubescens</i> | Flower |
| 30. | Nel | <i>Oryza sativa</i> | Rice |
| 31. | Nelli | <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> | Leaves, flower, root, bark, unripen fruit, seed |
| 32. | Pannimonthan kizhangu | <i>Trapa natans</i> | Seeds |
| 33. | Chiru peelai | <i>Aerva lanata</i> | Whole plant |
| 34. | Punaikkali | <i>Mucuna pruriens</i> | Seed |
| 35. | Mantharai | <i>Bauhinia purpurea</i> | Flower |
| 36. | Ma | <i>Mangifera indica</i> | Seed, pesin |
| 37. | Machikkai | <i>Quercus infectoria</i> | Unripen fruit |
| 38. | Modagavalli | <i>Sterculia foetida</i> | Bark |
| 39. | Valuzhuvai | <i>Celastrus paniculatus</i> | Seeds |
| 40. | Vazhai | <i>Musa paradisiaca</i> | Flower |
| 41. | Vilamaram | <i>Limonia acidissima</i> | Pesin |
| 42. | Vellilotram | <i>Symplocos racemosa</i> | Bark, stem |

Metals and minerals: [3]

| MEDICINES | DOSAGE | ADJUVENT |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| □ Iyaparpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Honey/ ghee |
| □ Iyanaaga parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Cow's milk |
| □ Karuvanga parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Alovera juice |
| □ Kandha parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Milagu thailam |
| □ Naga parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Urine (human) |
| □ Vanga parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Kadukilai juice |
| □ Velli parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Cow's milk |
| □ Muthu parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Warm water |
| □ Kavikkal chendooram | » 3 Kundri | Jaggery |
| □ Senkal kittam | » ½ Varagan | Jaggery |
| □ Sangu parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Nandhiyavata juice |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Uppu parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Warm water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheenakaram | » ½-1 Kundri | Milk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Padikara chendooram | » 1-2 Kundri | Butter/ghee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Padiga linga thuvar | » 3-5 Kundri | Butter/ghee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Venkaram | » 2½-7½ Kundri | - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Navamani – neelam | » ¼-1 Kundri | Honey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pavazha parpam | » ½-1 Kundri | Honey |

Named preparations:

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| Chooranam: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Kombarakkku chooranam [3] ❖ Maruthampattai chooranam [4] ❖ Raja elathi chooranam [9] ❖ Elathi chooranam [7] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Thadhu busti leghiyam [10] ❖ Paal leghiyam [6] |
| Parpam: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Poora parpam [11] | Nei: |
| Chendooram: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Unani chendooram [9] ❖ Karuvanga chendooram [10] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sathavari nei [13] ❖ Venpoosani nei [12] ❖ Bramiya nivarana nei [6] ❖ Maha mega nei [6] ❖ Avarai nei [10] |
| Leghiyam: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Kungumam poo leghiyam [8] ❖ Maga aavarappattai leghiyam [8] ❖ Kasakasa leghiyam [2] | Thailam: |
| Other medicines: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Manikkam kirudham [13] ❖ Sathavari Elagam [13] ❖ Maruthampattai Elagam [4] ❖ Vaazhai vadagam [16] ❖ Naval nei [10] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Asai thailam (ext) [2] ❖ Kizhanelli thailam (ext) [4] ❖ Vellai thailam [6] ❖ Kandhaga thailam [11] ❖ Eravelchinni ennai [6] ❖ Agathiyar sanjeevi ennai [11] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rathakasa mezhu [6] ❖ Maga kodasuli [6] ❖ Murunga erkku manapagu [14] ❖ Udhumparathi kasaya [7] |

General hematonics to perumpaadu: [3]

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Iya bringuraja paanidham ➤ Karisalai karpam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Iya jambeera karpam ➤ Iya chendooram |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thiriloga chendooram ➤ Egku chendooram ➤ Kandha chendooram ➤ Thandavala chendooram ➤ Mandura chendooram ➤ Sidha manduram ➤ Maha manduram ➤ Thirikadugu manduram ➤ Narayana manduram ➤ Mandura mathirai | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Annabaethi chendooram ➤ Sangu parpam ➤ Arumuga chendooram ➤ Velli chendooram ➤ Thanga chendooram ➤ Iya parpam ➤ Kandha parpam ➤ Velli parpam ➤ Iya naga parpam |

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