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# Understanding of *Nidāna* w.s.r. to *Nidāna Sthāna* of *Caraka Saṃhitā*- A Conceptual Study.

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# **ABSTRACT:**

On the basis of *Dosha*, *Dushya*, *Srotas*, *Agni* etc. (*Āyurvedic* tools for diagnosis) we can make out the disease as well as management. As per ancient Āyurvedic scholars there may not be the nomenclatures of all the diseases in transcript but these all can be managed on the basis of Doshika (pathological) concern. A disease is caused due to specific causative factors followed by the pathogenesis with the manifestation of sign and symptoms and if ignored the complication is the next outcome. Caraka has stated that the diagnosis is very important and essential before proceeding to medicine prescription. Ayurvedic way of diagnosis has two basic components namely 'Roga Pariksha' and 'Rogi Pariksha', which refers to Examination of disease and Examination of patient respectively. Among them Roga Pariksha gives us the detailed knowledge about a disease starting from the etiological aspects to the actual manifestation of disease. All three Brihatrayis mention Nidana Sthana but the explanation of Nidana Panchaka, Nidanarthakara Roga, Utpatti of diseases etc. were first given in Caraka Nidana Sthana. The five basic components of Roga Pariksha are Nidāna, Purvarupa, Upashaya and Samprapti, which are collectively known as 'Nidāna Panchaka'. Apart from diagnosing a disease, they also play a key role in planning the treatment of that disease. Ācārya Caraka has stated plenty of concepts while describing the eight chapters of Nidāna sthāna. So, in the present study along with the concept of Nidāna, the Nidāna sthāna of Caraka Saṃhita were critically analyzed.

Keywords: Nidāna Panchaka, Roga Pariksha, Samprapti

# INTRODUCTION

*Nidāna*, the foremost component of *Nidāna Panchaka*, not only gives the knowledge of causative factors of a disease but also helps in treatment by avoiding or preventing

them. *Nidana* has a meaning as precise identification of disease, so *Nidana* stands as the process of diagnoses.<sup>1</sup> The word meaning of *Nidana* is first or Primary Cause,



Pathology and Cause of the Disease.<sup>2</sup> Nidan means etiological factors of disease. It is of two types according to Cakrapanidatta i.e vyadhi-janaka nidan and vyadhibhodhaka nidan (Charak-samhita, Javar-Nidan-1/6). Vyadhi-janaka nidan means causes of disease or diseases (etiological factors). Vyadhi-bhodhaka nidan means which is the mean of diagnosis which includes *nidan*, *purvarupa*, rupa, upasaya and samprapti (Nidan - panchaka).3 Again Acharya Cakrapanidatta has again discussed the nidan of two types for all the diseases i.e. Sadharana and Asadharana karan in his commentary of Charak-Samhita. Nidana is the one which gives exact dimension of disease, constitute the causative factor, Vyadhi Janaka as well as Vyadhi Bhodaka by Nidana. Purvarupa refers to Premonitory signs & symptoms and represents the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of disease formation.<sup>4</sup> If physician is able recognize them as early as possible and treat accordingly, then the further progression of disease is ceased. In the same way, every component of Nidāna Panchaka helps the physician for the better understanding of disease process and treating the disease at an earliest possible stage. Hetu (aetiology), Linga (sign and symptoms), Aushadha (drug and therapy) are the three Sutra (principles) of  $\bar{A}yurveda$ . Without the knowledge of Hetu or Nidāna (cause of a disease) and Linga (sign and symptoms), the implication of Aushadha (drug and therapy) is not possible.<sup>5</sup> To reveal this process, Nidāna (cause), Purvarupa (prodromal symptoms), Rupa (sign and symptoms), *Upashaya* (association), *Samprapti* (pathogenesis) are regarded as the basic tools for the diagnosis. It's well said by Avurvedic Acharvas "Nidāna Parivarjanmeva Cikitsā" i.e. avoidance of the cause itself is the first line of treatment.<sup>7</sup> So, in present study concept of *Nidāna* is taken up.

# AIM AND OBJECTIVES

To understand the concept of Nidana

To critically analyse the *Nidana sthana* of *Charaka Samhita* 

# **MATERIAL & METHODS**

The materials and the specific methodology likely to be used to evaluate the hypothesis are as follows:

#### Source of Data:

For Conceptual study-

### Materials

Samhitas, different commentaries and other texts of Ayurveda

Texts of allied medical sciences

Journals, research papers, articles from different magazines & newspapers etc.

Subject related information available on internet.

### Methods

An overall compilation of concept of *Nidana* from *Ayurvedic* perspective was critically analyzed.

The final framework of conceptual study was prepared by collection, compilation and analysis of facts related to the understanding of Concept of *Nidana* and *Nidana* sthana of *Charaka Samhita*.

### Methods Of Collection Of Data: -

The conceptual work was carried out by using respective texts of Indian philosophy and Ayurvedic classics. An overall compilation of concept of Indian philosophy from Ayurvedic perspective was critically analyzed.

# **Review Of Literature Definition Of** *Nidāna*

The word meaning of Nidāna is first or Primary Cause, Pathology and Cause of the Disease.<sup>8</sup>

### Nidāna Sthāna

- 1. To explain the *Hetu* and Linga in detail, the *Nidāna Sthāna* is given after Sutra *Sthāna* where brief explanation is given.<sup>9</sup>
- 2. In particular *sthāna* the related topics (concerned) topics regarding the causative factors of disease are given.<sup>10</sup>
- 3. Nidāna, Gulma Nidāna, Prameha Nidāna, Śoṣa Nidāna, Kustha Nidāna, Unmada Nidāna, Apasmāra Nidāna<sup>11</sup>

# Infrastructure Frame Work Of *Nidāna Sthāna* Classification of *Adhyāyas*:

The *Nidāna Sthāna* contains total eight chapters; these are *Jvara Nidāna*, Rakta *Pitta Nidāna*, *Gulma Nidāna*, *Prameha Nidāna*, *Kuṣṭha Nidāna*, *Śoṣa Nidāna*, Unmāda *Nidāna*, and Apasmāra *Nidāna*.<sup>12</sup>

# General Principles Of *Nidāna Sthāna* Of *Caraka* Samhita

Caraka Nidāna sthāna also explains some of the general principles which are not restricted to particular Adhyayas of sthāna. All these Siddantas are applicable for all ten Prakaranas and eight sthāna for proper understanding one should use these Siddantas. These Siddantas are scattered all over the Nidāna sthāna. They explained according to the need of that context. Those can be observed in three

groups.

- 1. *Nidāna sthāna* 1<sup>st</sup> chapter from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> quotation.
- 2. Nidāna sthāna 8<sup>th</sup> chapter from 16<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> quotation.
- 3. Scattered principles in all 8 Adhyayas.

### **Relation Of Causes And Symptom:**

One and the same causative factor may lead to many diseases conditions. Again a single causative factor may lead to single diseases. Many causative factors may lead to many diseases.<sup>13</sup>

# Relation Between Vyādhi And Management:

It is explained fourfold relationship. 14
One disease- Many treatment
Many disease-One treatment
One disease-One treatment
Many disease-Many treatment

### **OBSERVATION**

Table No 1. Literary Frame Work Of *Nidana Sthana* Of Acharya Charaka & Commentaries

Table No 2. Nidānārthakara Roga

Table No-3: SĀDYĀSĀDYATĀ OF DISEASE:

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# **DISCUSSION**

Nidāna is defined as the eternal cause of the disease. Diagnosis is never complete without the elicitation of all the factors associated with the diseases. 15 All the Nidāna Pancaka is also connoted by the term Nidāna. That is why the area in this text that narrates Nidāna, purvarupa, Lakshaṇa, Upaśaya, and Samprāpti is actually termed as Nidāna Sthāna. All Brihatrayis mention Nidāna Sthāna but the explanation of Nidāna Panchaka, Nidānārthakara Roga, Utpatti of diseases etc16. first given in Caraka Nidāna Sthāna. All the ancient classics used the Tridoṣa Siddhānta as a basic framework; Caraka has also given the

same clue and explain Ayurveda into three Skanda Hetu, linga and Aushadha. Nidāna Sthāna described by Ācārya Caraka represents the diagnostic methodology of Kāya Cikitsā tradition. 17 It is not merely for the diagnosis of eight diseases, but for all kinds of disorders which comes under "Chatrinogachati Nyāya". By understanding these eight diseases one can apply these principles to any disease. Nidāna Sthāna is a great puzzle for the scholars, many secrets are still remained unrevealed; an attempt is being made here to disclose some of the mysterious wealth of Nidāna Sthāna of Ācārya Caraka regarding its concepts on Nidāna. Thus to understand Nidāna in Nidāna Sthāna of Caraka, which is the essence of diagnostic methodology can't be understood properly by objective ideas. One has to adopt the subjective fundamentals to nominate out its meaning. In short, these eight diseases do not represent any particular Vyādhi, Srotas etc. but they are the representatives of the permutation and combination of the Vyādhi. Thus, knowledge of Nidāna can be directly done by emphasing eye on the eight chapters of Nidāna Sthāna but the complete knowledge of Nidana and the whole mechanism of disease from primitive Nidana to the last development of Samprāpti and ultimately cure of patient is not possible by the only knowledge of Nidāna Sthāna because this is explained in other Sthana of Caraka Samhita. 18 So the complete thorough knowledge of Caraka Samhita helps the physician to treat and cure the patient. But the base of Understanding Nidana is given specifically in Nidāna sthāna. and its concepts are very necessary for the physician to make proper diagnosis of disease and its treatment.

# **CONCLUSION**

Nidāna sthāna of Caraka describes the diagnostic approaches in Āyurveda. The sign and symptoms, types, causes and pathogenesis of a disease are explained very scientifically. He specified that the eight diseases described in Nidāna Sthāna are manifested as a result of greed, enmity and anger in the order of the Nidāna (causative factors etc.) Later, other disease (along with those of this section) was described.

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Table no 1. Literary Frame Work of Nidana Sthana of Acharya Caraka & Commentaries

Name of Adhy	ayasName of the	Proses	Verses	Total
v	Acharyas/			
	Commentators			
Iwara Nidana	1. Charaka	37	07	44
	2. Chakrapani	37	07	44
	3. Gangadhara	18	06	24
	4. Yogendranath sen	36	08	44
Rakta pitta Nidana	1. Charaka	11	18	29
	2. Chakrapani	11	18	29
	3. Gangadhara	06	02	08
	4. Yogendranath sen	09	19	28
Gulma Nidana	1. Charaka	16	02	18
	2. Chakrapani	16	02	18
	3. Gangadhara	09	04	13
	4. Yogendranath sen	16	03	19
Prameha Nidana	1. Charaka	26	29	55
	2. Chakrapani	26	29	55
	3. Gangadhara	12	03	15
	4. Yogendranath sen	28	25	53
Kusta Nidana	1. Charaka	11	05	16
	2. Chakrapani	11	05	16
	3. Gangadhara	16	01	17
	4. Yogendranath sen	18	06	24
Shosha Nidana	1. Charaka	12	05	17
	2. Chakrapani	12	05	17
	3. Gangadhara	10	06	16
	4. Yogendranath sen	20	05	25
Unmada Nidana	1. Charaka	18	06	24
	2. Chakrapani	18	06	24
	3. Gangadhara	14	05	19
	4. Yogendranath sen	24	08	32
Apasmara Nidana	1. Charaka	11	33	44
	2. Chakrapani	11	33	44
	3. Gangadhara	13	04	17
	4. Yogendranath sen	12	34	46

Table no 2. Nidānārthakara Roga

S.No	Name of the disease	Prime Dosha	Prime Dushya	Symptom of Sroto Dusti	Acute or Chronic condition
1.	Jwara	Pitta	Rasa	Sanga	Acute
	Rakta Pitta	Pitta	Rakta	Sanga, Vimarga gamana	Acute
	Kshaya	Tridosha	Rasa, Rakta	Sanga,	Chronic
				Vimaraga gamana	
2.	Pleeha	Vata	Rakta	Sanga	Chronic
	Udara	Vata	Rasa	Sanga	Acute, Chronic
	Shota	Vata	Rasa, Rakta	Sanga	Chronic
	Arsha	Vata	Mamsa, Rakta	Sanga	Chronic
	Gulma	Vata	Rasa	Sanga	Acute, Chronic
	Pratishaya	Vata Kapha	Rasa	Sanga	Acute
	Kasa	Vata Kapha	Rasa	Sanga	Acute
	Kshaya	Tridosha	Sapta Dhatu	Sanga	Chronic

# Table no-3: SĀDYĀSĀDYATĀ OF DISEASE:

Sadhya	Sukha Sadhya	Easily curable
	Kruchra Sadhya	Curable with efforts
Asadhya	Yapya	Palliable disappears until
	treatment is on	
	Anupkrama	No treatment is of any use

# Table no 4: Purvarupa of Raktapitta

S. No.	Symptoms	Caraka	Astang	Sushruta
			Samgraha	
1	Anannabilasha	+	-	-
2	Bukta vidah	+	-	-
3	Sukta amla udgara	+	+	-
4	Vomiting frequently	+	+	+
5	Offensiveness of the vomited matter	+	+	-
6	Srva bheda (svarakshya)	+	+	-
7	Asthenia of body (gaatra sadana)	+	-	+
8	Burning (Daha)	+	-	-
9	Dhumayana	+	+	+
10	Mouth smelling of metal, blood	+	+	+

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11	Rakta, harita, haridra mutra	+	+	-	
12	Dreaming of different colour	+	+	-	
13	Heaviness of head	-	+	-	
14	Urge for cold	-	+	+	
15	Cough (Kasa)	-	+	-	
16	Shwasa	-	+	-	
17	Brama	-	+	-	
18	Fail to differentiate blue, red, yellow	-	+	-	
19	Metal Smell in respiration	-	-	+	

Table no.- 5 UPADRAVA OF RAKTAPITTA

S.No	Upadrava	Caraka	Sushruta
1	Dourbalya	+	+
2	Arochaka	+	+
3	Avipaka	+	+
4	Shwasa	+	+
5	Jvara	+	+
6	Kasa	+	+
7	Atisara	+	-
8	Shosha	+	-
9	Shotha	+	-
10	Pandu	+	+
11	Swarabheda	-	+
12	Chradi	-	+
13	Daha	-	+
14	Murcha	-	+
15	Trishna	-	+
16	Shira Shula	-	+
17	Puti-stivana	-	+

Table no. – 6 Comparative study of classics in context of *Prameha Prakara* 

Udakavaha Meha Ikshu Meha Sandra Meha Sandra prasada Meha Shukla Meha
Meha Ikshu Meha Sandra Meha Sandra prasada Meha
Ikshu Meha Sandra Meha Sandra prasada Meha
Sandra Meha Sandra prasada Meha
Sandra prasada Meha
Sandra prasada Meha
Meha
Shukla Meha
Shukra Meha
Sita Meha
Sikata Meha
Shanai Meha
Alala Meha
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Kshara Meha
Kala Meha
Neela Meha
Rakta Meha
Manjista Meha
Haridra Meha
Vasa Meha
Sarpi Meha
Hasti Meha

Table no 7: The types of Kushtha (Mahā Kushtha) acc. to Charaka & Sushruta

S.No.	Charaka	Sushruta	
1	Kapāla	Kapala	
2	Oudumbara	Oudumbara	
3	Mandala	Aruna	
4	Rishyajihva	Rishyajihva	
5	Pundiariaka	Pundarika	
6	Sidhma	Dadru	
7	Kakanaka	Kakanala	

Table no.- 8 Name of Adhyāyās given in different classics with their Chapter numbers

Caraka	Sushruta	As. Samgrah	As. Hridaya	Mādhava Nidāna
Jvara(1)	-	Jvara(2)	Jvara(2)	Jvara(2)
Raktapitta (2)	-	Raktapitta, Kasa (3)	Raktapitta, Kasa (3)	Raktapitta (9)
Gulma (3)	Vidradhi (9)	Vidradhi (11)	Vidradhi (11)	Vidradhi (40)
	Vriddhi (12)	Vriddhi (11)	Vriddhi (11)	Vriddhi (37)
	Gulma (9)	Gulma (11)	Gulma (11)	Gulma (23)
Prameha (4)	Prameha (6)	Prameha (10)	Prameha (10)	Prameha (31)
Kushtha (5)	Kushtha (95)	Kushtha Krimi (14)	Kushtha Krimi (14)	Kushtha (49)
Shosha (6)	-	Rajayakshmadi (5)	Rajayakshmadi (5)	Rajayakshmadi (10)
Unmāda (7)	-	-	-	Unmāda (20)
Apasmāra (8)	-	-	-	Apasmāra (21)
-	Arsha (2)	Arsha Nidāna (7)	Arsha Nidāna (7)	Arsha (2)
-	Ashmari (3)	-		Ashmari (3)
-	Bhagandara (4)	-		Bhagandara (4)
-	Udara (7)	Udara (12)	Udara (12)	Udara (7)
-	Mudha Garba (8)	Pandu, Kamala a, Visarpa (13)		Mudha Garba (64) Pandu, (8) Shopha (36) Visarpa (52)
-	Granti, Galaganda,	-	-	Granti, Apache-
	Apache- Arbuda			Arbuda Galaganda
	(11)			(38)
-	Vriddhi- Upadamsha	_	-	Vriddhi (37)
	Slipada (12)			Upadamsha (47)Slipada (39)
-	Suka Dosha (14)	-	-	Suka Dosha (48)
-	Bhagna (15)	-	-	Bhagna (44)
-	Mukha Roga (16)	-	-	Mukha Roga (56)

Table no.- 9 Name of Adhyāyās given in different classics

S.no	Diseases	Charaka	Sushruta	As. Sa.	As. Hri.	Ma.Ni.	Be. Sa.
	Jvara	1		2	2	2	
2	Raktapitta	2		3	3	9	
3	Gulma	3		11	11	28	3
1	Prameha	4	6	10	10	33	6
5	Kusta	5	5	14	14	49	5
5	Shosha	6		5	5	10	2
7	Unmāda	7				20	7
3	Apasmāra	8				21	8
)	Kasa			3	3	11	4
10	Shwasa			4	4	12	
11	Hidma			4	4	12	
12	Madatyaya			6	6	18	
13	Arsha		2	7	7	5	
14	Atisara			8	8	3	
15	Grahani			8	8	4	
16	Mutra ghata			9	9	31	
17	Vidradhi		9	11	11	40	
18	Vriddhi		12	11	11	37	
19	Udara		7	12	12	35	
20	Pandu			13	13	8	
21	Kamala			13	13	9	
22	Visarpa		10	13	13	52	
23	Svitra			14	14	49	
24	Krimi			14	14	7	
25	Vata vyadhi		1	15	15	22	
26	Swara bheda			5	5	13	
27	Arochaka			5	5	14	
28	Chardi			5	5	15	
29	Hridroga			5	5	29	
30	Trushna			5	5	16	
31	Charm kila			7	7	5	
32	Nadi roga		10	<del>'</del>	ľ	45	
33	Stana roga		10			67	
34	Ashmari	+	3	9	9	32	
35	Bhagandara		4			46	
36	Muda garbha	+	8			64	
37	Granti	1	11			38	
38	Apachi	1	11			38	
, 0	- puriti	+			1		
39	Arbuda	+	11			38	
40	Gala ganda		11		-	38	
41	Upadamsha	+	12		<del>                                     </del>	47	
<del>1</del> 2	Slipada Slipada	+	12			39	
+2 13	Kshudra roga		13			55	
+3 14	Suka roga		14			48	
14 15		+	15		-	44	
+5 46	Bhagna Mukha roga		16		-	56	
	Mukha roga		10	6	6		
17 19	Murcha	_		6	6	17 17	
18	Sanyasa Vata nalita	_		6	6		
49 50	Vata rakta	_		16	16	23	
50	Mutra kruchra			9	9	30	

Table no.- 10 Adhyāyās only in Mādhava Nidāna

Sl.no	ADHYĀYĀS IN MĀDHAVA NIDĀNA	CHAPTERS
1	Agni Mandya	6
2	Daha	19
3	Urustamba	24
4	Amavata	25
5	Shula	26
6	Udavarta	27
7	Mutra kruchra	30
8	Medo roga	34
9	Varna sotha	41
10	Sarira varna	42
11	Sita pitta , udara, kotha	50
12	Amlapitta	51
13	Vispotha	53
14	Masurika	54
15	Karna roga	57
16	Nasa roga	58
17	Netra roga	59
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