



CONSOLATION

Herbal Treatment for Wound Healing

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Hakeem Irshad Hussain (38) is an imaam and hakeem by profession and Abdul Razak Wani (65) is also a well known herbal healer in the region. Both independently practice a herbal formulation for wound healing, which has been found to be unique and having potential to be taken forward for further validation.

Hakeem Irshad Hussain learnt the treatment from his late father who was a well-known imaam and herbal healer of the area. His village has low literacy rate and the people are mostly engaged in fruit business. He learnt from his father, the use of herbs for treating various ailments. He had to discontinue studies after class tenth to support his family. He was much attached to his father and was quite disturbed at his death. Irshad Hussain now lives with wife and three children. He also learnt a lot of practices from another Hakeem from Kulgam district for about nine years. He continued to treat patients at his village and claims to have treated many thousand patients by now. Irshad Hussain has the knowledge to treat

chest infection, asthma, arthritis, leucorrhoea, vomiting and digestion related problems.

Abdul Razzak Wani's village is in a picturesque setting surrounded by apple plantations. The people are mostly fruit growers or labourers. Razzak Wani learnt the treatment from his father and with time improved his knowledge about herbs and their uses. He also claims to have treated thousands of patients for with different kinds of diseases. He lives with his wife and two sons.

Their herbal practice for wound healing was found to be unique when looked up in patent and non-patent literature. Thereafter it was taken up for verification and validation where the results have been promising and further research would be undertaken on it. In the validation tests conducted at Anand Pharmacy College, Anand, significant wound healing activity was demonstrated by the formulation. It was found that the wound healing activity was better than standard ointment, Soframycin.