Cooperative Medical Practice System of Western and Oriental Medicine

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Oriental medicine and oriental medical treatment can be regulated from practical aspect of the 21st century as following. According to pulse-wave theory, Meridian theory and biological theory that are systematized based on oriental medicine philosophy and the Taoistic thought, oriental medicine studies a normal state of human body by comprehensive, scientific concept or researches overall fundamentals and technology on demonstrative treatment based on visceral manifestation theory and theory of constitution. And it is valid to consider that biophysical concept was applied to oriental medicine.

Then, what is the difference between current Western medical treatment and Oriental medical treatment?

What I would like to claim is the difference of direction that uses same biological theory. The biggest difference is that Western medicine applies vertical thinking of cause and effect, and Oriental medicine applies horizontal thinking based on relational approach.

Now, I would like to discuss about the cooperative medical practice between Western and Oriental medicine. Most people think the cooperative medical practice is doctors of both Western and Oriental medicine formally treating together. However, this is not the cooperative medical practice and it can also seem as tricking the patient.

What is cooperative medical practice?

Originally, the cooperative medical practice begins from when internal medicine doctor and surgeon discussed together how to diagnose and treat the same patient. In Korea, it can be considered as the one-sided demand by Oriental medicine to use the test results since the oriental doctor in Korea does not have right to test. Therefore, I believe that the cooperative medical practice between Western and Oriental medicine does not exist up to now. So in order to do so, first the doctors of Western and Oriental medicine should understand principles of treatment of each medicine and apprehend which method would be helpful to the patient. Second, the mutual trust between doctor and patient should be a prerequisite for successful treatment.

Is there any field available for the cooperative medical practice of Western and Oriental medicine?

First of all, the doctors should understand the advantages of each medicine. In clinical course, I think Western medicine is excellent in injury, infection and tumor, and Oriental medicine is excellent in functional diseases. In other words, it is better to approach autonomic insufficiency or life style disease such as indigestion, tension headache, insomnia, constipation, diarrhea, and edema from the aspect of oriental medicine. This article provides the protocol of treatment by the practical cooperative medical practice of Western and Oriental medicine.

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Utilization of Oriental Medicine in Cancer Treatment

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It has been over 40 years since the first battle against cancer was declared. However the incidence of cancer is still on a rise in most developed countries despite all the efforts that has been made, which tells us the way we are going (harsh cytotoxic treatments) just may not be the right path to find the cure. In General, cancer is known to be caused by uncontrolled cell death. If we could control cellular growth and prevent metastasis, it may not be considered such a deadly disease after all. There are 2 things to consider when looking at the pathways of cancer growth and metastasis. First is the phenomena of metastatic inefficiency known as the Tumor Dormancy phase, second is the important role of the root, in this case, the host. If these two factors combine well enough to be utilized in suppressing the cancer growth and metastasis leading to tumor dormancy, cancer will eventually be considered a chronic disease that a person can manage for a lifetime.

Developments in conventional medical treatments for cancer such as surgery, chemo/radiation therapies have taken major steps forward over the past decades but the treatment related complications caused by weakened immune system creating cancer inviting atmosphere yet remain as our homework to be solved. In oriental medicine perspective, the root of the disease lies within the host, thus the important role of integrative approach is more and more emphasized in cancer treatment. In the EWCC, we have developed a multi-modal, holistic cancer care program called Wheel Balance Cancer Therapy taking what is missing in our conventional care system into consideration. Rather than killing and radical shrinkage of the cancer, dormant state and stable disease condition is sought focusing on the whole person. Taking account that even the NCI has changed their wording from Destroy to Control in managing cancer, the future of integrative oriental medicine approach is looking optimistic and is expected to play a vital role in the treatment of cancer.

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