

Curriculum for Ph.D in Panchakarma

1. Panchkarma in Ashtanga Ayurved and Significance of Shodhana
2. Ama and Shodhana, benefits of Shodhana, Samikshya Bhavas in Shodhana,
3. Importance of Pachana prior to Snehana, methods, drugs, duration and dose for Pachana, samyak Lakshana of Pachana

1. Sneha and swedan

A. Snehana

1. Etymology and definition of Sneha and Snehana
2. General considerations about Snehana
3. Classifications of Sneha, Sneha-Yoni, detailed knowledge of four types main Sneha-Ghrita, Taila, Vasa and Majja with their characteristics, importance and utility, various aspects of Uttama Sneha
4. Properties of Snehana Dravya and their interpretation
5. Effects of Snehana
6. Sneha Kalpana, various types of Sneha Paka with their utility
7. Indications and contraindications of Snehana
8. Classification of Snehana: Bahya and Abhyantara Snehana
9. Bahya Snehana and Bahir-Parimarjana, utility and importance of Bahya Snehana
10. Classification of Bahya Snehana
Methods, indications, contraindications, specific utility of the followings Abhyanga, Mardana, unmardana, Padaghta, Samvahana, Udvartana/Utsadana, Udgharshana, Avagaha, Pariseka, Lepa, Pralepa, updeha, Gandusha, Kavala; Karana and Nasa Purna, Akshi Tarpana; Murdhni Taila: Shiro-abhyanga, Shirodhara, Siro Pichu and Siro Basti, Shiro Lepa (Talapotchil), Talam and Takradhara, etc.
11. Knowledge of digestion and metabolism of fat
12. Karmukata of Abhyantara and Bahya Snehan
13. Knowledge of different western massage techniques
14. Abhyantra Snehana: Brimhnartha, Shamanartha and Shodhanartha, definition, method and utility of Brimhanartha and shamanrtha Snehana; difference between Shamanartha and Shodhanartha Snehana
15. Methods of Abhyantar Snehana
16. Shodhanartha Snehana: Acchapana and Vicharana, Utility and various methods of Sadyasnehana, Avapidaka Sneha
17. Matra of Sneha : Hrasiyasi, Hrasva, Madhyama and Uttma Matra with their indications, specific utility of Ghrita, taila, Vasa and majja; Anupana of Sneha
18. Need and method of Rukshana before performing Snehana in specific conditions and Samyak Rukshana Lakshana
19. Shodhannga Snehana Vidhi and methods of fixation of dose
20. Diet and Pathya during Snehana

21. Observation of sneha Jiryamana, Jirna and Ajirna Lkashana
22. Samyak, Asnigdha and Ati Yoga Lakshana of Snehana
23. Snehs vyapta and their management
24. Pariharya vishaya and Parihara Kala

B. Svedana

1. Etymology and definition of Svedana
2. General considerations about Svedana
3. Properties of Svedan and Svedopaga Dravya
4. Indications and contraindications of Svedana
5. Various Classifications of Sveda and Svedna
6. Detailed knowledge of four types of Sveda of Sushruta with their utility;
7. Hina, Mridu, Madhya and Mhana Sveda; Ekanga and Sarvanga sveda with their utility
8. Utility and method of each of 13 types of Sagni and 10 types of Niragni Sveda
9. Shodhannga and Samshamaniya Sveda
10. Methods to protect the vital organs (varjya anga) during Svedan Procedure
11. Detailed Knowledge about Utility of below mentioned Svedan procedures:- Patrapinda Sveda, Shashtika Shalipinda Sveda, Churna Pinda Sveda, Jambira Pinda Sveda, Dhanya Pinda Sveda, Kukkutanda Sveda, Anna lepa, Valuka Sveda, Ishtika Sveda, Nadi Sveda, Bashpa Sveda, Kshira bashpa Sveda, Avagaha Sveda, Parisheka Sveda, Pizichil, Dhanyamla Dhara, Kashaya Dhara, Kshira Dhara and Upanaha Sveda.
12. Avasthanusari Svedana in various disorders
13. Samyak, Ayoga and Atiyoga Lakshana, Sveda Vyapat and their management
14. Diet and regimens during and after Svedana
15. Karmukata of Svedana
16. Current sudation modalities like Sauna bath, Steam Bath, Infrared, etc.
17. Svedana with Kati Basti, Janu Basti and Griva Basti
18. Study of Snehana and Svedana related portions in classics with commentaries

2. Vamana Karma and Virechan Karma

A. Vamana Karma

1. Etymology, definition and general considerations of vamana
2. Properties of Vamaka and Vamanopaga drugs
3. Knowledge and utility of important Vamaka drugs and their preparations (Vamana Yoga)
4. Avasthanusara Vamana and its utility.
5. Indications of Vamana
6. Contraindications of Vamana with reasons
7. Pachana prior to Snehana
8. Detailed knowledge and method of preparation of patient with Snehana
9. Abhyanga and Svedana as Purvakarma of Vamana
10. Diet and management of gap day
11. Need of increasing of Kapha for proper Vamana, Kapha increasing diet
12. Management of Patients on the morning of Vamana
13. Administration of food articles prior to Vamana

14. Drug, time, Anupana, Sahapana, dose and method of administration of Vamana and Vamanopaga preparations
15. Method of Vamana Karma, waiting period for automatic Vamana Vega and manipulation in its absence
16. Observations prior to beginning of Vamana such as sweat on forehead, horripilation, fullness of stomach and nausea
17. Observation and assistance of the patient during Vamana
18. Vega and Upavega of Vamaana and its counting, observations and preservation of vomitus matter and its weighing
19. Samyak, Ayoga and Atiyoga of Vamana
20. Laingiki, Vaigiki, Manaki and Antiki Shuddhi,
21. Hina, Madhya and Pravara Shddhi and Samsajana Krama accordingly
22. Detail knowledge of methods of Samsarjana Krama and its importance
23. Kavala and Dhumapana after vamana
24. Management of Ayoga, Atiyog and Vyapat of Vamana with Ayurveda and modern drugs
25. Parihara Vishaya and Kala for Vamana
26. Vamana Karmukata with Pharmaco-dynamics of Vamana

B. Virechana Karma

1. Etymology, definition and general considerations of Virechana
2. Importance of Vamana and Virechana as shodhana, Virechana better than Vamana
3. Necessity of Vamana prior to Virechana
4. Preparation of patients for Virechana after Vamana
5. Preparation of patients directly for Virechana
6. Properties of main Virechaka and Virechanopaga drugs, Classifications of Virechana drugs with definition, example and utility of each type
7. Indications of Vamana Karma
8. Contraindications of Virechana with reasons
9. Utility of Virechana for the specific conditions and stages of the disease
10. Internal Snehana for Virechana with diet
11. Management of 3 gap day with diet and importance of low Kapha for proper Virechana
12. Abhyanga and Svednana as Purvakarma of Virechana
13. Management of Patients on the morning of Virechana
14. Virechana should be performed in empty stomach
15. Drug, dose, time, Anupana, sahapana and method of administration of Virechana and Virechanopaga preparations
16. Method of performing of Virechana Karma
17. Observations during Virechana, Vega and Upavega of Virechana and its counting, observations and preservation of feces and its weighing
18. Samyak, Ayoga and Atiyoga of Virechana
19. Laingiki, Vaigiki, Manaki and Antiki Shuddhi of Virechana
20. Hina, Madhya and Pravara Shddhi and Samsajana Krama accordingly

21. Detail knowledge of methods of Samsarjana Krama and its importance, and Tarpana krama and its importance
22. Management of Ayoga, Atiyog and Vyapat of Virechana with Ayurveda and modern drugs
23. Parihara Vishaya and Kala for Virechana
24. Virechana a Karmukata with Pharmacodynamics of Virechana
25. Applied anatomy and physiology of Gastrointestinal system related with Vamana and Virechana
26. Study of Vamana and Virechana related portions in classics with commentaries
27. Recent advances of researches on the effect of Vamana and Virechana
28. Scope of research for Vamana and Virechana.
29. Role of Vamana and virechana in promotion of health prevention and treatment of diseases

3. Basti Karma and Nasya

1. Etymology, definition and general considerations of Basti
2. Importance of Basti in Kayachikitsa and other branches of Ayurveda
3. Classifications of Basti
4. Drugs useful in Basti
5. Indications of Basti, its role at the various stages of diseases
6. Contraindications of Basti with reasons
7. Description of Basti yantras, Basti netra and Basti putaka and their Doshas. Modified Basti Yantra, their merits and demerits
8. Dose schedules of Niruha and Anuvasana basti

A. Niruha basti

Etymology, synonyms, definition and classifications and subclassifications of Niruha Basti and detailed knowledge of each type of Niruha Basti along with indications and contraindications and benefits
 Contents of various types of Niruha Basti, their proportions, methods of mixing basti Dravya,
 Relation of Virechana, Shodhana, Anuvasana Basti with Niruha Basti
 Purvakarma for Niruha Basti; Pathya before, during and after Niruha Basti; all the aspects of administration of various Niruha Basti
 Observations during and after Niruha Basti
 Basti Pratyagamana,
 Samyakyoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga Lakshana and Various Vyapat of Niruha Basti and their management according to Ayurved and Modern Systems of Medicines
 Management during and after Niruha Basti
 Pariharya vishaya and pariharakala,

B. Anuvasana basti

Etymology, synonyms, definition and classifications of Anuvasana Basti and detailed knowledge of each type of Anuvasana Basti along with indications and contraindications and benefits

Various types of Ghrita and Taila useful in Anuvasana Basti; Anuvasana Basti with Vasa and Majja along with their merits and demerits

Relation of Virechana, Shodhana, Niruha Basti, Snehana with Anuvasana Basti

Purvakarma for Anuvasana Basti; Pathya before, during and after Anuvasana Basti; all the aspects of administration of Anuvasana Basti including Kala

Observations during and after Anuvasana Basti

Anuvasana Basti Pratyagamana,

Samyakyoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga Lakshana and Various Vyapat of Anuvasana Basti and their management.

Management during and after Anuvasana Basti

Pariharya vishaya, Pathya and pariharakala for Anuvasana

Various combined basti schedules such as Karma, Kala, yoga Basti etc.

Detailed knowledge of Matra Basti

Detailed Knowledge of different basti formulations like Piccha Basti, Kshira Basti, Yapana Bastis, Madhutailika Basti, Erandamuladi Niruha Basti, Panchaprasrutika Basti, Kshara Basti, Vaitarana Basti, Krimighna Basti, Lekhana Basti, Vrishya Bsti, Manjishtadi Niruha Basti, Dashamula Basti, Ardhamatrika Basti, Sarva roghara Niruha Basti, Brimhana Basti, Vataghna Basti, Pittaghna Basti and Kaphaghna Basti etc, and their practical utility.

C. Uttara basti

1. Definition and Classification of Uttara Basti, its Netra and Putaka. Dose of Uttara Basti Sneha and Kashaya Basti. Different Uttara Basti Kalpanas in various diseases.
2. Detailed knowledge of Purvakarma and Administration of Uttara Basti in male and female, precautions, aseptic measures, complications and their management Karmukata of Basti. Applied anatomy and physiology of colon, Pharmacodynamics of Basti.
3. Concept of 'Gut Brain' and its relevance to Basti Therapy.
4. Study of relevant portions of Basti in classics with commentaries.

D. Nasya Karma

1. Etymology, synonyms, importance and definition of Nasya
2. Nasya drugs according to various Samhita
3. Classifications and sub-classifications of Nasya with detailed knowledge of each type
4. Indications and contraindications of each type of Nasya with reasons
5. Drugs useful for Nasya with Dose and methods of preparations and their doses
6. Nasya Kala and Pathya before, during and after Nasya; Duration of different Nasyas
7. Purvakarma of each types of Nasya
8. Detailed knowledge of administration of each type of Nasya with management during and after Nasya.

9. Detailed knowledge of common Nasya formulations such as Shadabindu Taila, Anu taila, Kshirabala Taila, Karpasastyadi Taila, Bramhi Ghrita.
10. Samyak yoga, Ayoga and Atiyoga of each types of Nasya, its Vyapat and their management
11. Pashchata Karma; Role of Dhumapana, Kavala after Nasya,
12. Diet and Pathya before, during and after Nasya Karma
13. Pariharya vishaya, Parihara Kala,
14. Nasya Karmukata, Applied anatomy and physiology related to Nasa hi Sirso Dvaram, blood and nerve supply to nose, Shringataka marma, olfactory nerve and centers, aroma therapy, trans nasal administration of drug, recent advances in nasal drug delivery
15. Study of relevant portion in classics with commentaries

4. Raktamokshana And Physiotherapy

A. Raktamokshana

1. Definition, importance, classifications and detailed knowledge of each type of Raktamokshana with their methods of performance
2. General principles, indications, contraindications of Raktamokshana
3. Detailed knowledge of Jalaukavacharana: Indications and contraindications of Jalaukavacharana, various tyoes of Jalauka with their beneficial and harmful effects.
4. Purvakarma and method of Jalaukavacharana, observations and Pathya before, during and after Jalaukavacharana
5. Management during and after Jalaukavacharana
6. Symptoms of Samyak, Ayoga and Atiyoga and Vyapat of of Raktamokshana and their management with Ayurveda and Modern medicines.
7. Pariharya vishaya and Parihara kala
8. Karmukata of different types of Raktamokshana

B. Clinical Physical Medicine

Definitions and terminology

1. Biomechanics of human movements; Physiology of exercise
2. Treatment modalities used in Physical Medicine- general properties and detailed clinical use of each
 - a. Heat – general physiological properties and mode of action as a treatment agent, Forms of heat therapy – superficial and deep heating. General knowledge of Infrared, Paraffin Wax bath, short wave diathermy, electro magnetic therapy, ultra sound therapy, convection heating devices,
 - b. Cold as a therapeutic agent
 - c. Prescription of physical modalities and their applications in medicine.
3. Clinical use of massage, manipulation, stretching
4. Principles of occupational therapy, training in activities of daily living for rehabilitation, self-help devices (walking aids, wheelchairs, tricycles & modified vehicles), instrumental activities of daily living,

- 10 Principles and practice of vasti
- 11 Claiton's Physiotherapy
- 12 Teddy's Physiotherapy
- 13 Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicines
- 14 Guyton's Physiology

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