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Concept of Bawasir (Haemorrhoids) in Unani System of medicines

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ABSTACT

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Key words Bawasir, Unani Tibb, humours.

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Types

According to Unani system of medicines Bawaseer (Haemorrhoids) are divided as Khooni (Sanghunious) or Reehi (tympanic) due to accumulation of abnormal humours of body and surrounding blood vessels of rectum. 2. 3. 4

Khooni or Sanghunious Bawaseer is again divided into seven types as:

- 1. In which swelling of veins is present and after infection pus is accumulated.
- 2. In which there are things from all sides just like a branches of tree (nakhli)
- 3. Like rounded one (Anabi)
- 4. Resemblence of fig
- 5. Smallest like Bengal gram (luluis)
- 6. Like date palm, longest and ward (tooni)
- 7. Like malbeery fruits longest and soft (tuti) 5.6.7.8.9

These are subdivided as amya or damvi.

Amya is that in which opening is not presented. Nothing secretion is noticeable like a thrombosed clot, either it may be prolapsed or externally comes out or present internally.

Damavi is that in which an opening is present and along an oozing of secretions is present and as well as blood. The worst kind of Bawaseer according to "Avicenna" is Nakhli and then comes teeni and next comes where the thrombosed veins occults the foecal matter and produces severe pain.

Reehi Bawaseer is that in which there is accumulation of excess abnormal saudavi and matter below the umbilicus and produces tension and rigidity in the abdomen, and some time diarrhea, dysentery or rheumatic pain is present. 10.11.12

The above mentioned types of Bawaseer are named as below.

- 1. Fusi
- 2. Nafaqui
- 3. Naqli
- 4. Teeni
- 5. Soluly
- 6. Anabi
- 7. Tamri 13.14

According to shape and size

According to flow of blood there are two types:

- 1. Bawaseer-e-khooni or Damavi or sayala
- Bawaseer-e-Badi or Amya (blind) or summa (damb) or jamaida (stragnat).

According to appearance it is of two types:

- Bawaseer-e-Ghaira or ghree, in which scales are consealed internally give more trouble in diagnosis and as well as medication cannot be applied properly, hence at is assumed as a worst or bad condition of piles.
- 2. Bawaseer-e-Zahira, on which scales found on external portion of rectum. 15.16



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