

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY: FORGOTTEN CONCEPT IN TRADITIONAL ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

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The interrelationship between medicine and astrology is well observed in Ayurveda. As noted by Dwivedi regarding Ayurveda, "*causative factors of various disorders are the Navagrahas (nine planets) [2]*" and "*The influence of the planets on various procedures like drug processing, bath taking, performing Yajna, wearing Ratna, etc [2]*." It is concluded that medical astrology concept is important for management of many chronic diseases [2]. Sharma et al. mentioned that "*Astrology and*

Ayurveda are inseparable in human life [3]" and "*Account of good and bad deeds during this life and previous lives, their consequences of health or ill health during this life which orderly, when, what and how will be clearly known through Astrology [3]*."

For Chinese traditional medicine, the role of astrology is also accepted. In the past, "arts of necromancy, astrology, and medicine" were concomitantly managed by the same department [4]. The well-known "yin-yang astrology theory" in Chinese medicine for acupuncture is the best evidence of usefulness of medical astrology in traditional Chinese medicine [5]. For Jewish medicine, the usefulness of medical astrology is also described. The pain location and management in Jewish medicine has interrelationship with medical astrology [6]. With a closed historical relationship to Jewish medicine, the same observation is also seen for Arabic medicine [7-8].

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