

Title – Role of agni in madhumeha janya timira

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Human body is considered as a replica of the universe in ancient Indian scriptures . “ *yatha pinde tatha brahmande* - As is the microcosm so is the macrocosm . The physical *Agni* (fire) is directly linked up with the biological *Agni* inside the human body . It is present in each and every cell of the body . In various classical texts , numerous forms of *agni* have been mentioned. Broadly , *agni* has been divided into 13 types – one *jatharagni* , five *bhutagni* , and seven *dhatvagni* . The metabolic activities of the body takes place with the help of it . The action of *jatharagni* is inhibited due to the vitiated *kapha dosha* . Hence , this state of *agni* is known as *mandagni* . Due to this lowered strength of *agni* , the *annarasa* is not properly formed in the *amasaya* , they undergo changes and *ama* is formed . This cycle of *Agnidushti – Amotpatti – Agnimandya* is responsible for the etiopathogenesis of the disease *madhumeha* . It causes the vitiated *doshas* to pervade the *siras* and get lodged in the *netrasrotas*. It will usually lead to *netra abhishyanda* . There is further vitiation of the *dosha* contributing to exudate formation , neovascularisation and proliferation of the ophthalmic tissue . These end results lead to the degenerative changes in the *drishtipatalam*, affecting the vision . It has become one of the leading cause of blindness .Thus this presentation has been taken to discuss the role of agni in *madhumeha janya timira*.

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