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Rheumatoid Arthritis (Santhu Vatha Soolai)

Definition

Santhu Vatha Soolai is a disease, which mainly affects the joints (santhu) by vitiating the vatha humour (vatha) resulting in severe pain (soolai).

Causes

Excessive intake of sea foods, especially fish. Excessive consumption of egg, goat mutton, tubers, arrack and toddy. Insufficient exercise, which leads to the vitiations of vatha and pitha humours causes Santhu Vatha Soolai.

Preventive measures

- Avoid Curd, fish, jaggery, milk, flour of Mash (black gram)
- Avoid durnaatra neer (contaminated water)
- Avoid ova unavugal (incompatible food),
- Avoid control of natural urges (vegavrodh), ,
- Avoid heavy, slimy foods (kadina unavugal).

Health promoting tips

- Food like parli (barley), arisi (rice)
- Fresh vegetable like murungai (drum sticks), pakarkai (bitter gourd), inji (ginger)
- Usage of hot water seeragam (cumin seeds)

Curative Herbs

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| • Amanakku | Castor | <i>(Ricinus communis Linn.)</i> |
| • Amukkara | Withania | <i>(Withania somnifera (Linn.) Dun.)</i> |

- Erukku Madder (*Calotropis gigantea* (Linn.) Ait. f.)
- Ezhumicha pul Lemon grass (*Andropogon schaenar* linn)
- Inji Ginger (*Zingiber officinale* Roscoe)
- Oomathai Datura (*Datura stramonium* Linn.)
- Perarathai Galangal (*Alpinia galangal* (Linn.) Willd.)
- Seemaiyaravandi, Wild Rue (*Peganum harmala* Linn.)
- Shaarani Hogweeds (*Trianthema portulacastrum* Linn.)