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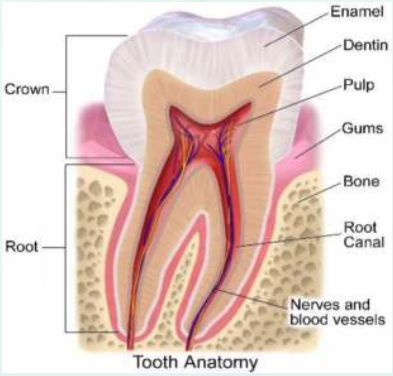
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Homoeopathic Approach To Toothache

Abstract: Toothache, or dental pain, is a common condition affecting individuals of all ages. It can significantly impact sleep, eating habits, and daily activities. The study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of Homoeopathic remedies in alleviating toothache and improving quality of life using individualized treatment approaches.

Introduction: Toothache is one of the most common ailments encountered in dental and general medical practice. It is defined as pain occurring in or around a tooth and can arise from multiple causes such as dental caries, pulpitis, periodontitis, abscess, trauma, or systemic conditions. Toothache may range from mild discomfort to excruciating pain, significantly affecting the patient's quality of life. Conventional treatment typically includes analgesics and antibiotics, followed by dental procedures like root canal therapy or extraction. However, many patients seek gentler and holistic alternatives that address the root cause of the ailment without side effects. Homoeopathy, with its principle of "similia similibus curentur," offers a comprehensive system of healing that not only relieves the pain but also treats the underlying susceptibilities and miasmatic tendencies contributing to dental complaints.



Tooth Anatomy

Homoeopathic remedies are selected based on a complete understanding of the patient's physical, mental, and emotional makeup. Individualization is the cornerstone of homoeopathic prescribing, and thus even in cases of toothache, different remedies are indicated depending on the modalities, sensations, and associated symptoms.

Aetiology and Clinical Features of Toothache: - Aetiology of Toothache: -

a) Dental causes:-•Dental Caries: Decay reaching the pulp tissue.

•Pulpitis: Inflammatory condition of the dental pulp.

•Periodontitis: Gum infection affecting bone and ligaments.

•Dental Abscess: Accumulation of pus near the tooth root.

•Impacted Wisdom Teeth: Causing pressure and pain.

•Tooth Trauma: Cracks, fractures, or injuries.

b) Non-Dental Causes: •Sinusitis

•Temporomandibular joint disorders

•Neuralgia, •Cardiac origin

•Enamel Erosion Leading to hypersensitivity.

•Psychosomatic Causes Stress-related dental pain.

Clinical Features: Pain Nature: Throbbing, shooting, tearing, boring, etc.

Location & Radiation:Localized or radiating to ears/temples.

Modality:

Aggravation: Cold air, touch, night, chewing.

Amelioration: Warm drinks, pressure, rest.

Accompanying Signs: Swelling, pus, fever, salivation, bad odour.

A detailed case history exploring these aspects guides the homoeopath toward a precise remedy.

Homoeopathic Therapeutic Approach:

Homoeopathy treats toothache not just as a local issue, but as an expression of systemic imbalance. Remedies are selected based on totality of symptoms: mental, emotional, and physical.

Key Principles-•Individualization: No single remedy for all toothaches.

•Totality of Symptoms: Remedy must match whole picture.

•Miasmatic Background: Identifying the underlying chronic tendency.

•Constitutional Approach: Remedies based on patient's overall profile.

Acute vs. Chronic Approach:-

•Acute Prescribing: Based on presenting symptoms of toothache.

•Chronic Prescribing: To prevent recurrence and treat deeper diathesis.

Homoeopathic management often includes acute remedy for pain relief, followed by a constitutional remedy to eliminate susceptibility.

Common Homoeopathic Remedies

•Chamomilla: Indicated in unbearable pain with extreme irritability.

•One cheek red and hot, the other pale.

•< Warm drinks; > being carried.

•Plantago major:

• Neuralgic pain radiating to the ears.

•Sensitive to cold air.

•Useful when teeth are sensitive to touch.

•Belladonna:

•Sudden, intense throbbing pain.

•Face flushed, pupils dilated.

•< Lying down, touch, chewing.

•Mercurius solubilis:

•Toothache with offensive breath, salivation, and gum abscess.

•< Night, cold air, warmth of bed.

•Staphysagria:

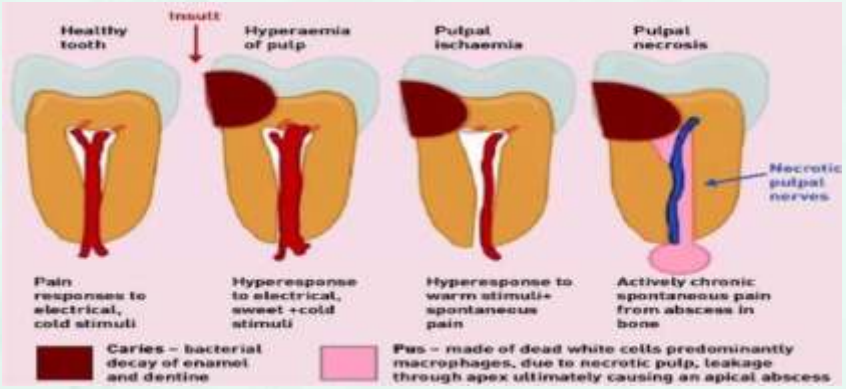
•Pain after dental procedures or tooth extraction.

•Oversensitive, easily offended individuals.

•Coffea cruda: Toothache < at night, with mental excitement.

•Oversensitivity to pain.

•Hepar sulphuris:



•Intolerable pain, < cold, with pus formation.

•Very sensitive to touch and wind.

•Magnesium phosphoricum:

•Neuralgic pain > by warm applications and pressure.

•Theridion Curassavicum : Toothache due to nois, it penetrates the body especially tooth

•Hekla Lava : Facial neuralgia from carious teeth and after extraction, toothache with swelling of jaws

Common Rubrics from Repertory:

•Teeth-Pain-Boring, digging:Belladonna, Mercurius

•Teeth-Pain-Jerking, throbbing: Belladonna, Pulsatilla

•Teeth-Pain-Drawing, tearing: Chamomilla, Coffea, Staphysagria

•Teeth-Pain-Night, < lying down: Mercurius, Nux vomica

•Teeth-Pain-Touch agg.: Chamomilla, Arnica

•Teeth-Pain-Cold drinks agg.: Chamomilla, Plantago

•Teeth-Pain-Warm drinks amel.: Pulsatilla, Coffea

•Teeth-Pain-With facial neuralgia: Spigelia, Mag phos

•Teeth-Pain-With gum swelling: Mercurius, Hepar sulph

Conclusion: Toothache, while a local manifestation, can reflect deeper constitutional imbalances. Homoeopathy offers a safe, gentle, and effective approach to manage both acute symptoms and underlying chronic causes. Proper remedy selection based on careful case-taking ensures not only pain relief but also long-term oral health. With increasing awareness and clinical evidence, homoeopathy continues to serve as a reliable system of medicine in dental therapeutics.

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Scope of Homeopathy in Childhood Obesity

Introduction-Childhood obesity has emerged as one of the most serious global health concerns of the 21st century. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that the prevalence of overweight and obese children is increasing at an alarming rate, even in developing countries like India. Childhood obesity not only affects physical health but also hampers psychological well-being, leading to low self-esteem, depression, and social isolation

Homeopathy, a holistic system of medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," offers promising avenues for addressing childhood obesity. It aims to treat the individual as a whole rather than targeting just the symptom of excess weight. This article explores the scope of homeopathy in the management of obesity in children.

Causes of Childhood Obesity- Before exploring the homeopathic perspective, it is essential to understand the various factors contributing to childhood obesity:

•Sedentary lifestyle & lack of physical activity

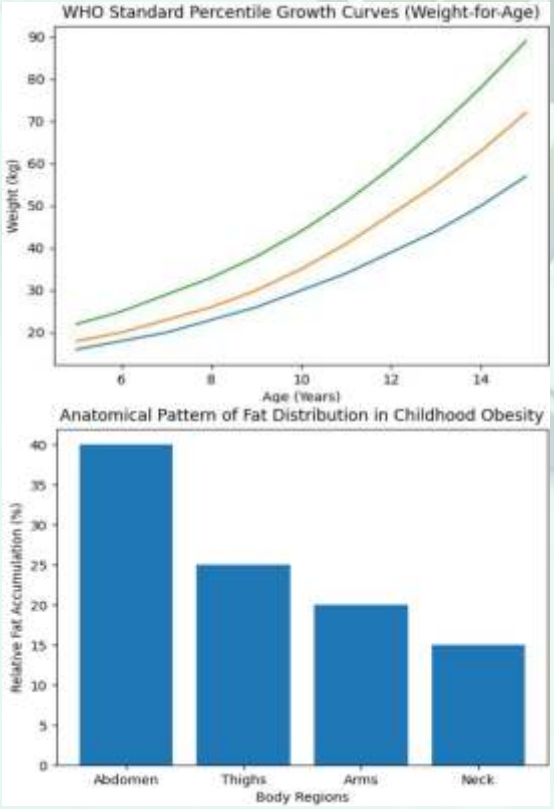
•Unhealthy eating habits (excessive intake of junk food, sugary drinks)

•Genetic predisposition

•Endocrine disorders (hypothyroidism, Cushing's syndrome)

•Psychological factors (comfort eating due to stress, anxiety), •Family environment

Homeopathic Approach to Childhood Obesity-Homeopathy works on the principle of individualization. Every child's case of obesity is different and is influenced by their genetic makeup, mental state, lifestyle, environment, and medical history. Rather than prescribing a standard "weight-loss" remedy, homeopathy aims to address the root cause behind each child's condition.



Key Elements of Homeopathic Management Include:

•**Constitutional Treatment-**The homeopath prescribes a constitutional remedy that matches the child's overall physical, emotional, and psychological profile.

•**Hormonal Balancing-**Remedies can help in regulating hormonal imbalances that may contribute to weight gain.

•**Improving Metabolism-**Many remedies stimulate sluggish metabolism and improve digestion and assimilation.

•**Behavioral and Emotional Support-**Homeopathy can address emotional causes such as stress eating, depression, or insecurity, which often accompany obesity.

Commonly Used Homeopathic Remedies-

•**Calcarea carbonica-**For children who gain weight easily, sweat profusely, and crave eggs or indigestible things.

•**Natrummuriaticum-**For emotionally sensitive children who suppress feelings and may comfort eat.

•**Antimonium crudum-**For obese children with a great appetite and a tendency to overeat, especially sweets.

•**Fucus vesiculosus-**Helps in improving metabolism and thyroid function.

•**Graphites-**For sluggish, overweight children prone to constipation and skin issues.

Benefits of Homeopathy in Childhood Obesity

•Non-toxic, gentle, and safefor long-termuse

•Noside effects

•Can be combined with dietary modifications and exercise.

•Addresses both physical and psychological aspects.

•Enhances self-confidence and overall well-being.

Conclusion-Homeopathy offers a gentle yet effective complementary approach to managing childhood obesity. Through individualized treatment and holistic care, it can help in achieving sustainable weight control and improvingthe child's quality of life. However, it is vital to combine homeopathic treatment with a balanced diet, regular physical activity, and supportive family environment for optimal results. Parental guidance and education also play a crucial role in preventing and managing obesity in children.

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Constipation in Children: A Homoeopathic



Abstract-Constipation is a frequent gastrointestinal complaint in pediatric practice, significantly affecting a child's physical comfort, emotional well-being, and quality of life. Functional constipation constitutes the majority of cases. Homoeopathy offers a holistic and individualized approach by addressing the constitutional, emotional, and miasmatic background of the child. (5)(4)

Introduction(1)(5)

Constipation in children is commonly encountered in pediatric outpatient departments. It is often functional in nature and related to dietary habits, lifestyle changes, emotional factors, and toilet training issues. Chronic constipation can lead to stool withholding behavior, abdominal pain, anal fissures, and psychological distress. Homoeopathy views constipation as a manifestation of a deeper constitutional imbalance rather than a mere local pathology.

Definition(1)-Constipation in children is defined as infrequent bowel movements (less than three per week), passage of hard or dry stools, painful defecation, or a sensation of incomplete evacuation persisting for several weeks.

Etiology(1)-**•Functional Causes:** • Low fiber diet, • Inadequate fluid intake
• Irregular bowel habits
• Stool withholding behavior
• Emotional stress
•Organic Causes (rare):
Hypothyroidism-•Spinal cord abnormalities
•Metabolic disorders,
•Hirschsprung 's disease

Clinical Features(1)-Hard and dry stools, painful defecation, abdominal distension, poor appetite, irritability, lethargy, & stool staining of undergarments are common presenting features.

Red Flag signs in Constipation in Children

The presence of the following features suggests an organic or serious underlying pathology and requires urgent evaluation and referral:

Neonatal & Early Infancy-•Delayed passage of meconium (>48 hours after birth),
•Failure to thrive or poor weight gain
Gastrointestinal Signs-
•Severe abdominal distension
•Persistent vomiting
•Blood in stools (not due to anal fissure)
•Ribbon-like or pencil-thin stools
Growth & Development-
•Growth retardation or weight loss
•Delayed developmental milestones
Systemic & Endocrine Signs-
•Signs of hypothyroidism (lethargy, cold intolerance, coarse skin)
•Recurrent fever, •Unexplained anemia
•Refractory Constipation
•No response to standard treatment
•Progressive worsening despite adequate management

Clinical Importance-Identification of red flag signs helps differentiate functional constipation from organic causes such as:
•Hirschsprung's disease, •Hypothyroidism
•Spinal cord abnormalities
•Metabolic disorders, •Early recognition prevents complications and ensures timely referral & multi-disciplinary care

Prevention (4)-•Encourage age-appropriate high-fiber diet (fruits, vegetables, whole grains)
•Include natural laxative foods: papaya, pear, apple, figs and fluid intake.
•Promote exclusive breast feeding in infants up to 6 months
•Establish a regular toilet routine, preferably after meals
•Encourage unhurried toilet time
•Provide proper foot support for smaller children to maintain correct posture
•Avoid punishment or negative reinforcement for toilet habits
•Provide reassurance & positive encouragement
•Encourage regular physical activity and play
•Limit excessive screen time

Homoeopathic Management(5)-

The homoeopathic approach emphasizes individualization. Mental generals, physical generals, peculiar symptoms, and miasmatic background are considered for remedy selection. Acute measures may relieve symptoms, but constitutional treatment ensures long-term cure.

Commonly Indicated Remedies (6)(2)(3)

Alumina- No desire to pass stool. Stool is dry, hard, and knotty. Great straining, even for soft stool. Constipation in bottle-fed babies. Rectum inactive. Child is sluggish, slow. Constipation from infancy

Bryonia alba- Dry, hard stools like burnt clay. Worse from motion. Better by rest. Thirsty child. Irritable, wants to be left alone. Cracked lips

Calcarea carbonica- Constipation with large, hard stools Better when constipated .Fearful, slow-developing child. Sweaty head. Craves eggs. Chilly. Flabby, obese children

Graphites- Large, difficult stools. Constipation with anal fissures. Stool covered with mucus. Weeping skin eruptions. Timid, indecisive child. Cracks in skin

Natrum muriaticum- Dry, crumbly stool. Constipation with headache. Reserved child. Craves salt .Worse from heat

Opium-Complete inactivity of bowels. No urge to pass stool. Hard, black stools .Drowsy child. Painless constipation

Sulphur-Ineffective urge. Child needs to rush to toilet . Hot, sweaty. Untidy appearance .Loves sweets

Silicea-Stool partially expelled then slips back. Constipation in weak children. Chilly. Delicate, timid child. Sweaty feet

Case-A 6-year-old male child presented with complaints of hard, dry stools occurring once every 5-6 days since one year and pain during defecation and abdominal distension. There was a history of stool withholding due to fear of painful evacuation. Mentally, the child was timid and fearful and preferred the company of his parents. Thermally chilly patient .The child craved eggs. Based on presentation diagnosis of functional constipation was made. Other vital signs was normal. Calcarea Carbonica 30 was prescribed once daily for 3 days and the follow up advised after 3 days. On 1st follow up-pain reduced during defecation and passed stool on the next day. During 2nd follow up stool passed was not hard and dry and SAC LAC was prescribed

Conclusion-Homoeopathy provides a gentle, safe, and effective approach to managing constipation in children. Individualized constitutional treatment ensures long-term relief without dependency or adverse effects.(5)

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Infantile Colic in Homoeopathic Pediatrics



Abstract-Infantile colic is a common functional gastrointestinal disorder of early infancy, characterized by excessive, inconsolable crying in an otherwise healthy infant. Although benign and self-limiting, it causes significant parental distress and impacts family well-being. Conventional medicine offers limited definitive treatment, mainly focusing on reassurance and symptomatic care. Homoeopathy, with its individualized and holistic approach, offers promising results in managing infantile colic by addressing the underlying constitutional and emotional aspects of the child.

Introduction-Infantile colic is defined by the "Rule of Threes"-crying for more than 3 hours per day, for 3 days per week, for 3 weeks in an otherwise healthy infant. It typically appears in the first few weeks of life and resolves by 3–4 months of age.(1) (5)

Etiopathogenesis(2)(5)

Infantile colic is a functional gastrointestinal disorder of early infancy characterized by excessive, inconsolable crying in an otherwise healthy baby. The exact cause is multifactorial and not fully understood.

•**Gastrointestinal Immaturity-**The infant's digestive system is still developing. Poor coordination of intestinal motility can lead to gas formation, abdominal distension, and spasmodic pain, resulting in crying episodes.

•**Altered Gut Microbiota-**Colicky infants often show an imbalance in gut bacteria, with increased gas-producing organisms. This causes excess fermentation, bloating, and discomfort.

•**Lactose Intolerance/Feeding Issues-**
Transient lactase deficiency or improper feeding techniques (overfeeding, aerophagia, improper latch) can cause gas, cramps, and abdominal pain.

•**Cow's Milk Protein Sensitivity-**
Some infants react to cow's milk protein (through formula or maternal diet), leading to intestinal inflammation, colic, and irritability.

•**Intestinal Spasms-**Immature nervous control of the gut causes spasmodic contractions of intestinal muscles, producing pain.

•**Neuro-Developmental Factors-**The infant's nervous system is still adapting to external stimuli. Increased sensitivity to sound, light, and touch may contribute to excessive crying.

•**Psychosocial Factors-**Parental stress, anxiety, and disturbed mother-infant interaction may worsen crying behavior, though they are not the primary cause.

Clinical Features-Typical features include sudden intense crying, drawing up of legs, clenched fists, abdominal distension, red face, passing flatus, and evening aggravation.

Red Flag Signs in Infantile Colic(2)(5)

While most cases of infantile colic are benign and self-limiting, certain signs require urgent medical attention as they may indicate serious gastrointestinal, metabolic, or systemic disorders:

Systemic Signs-
•Fever or hypothermia
•Poor feeding or refusal to feed
•Lethargy or persistent inconsolable crying
•Failure to thrive or poor weight gain

Gastrointestinal Warning Signs-
•Vomiting (especially bilious, projectile, or bloody)
•Blood in stools (hematochezia or melena)
•Persistent diarrhea or constipation with abdominal distension
•Severe, continuous abdominal pain not relieved by usual measures
•Abdominal mass or tenderness

Neurological Signs
•Seizures or unusual posturing
•Excessive sleepiness or hypotonia

Others-•Jaundice beyond neonatal period
•Signs of dehydration (sunken fontanelle, dry mucous membranes, decreased urine output)
•Skin rash associated with systemic illness

Homoeopathic Approach(3)

Homoeopathy treats infantile colic by individualizing the case and considering physical, emotional, & environmental factors.

Common Remedies

•**Chamomilla-** Extreme irritability; baby cries continuously. Wants to be carried; only quiet when carried. Colic worse at night
One cheek red, the other pale. Green, offensive stools (often after dentition)

•**Colocynthis-**Severe, cramping abdominal pain Baby draws knees to abdomen. Relief from pressure, bending forward, or warmth
Colic after anger or indignation. Pain comes in waves

•**Magnesia phosphorica-**Spasmodic, neuralgic abdominal pain. Baby curls up with knees flexed
Relief from warmth and gentle pressure. Colic worse at night. Gas-related pain

•**Dioscorea-** Colic with radiating pain. Baby arches backward (extends body)
Worse from bending forward. Better from stretching and walking. Flatulent colic

•**Lycopodium-** Excessive gas and abdominal distension. Colic worse between 4–8 pm. Right-sided abdominal pain
Baby is irritable but improves when passing gas. Desire for warm food

•**Pulsatilla-** Mild, clingy, weepy baby. Colic after fatty or rich food Wants attention and comfort. No thirst. Better in open air

Clinical Case(3)(4)-A 2-month-old male infant, born full-term by normal vaginal delivery, was brought with complaints of excessive, inconsolable crying for the past three weeks, predominantly in the evening and night. The crying episodes lasted two to three hours daily and were associated with the baby drawing his knees up toward the abdomen, abdominal distension, and passage of offensive flatus. The infant calmed only when carried and rocked gently. There was no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, and his appetite and thirst were normal. The child was exclusively breastfed, and weight gain was appropriate for age. On examination, the abdomen was mildly distended and tympanitic, with no signs of infection. Mentally, the infant was extremely irritable and difficult to console. Based on the totality of symptoms, the case was diagnosed as infantile colic. Chamomilla 30C was selected on basis on signs and symptoms .The remedy was administered as 2 pills in breast milk twice daily for three days, along with advice for proper burping and feeding posture. On follow-up after five days, the crying episodes were significantly reduced, abdominal distension decreased, and the infant appeared calmer, demonstrating the effectiveness of individualized homoeopathic management in infantile colic.

Conclusion-Homoeopathy offers safe, gentle, and effective management of infantile colic.

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The Hypotensive Mechanisms of Veratrumviride: A Review of Reflex-Mediated Vasodilation

Abstract-(4) Veratrumviride, commonly known as American White Hellebore, shows a profound physiological influence on the cardiovascular system (CVS), primarily mediated through vagus nerve. Its primary action involves the intense stimulation of vagal afferents, it lead to a potent baroreceptor-like reflex. This results in clinical triad of bradycardia, vasodilation, and systemic hypotension. Its action in homeopathic targets the state of vasomotor paralysis and circulatory collapse.

Introduction:(1) •Hypotension, often let go in clinical settings unless symptomatic. It is generally differentiated into three manifestations:

•**Orthostatic (Postural) Hypotension:**A sudden drop in a blood pressure (usually>20mmHg systolic) upon standing, leading to the cerebral hypo perfusion, dizziness, and syncope.

•**Post-prandial Hypotension:** A drop in the pressure following a meal, common in the elderly and those with autonomic dysfunction, as blood is diverted to the splanchnic circulation.

•**Acute Circulatory Collapse:** A rapid, often dangerous decline in the vascular tone, seen in shock or severe vagal reactions.

Pharmacodynamics & Pathogenesis of Veratrumviride(5)

•The medicinal power of Veratrumviride is derived from itsalkaloids, mostly veratridine and cevadine.

•From toxicological standpoint, these alkaloids act as potent neurotoxins that modify the kinetics of voltage-gated sodium channels. By preventing the inactivation of these channels, veratridine causes prolonged depolarization of nerve and muscle cells. This biochemical action is the foundation for the violent and rapid nature of the symptoms observed in the homeopathic proving.

•Action on Vagus Nerve: The main feature of Veratrumviride is its profound stimulation of the vagus nerve. In clinical pharmacology, this is often associated with the Bezold-Jarisch reflex.

•Bradycardia: This triggers a intense inhibitory signal to the heart through the vagus nerve, resulting in a dramatic slowing of the heart rate i.e. bradycardia.

•Vasomotor Paralysis: The sympathetic tone is inhibited, leading to the widespread vasodilation and the muscular relaxation.

In hypotension, the state where the body's "braking system" - the vagus, has over-responded, leading to a collapse in peripheral resistance.

Clinical Indications: The Homeopathic Approach (1)-

•The clinical application of Veratrumviride in hypotension is determined by its specific "signature" on the patient's physiology. While many remedies cover low blood pressure, Veratrumviride is selected when the collapse is primarily neurogenic or vasomotor in origin.

1. The Cardinal Keynote: The Tongue

•Perhaps the most reliable objective marker for this remedy is the appearance of the tongue.

•The "Red Streak" - A distinct, bright red stripe down the center of the tongue, while the sides may be coated yellow.

2. The Pulse and Cardiovascular Profile

•In the hypotensive state, the pulse of Veratrumviride is its most characteristic:

•Quality-Extremely slow, soft, and compressible. It may become irregular or intermittent with the slightest exertion.

•The Orthostatic Trigger - A sudden drop in pressure upon rising from a recumbent position, often accompanied by dimness of vision or black spots before the eyes.

3. Concomitants of Collapse

•Cerebral Symptoms: Faintness accompanied by a dull, heavy headache in the occiput.

•Temperature: Cold sweat, especially on the forehead, but often with a strange lingering heat in the body or history of recent high fever.

Case Study: Clinical Application in Orthostatic Hypotension

1. Patient Presentation

69-year-old male with a history of post-viral autonomic dysfunction.

•Presenting Symptoms: Chronic light-headedness and dim-Ness of vision upon standing. The patient described "black spots" in his vision and a heavy, dull ache at the base of the skull.

•Physical Examination: During the acute episode, the tongue showed a prominent red streak down the center with yellow coated edges.

•Vital Signs: Sitting BP: 122/78 mmHg | Pulse: 70 bpm.

•Standing BP (after 5mins): 86/54 mmHg | Pulse: 56 bpm (Paradoxical bradycardia).

2. Remedy Selection

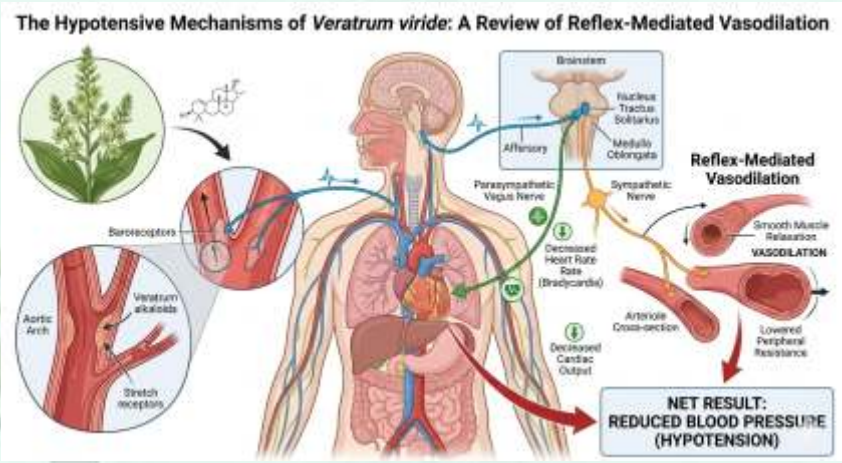
•While Veratrum album was considered due to the cold forehead sweat, it was ruled out because the patient lacked the typical gastrointestinal purging. Digitalis was also considered due to the slow pulse, but the red streak on the tongue and the occipital headache pointed specifically to Veratrumviride. The selection was based on the "Simillimum" for vasomotor paralysis and vagal hyper-reactivity.

3. **Potency and Dosage**

•Potency: 30C liquid dilution.

•Posology: Single dose was administered.

4. **Outcome and Follow-up**



•Within 15 minutes of the first dose, the patient showed improvement in the occipital heaviness.

•Follow-up - BP (30 mins post-dose): Standing BP 110/70 mmHg with pulse of 70 bpm.

•Over a 4-week period, using the remedy only as needed, the frequency of episodes decreased by 65%.

Conclusion-The clinical utility of Veratrumviride in the management of hypotension represents a application of the Law of Similars. By moving beyond its traditional reputation as a remedy solely for congestion, we uncover its vital role as regulator of the autonomic nervous system, particularly in states of vasomotor failure and vagal hyper-reactivity. As demonstrated in this article, the presence of pathognomonic markers, such as the central red streak on the tongue and paradoxical bradycardia, allows for a prescription that can rapidly stabilize a patient in a hypotensive collapse.

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A Review On Homoeopathic Management of Tonsillitis



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Abstract-Tonsillitis is a common inflammatory condition of the palatine tonsils affecting predominantly the pediatric and adolescent age groups, characterized by sore throat, dysphagia, fever, enlarged tonsils, and cervical lymphadenopathy. Recurrent and chronic tonsillitis often leads to frequent antibiotic use and, in many cases, surgical intervention such as tonsillectomy. The increasing concern regarding antibiotic resistance and recurrence rates highlights the need for safe and effective alternative therapeutic approaches.

Homoeopathy, based on the principles laid down by Samuel Hahnemann in the Organon of Medicine, emphasizes individualized treatment through the law of similars, totality of symptoms, and minimum dose. In the homoeopathic approach, tonsillitis is not merely viewed as a localized infection but as a manifestation of underlying constitutional susceptibility and miasmatic influence. Remedies are selected based on characteristic symptoms including sensation, modalities, concomitants, and general constitutional features. This review explores the etiopatho-genesis, clinical features, complications, and conventional management of tonsillitis, along with the homoeopathic perspective in its management.

Keywords-*Tonsils, Inflammation, Glands, Homoeopathy.*

Introduction-The tonsils are a pair of oval, lymphoid structures situated on either side of the posterior part of the throat. They function as an important component of the immune system by acting as the first protective barrier against microorganisms that enter through the mouth. Because of this defensive role, they are frequently exposed to pathogens and are therefore prone to infection and inflammation. As children grow older and their immune system matures, the frequency of tonsillar infections generally declines.

These lymphatic tissues assist the body in combating disease by trapping bacteria and viruses that pass through the throat and by producing antibodies to neutralize them. Through this immunological activity, they help prevent the spread of infection to deeper structures.

Tonsillitis refers to the inflammatory condition of the tonsils resulting from infection. When invaded by bacteria or viruses, the tonsils become swollen, red, and painful. Common bacterial causes include Streptococcus species, while viral causes may include cytomegalo virus, herpes simplex virus, and Epstein–Barr virus. Tonsillitis is more commonly observed in children than in adults and is relatively uncommon in children below two years of age.

Classification-

•Acute Tonsillitis: Cases of acute tonsillitis include those in which the illness lasts for three days to nearly two weeks.

•Recurrent tonsillitis: When someone has tonsillitis more than once a year, it is referred to as recurrent tonsillitis.

•Chronic tonsillitis: The symptoms of chronic tonsillitis last longer than two weeks. In general, tonsillitis that recurs or is frequent is defined as:

•Over 7 episodes in a single year

•Over 5 episodes every year over a period of 2 years.

• More than three episodes a year throughout the course of three years.

Epidemiology-Tonsillitis is a common infection of the upper respiratory tract in India, particularly affecting children and adolescents. Several clinical surveys indicate that the highest incidence occurs in the pediatric population, especially in those under 15 years of age, with a notable peak in the ≤ 10 year age group. In one regional study from Central Gujarat, about 65% of acute tonsillitis cases were in individuals below 20 years, with the ≤ 10 years group contributing over one-third of cases.

Another report suggests that pre-teen children (6–12 years) represent the largest fraction of tonsillitis cases, followed by teens and younger children, and that males may be slightly more affected than females.

Causes-Tonsillitis is primarily caused by infection of the palatine tonsils, most commonly due to viruses or bacteria. Since the tonsils act as a first-line immune defense, they are frequently exposed to infectious agents entering through the mouth and nose.

•Viral Causes (Most Common) - Viruses account for the majority of tonsillitis cases, especially in children. Common viral agents include: •Adeno virus, •Influenza virus

•Parainfluenza virus, •Rhinovirus

•Epstein-Barr virus–associated with infectious mononucleosis, •Cytomegalo virus

•Herpes simplex virus, •SARS-CoV-2

•Bacterial Causes-Bacterial infections are responsible for a significant proportion of moderate to severe cases.

•Streptococcus pyogenes-the most common bacterial cause (strep throat)

•Staphylococcus aureus

•Streptococcus pneumoniae

•Haemophilus influenzae

•Mycoplasma pneumoniae

•Predisposing/Contributing Factors-Certain factors increase susceptibility to tonsillitis: •Close contact in schools or crowded environments

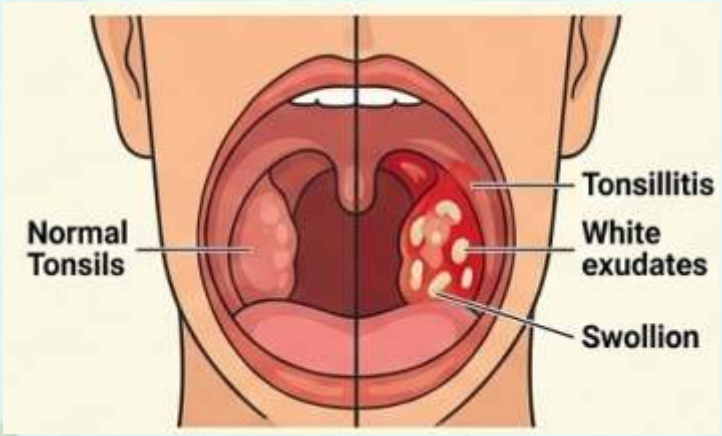
•Poor hygiene, •Low immunity

•Exposure to infected individuals

•Recurrent upper respiratory tract infections

•Environmental pollution

•Seasonal variations (more common in colder months)



Clinical Features-Tonsillitis typically presents with acute onset of sore throat and difficulty in swallowing, which may range from mild discomfort to severe pain. The tonsils appear enlarged, red, and inflamed, sometimes with white or yellowish exudative patches on their surface. Fever is common, particularly in bacterial infections, and may be accompanied by chills and general malaise. Patients often complain of headache, ear pain due to referred pain, and a muffled or "hot potato" voice. Swelling and tenderness of the cervical lymph nodes are frequently observed. In children, additional symptoms such as irritability, poor appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and drooling may occur. In recurrent or chronic cases, persistent throat discomfort, bad breath (halitosis), and enlarged tonsils causing snoring or mouth breathing may be noted. The severity and associated features may vary depending on whether the cause is viral or bacterial.

Diagnosis-The diagnosis of tonsillitis is primarily clinical, based on history and physical examination, and may be supported by laboratory investigations when necessary. On examination, the tonsils appear enlarged, congested, and inflamed. They may show white or yellow exudates in bacterial infections. The presence of fever, tender cervical lymphadenopathy, absence of cough, and tonsillar exudates may suggest infection with Streptococcus pyogenes. To differentiate viral from bacterial causes, the following investigations may be advised:

•Throat swab culture–Considered the gold standard for detecting Group A streptococcal infection.

•Rapid Antigen Detection Test (RADT)-Provides quick identification of streptococcal infection.

•Complete Blood Count (CBC)-May show leukocytosis in bacterial infections or lymphocytosis in viral infections.

•Monospot Test-Used when infectious mononucleosis caused by Epstein-Barr virus is suspected.

Complication-Persistent (chronic) tonsillitis can result with inflammation or swelling of the tonsils, which can lead to consequences like:

The inability to breathe

Obstructive sleep apnea, which results in interrupted breathing while sleeping

T nsillar cellulitis, an infection that penetrates deeply into the tissue a round it.

An infection that leads to a pus-filledarea behind the tonsil (peritonsillarabscess).

General Management-Both bacterial and viral tonsillitis are spread by infectious microorganisms. There fore, maintaining excellent hygiene is the best form of preventive. Teach your youngster to:

•Wash hands frequently and thoroughly, especially after using the restroom and before eating

•Don't share food, drink, water bottles, or utensils.

•After tonsillitis diagnosis, change the tooth

brush.

Teach your youngster to sneeze or cough into a tissue or, if required, in to their elbow.

•Teach your youngster to wash their hands after coughing or sneezing.

Homeopathic Management-Homoeopathy approaches tonsillitis as a manifestation of an underlying disturbance of the vital force rather than merely a localized inflammation of the tonsils. Based on the principles laid down by Samuel Hahnemann in the Organon of Medicine, treatment is guided by the law of similars, individualization, and the minimum dose. The focus is on the totality of symptoms, including physical, mental, and constitutional characteristics of the patient.

In acute tonsillitis, remedy selection depends on characteristic symptoms such as onset, sensation, modalities (aggravation and amelioration), concomitants, laterality, and general symptoms like thirst, thermal preference, and perspiration.

•Belladonna:Belladonna is commonly indicated in acute tonsillitis characterized by bright red, congested, and markedly swollen tonsils accompanied by high fever. The throat feels intensely dry with a sensation of heat, constriction, or a lump. Swallowing, especially solids, is painful and difficult. The onset is usually sudden, with throbbing pain and increased sensitivity to touch.



•Calcarea Carbonica:Calcarea carbonica is frequently prescribed in cases of recurrent or chronic tonsillitis, particularly in children who are overweight, flabby, and prone to catching cold with every change in weather. Such individuals often exhibit a marked craving for eggs. It is also useful in managing lingering complaints after tonsillectomy, such as persistent post-nasal catarrh and chronic cough.

•Mercurius Solubilis:Mercurius solubilis is indicated when there is intense burning and rawness in the throat, with pain extending toward the ears during swallowing. Profuse salivation, a constant desire to swallow, and white or yellowish patches on the tonsils are characteristic features. The breath is typically offensive, and symptoms may worsen at night.

•Hepar Sulphuris: Hepar sulphuris is especially beneficial in advanced cases with a tendency toward suppuration, such as peritonsillar abscess. The throat pain is sharp, stitching, or splinter-like, often radiating to the ears and aggravated by swallowing. The patient is extremely sensitive to cold air. Hoarseness of voice and expectoration of thick, yellow mucus may also be present.

•Baryta carbonica: This remedy is particularly useful in recurrent tonsillitis among children who are physically underdeveloped, timid, or show delayed growth—often described as having a scrofulous constitution. Such individuals tend to catch cold easily, and the infection frequently localizes in the throat. The tonsils are enlarged and painful, with a stinging or smarting sensation that worsens even when swallowing saliva. A burning feeling may be present in the throat. Swallowing liquids is generally easier than swallowing solids.

•Mercurius iodatus ruber: This medicine is chiefly indicated in left-sided tonsillitis. The left tonsil appears swollen and dark red, often accompanied by a sensation of a lump in the throat. There is a frequent urge to clear or hawk mucus. The inflammation is usually marked and confined predominantly to the left side.

•Lachesis: Characteristically suited to tonsillitis that begins on the left side and may later extend to the right. The affected tonsil appears purplish, and pain may radiate to the ear. Swallowing liquids can be particularly difficult, and warm or hot drinks often aggravate the discomfort. Symptoms are typically worse after sleep.

•Lycopodium clavatum: This remedy is commonly indicated in right-sided tonsillitis that may later spread to the left. The right tonsil is enlarged and extremely painful during swallowing, sometimes with ulceration. Cold drinks tend to aggravate the pain, whereas warm beverages provide relief.

•Mercurius iodatus flavus:More frequently prescribed in right-sided tonsillitis. The throat is filled with thick mucus, creating a constant desire to swallow. A sensation of a lump in the throat is relieved by cool drinks. The inflammation may initially affect the right side and later extend to the left.

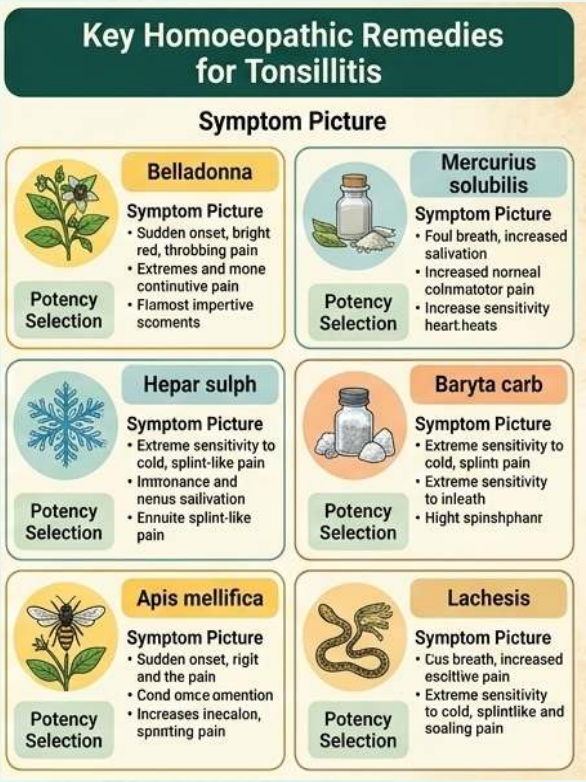
•Phytolacca decandra: This remedy is particularly useful in cases of tonsillitis where the throat pain extends to the ears, especially during swallowing. The act of swallowing intensifies the suffering, and warm or hot food and drinks tend to aggravate the pain. The throat often feels dry, rough, and burning. The tonsils typically appear dark red or bluish in color, and the inflammation may be marked and painful.

•Streptococcinum: This nosode is considered beneficial in managing chronic or recurrent tonsillar complaints, particularly in conditions persisting after tonsillectomy. It is also employed as a supportive remedy in tonsillitis accompanied by high fever and streptococcal tendencies.

•Sulphur: Sulphur is frequently indicated in patients who experience persistent throat troubles following tonsil surgery. Symptoms may intensify with changes in weather, especially during transitions between seasons. It is often suited to individuals with a tendency toward recurring inflammatory conditions.

•Tuberculinum: This remedy may be considered when carefully selected medicines fail to produce the desired improvement. It is often indicated in cases of enlarged tonsils that are aggravated by exposure to cold. It is commonly suited to tall, slender, narrow-chested individuals who are mentally active but physically delicate, often with an aversion to meat and a tendency toward recurrent infections.

Conclusion-Tonsillitis bouts are reduced with homeopathic treatment. It could be possible to prevent surgical tonsil removal in more than 70% of cases with tonsillitis. Homeopathy helps the child's immunity. Changes in appetite in underweight children can result in weight gain.



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A Holistic Approach of Homoeopathy In Rheumatoid Arthritis



Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a progressive, disabling, chronic multi system disease which is characterized by pain, swelling and stiffness of the synovial joints, which is often worse in the morning and after periods of inactivity.

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) stands as a prevalent & incapacitating chronic ailment, affecting approximately 1–2% of the population RA represents a chronic and systemic inflammatory condition that can impact various tissues and organs, primarily targeting the flexible, synovial joints of the body.

Causative Factor-Occurs when the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its own healthy tissues particularly the synovium . This autoimmune response causes inflammation in the affected joints.

Pathogenesis-RA is characterized by the proliferation of the synovial membrane, a process that results in the degradation of articular cartilage and subchondral bone. This pathological progression induces synovitis and synovial hyperplasia, leading to symptoms such as joint swelling, stiffness, and pain.

Types of RA-*Seropositive RA*, where blood tests show high levels of anti-CCP and RF.

Seronegative RA, where people with this form experience classis RA symptoms- joint swelling, morning stiffness, and pain- but test negative for anti- CCP and RF.

Symptoms-Swelling of joints, stiffness, joint pain, and diminished functionality, often leading to significant impairment in daily activities and quality of life. People with RA may also experience fatigue, fever, and loss of appetite.

Investigations-•Rheumatoid factor
•ESR(Erythrocyte sedimentation rate)
•CRP, •ANA , ASO
•Anti-CPA (anti-citrullinated peptide antibody), •Synovial fluid analysis
•Radiographic evaluation

Homoeopathic Approach-Alternative medicine approaches like homeopathy, encompass a holistic approach to patient care, addressing not only the physical symptoms but also the mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of illness.

Some Homoeopathic remedies, which are best suited to RA.

•**Rhus Toxicodendron (RT)-** this remedy is often used for joint pain and stiffness that worsens with intial movement but improves with continued motion. Agg in cold & damp conditions.

•**Bryonia Alba**– Intense pain and inflammation in the joints, which worsen with any kind of movement. Amel. From rest & applying pressure to the painful area.

•**Apis Mellifica**- Apis is ued when joints are red, hot and swollen. Keynote symptoms is stinging or burning sensation in the joints.

•**Arnica Montana**- General pain and soreness, especially after overexertion or physical trauma. It can help with muscle and joint pain.

•**Colchicum Autumnale**-Used when there is severe pain and swelling in the joints, especially in the finger joints. The pains is worsened by the slightest touch.

•**Causticum**- Is indicated when there is muscle weakness, tearing pain in the joints, and a sensation of stiffness.

•**Kalmia Latifolia**-Used when there is pain that radiates down the arm or leg from the affected joint. Its associated with stiffness and inflammation.

•**Ledum Palustr**–Ledum is often used for pain that starts in the feet or ankles and moves upwards. It may be helpful for people who experience cool joints and feel better with cold applications.

In Homoeopathy, ***mother tinctures*** are routinely prescribed for the treatment of wide variety of ailmentssuchas

•*Rauwolfia serpentina is used for high blood pressure, fever, sedation, stomach pain, skin problems, and muscular problems.*

•*Ricinus communis Mother tincture (RCMT) is used to relieve the symptoms of vertigo, burning sensation in stomach, diarrhoea and in inflamed anus.*

•Like wise the mother tincture of *Bellis perennis* (BPMT) is used for joint soreness, muscle soreness soreness of abdominal wall and uterus, and in diarrhoea.

•*Similarly, the mother tincture of Terminalia arjuna (TAMT) is used in various diseases of heart, angina pectoris, suffocation, vertigo and gonorrhoea.*[7]

•These mother tinctures are prescribed for the treatment of analgesia and arthritis, but lack scientific basis.

Above all these hom. Remedies and mother tinctures, most of are for symptomatic relief in cases of RA. But, the real ***Constitutional remedy*** can help a patient from core. As we all know Homeopathy based on the principle of **'Likes Cure Likes'** , after a homeopathic case history, we can find a exact ailment of a diseased person, and can give a best constitutional remedy.

Lifestyle adjustments-In addition to medications, lifestyle modifications like regular exercise, joint protection technique, and a balance diet can help manage the symptoms and improve the overall quality of life for individuals with RA.

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A Case of Atopic Eczema Treated By Homoeopathic Individualised Medicine By Dr. Madhavi Vagadiya

•**Introduction:** Dermatitis is commonly called as eczema. It is an inflammatory condition of the skin that causes itching, scaling, redness, dry or oozing, crusting of skin on the affected area. It is irritating but not contagious. Eczema (dermatitis) is caused by a combination of immune system activation, genetics, environmental triggers and stress. It damages the skin and makes the body susceptible to various infection.

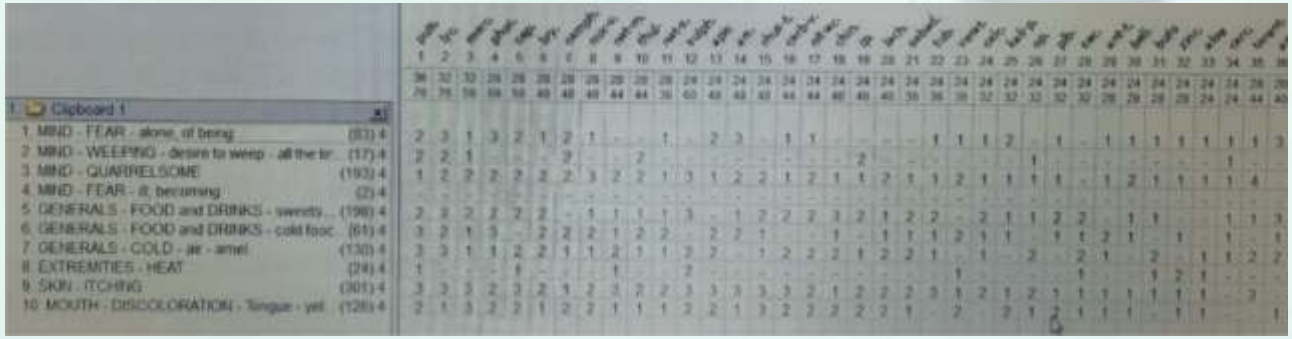
•**Case Study -Chief complaints-**A 45-year-old woman 12 December 2024 came to the shainath homeopathic hospital, Rajkot present with complained of itching with blackish discolouration in left foot for 4 years. Blood and watery discharge from the affected area after itching. Skin was exfoliating in scales. Burning sensation after itching was very prominent. Felt better by gentle rubbing with hand and in winter season.

•**History of present complaints-** Scaly, blackish discolouration of skin in left foot for 4 years. Patient used various ointments and conventional medicine which gave temporary relief. Gradually increasing in size. Blood and watery discharge occur after scratching. Burning sensationafter itching. Patient felt better by gentle rubbing with hands and in winter season. Past history She suffers from dengue at the age of 12, chicken pox at the age of 5. Tonsillitis at the age of 10 treated with homoeopathy.

•**Mental generals and physical generals-**She was mentally quick, active, having good understanding. Quarrelsome and contradictory. Weeping tendency when angry, weeping palliates. Dread of being alone, aggravation from consolation. Fear of illness. Sound sleep. While enquiring her physical general aspects, it was found that she had a desire for sweets. Aversion of meat, she preferred cold food. Thirst less. Thin although having good appetite. Menstruation regular and scanty. Stool usually constipated, urine clear with no foul smell, no any burning during micturition, tongue is moist with yellow coating. Bitter taste in mouth in morning. Felt better in cold climate. Burning in palms and soles.

•**Diagnosis-**Eczema with thick discharge and blood after scratching, continuously increasing in size. Diagnosis was based on clinical symptoms and physical examination of the patient.

•**Prescription:-**After repertorisation, Pulsatilla pratensis possessed highest grade and highest matching of symptoms. Here, pulsatilla was selected on the basis of mental as well as physical symptoms of the patient. The patient had weeping disposition, thirstless, bitter taste in mouth in morning which is very particular in itself, in consultation with materia medica and reportorial result. So, Pulsatilla pratensis was prescribed for this case.



•**Prescribed on- 12-12-2024:-**Pulsatilla pratensis 200/2 dose, early morning mixing with ½ cup of water for 2 days along with placebo every day, two times after eating for 7 days

•**Selection of dose and potency:-**As per Organon of Medicine, aphorism 247 5th edition and according to the susceptibility of the patient, the potency was selected. Here the patient was highly susceptible and intensity of the symptoms was also increased and she suffered from long time due to that affection, so the case was started with high potency.

•**Justification of repetition of the remedy:-**Every well-chosen medicine should be repeated at suitable interval, aphorism 246 ,5th edition of Organon of Medicine. Treatment was continued for 5 months. There was marked improvement in every follow-up. One dose of Pulsatilla pratensis was repeated at 4th follow up as there was reappearance of symptoms. After initial improvement, if same symptoms are reappearing, then repeat the same medicine.



•**Conclusion:**Homoeopathy is an artistic and holistic method of treatment. Hence any homoeopathic medicine selected on the basis of complete individualisation of the patient and totality of symptoms provide sure and permanent cure to a patient. Eczema is a no exception to it. In this case also we have seen the miraculous effect of homoeopathic individualised medicine. After attaining complete cure, there was no relapse seen in the patient. Proper selection of medicine in homoeopathy provides a patient complete and permanent cure.

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