症例報告

左手の難治性疼痛(RSD)に 当帰四逆加呉茱萸生姜湯が著効を呈した1例

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要旨:3年半の経過をもつI-IV指優位の左手の難治性冷感,疼痛,しびれを訴える77歳女性のRSD例に対し,漢方医学的見地から当帰四逆加呉茱萸生姜湯を投与した.開始後1カ月ほどで長年の便秘の改善とともに症状が軽快し,11カ月後に他剤を追加し当帰四逆加呉茱萸生姜湯の服用が不規則になると症状が悪化したため,前処方に戻したところ再び改善を得た.本処方の深部,末梢にわたる血流改善作用により血虚の改善が得られ,それを介して効果を現したことが推測される.慢性の四肢,体幹,腹部の血行障害と慢性の疼痛が合わさって互いの症状を増幅させ合っている例で,本剤はふさわしいと思われる.さらに本剤はRSDのような局所に症状の出る例でも,臨床症候と患者の証を参考にしながら処方すれば著効を得られる可能性があることを示すものと思われる.

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The effect of tokishigyakukagoshuyushokyoto in a case with reflex sympathetic dystrophy in her left hand

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Abstract: We report that a 77-years-old woman with reflex sympathetic dystrophy in her left hand was successfully treated with tokishigyakukagoshuyushokyoto. She was suffering from progressive severe pain in her left hand accompanied by serious cold sensation. The pain was refractory instead of prescribing various medicines and the decompression of the carpal tunnel. The pain, however, resolved in one month after she began to take tokishigyakukagoshuyushokyoto. The resolution was also confirmed by serial thermography. We consider that this prescription should be considered in cases with limb and/or truncal pain even if it is localized.

Key words: tokishigyakukagoshuyushokyoto, reflex sympathetic dystrophy, refractory pain, hand, thermography

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