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Foundation Course in Medical Homeopathy

A Blended Course in Homeopathic Medicine for Healthcare Professionals

Materia Medica Studies: Silica

Part 4.6

Silicea (Silicon dioxide)

Recurrent infections, suppurations Lack of self-confidence, lack of grit Very chilly, very thirsty

Typology

Thin, weak persons lacking grit Very chilly Wounds suppurate easily.

Tissue Affinity General nutrition and structural development Connective tissue Skin

Mentals

Quick-minded but shy Great fear of failure with anticipatory anxiety, very fastidious to prevent this Nervous, irritable, stubborn, fixed ideas Delicate, refined

Generals

Very chilly Sensitive to noise Easy suppuration Recurrent infections Corrosive foot sweat

Averse to: Milk, mother's milk

Aggravated by: Cold, drafts, suppressed sweat, after vaccination, milk

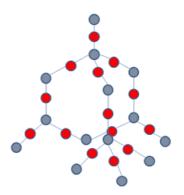
Ameliorated by: Warmth

Clinical Indications Delayed ossification, teething disorders Chronic or recurrent suppurative processes Fistula Anticipatory ailments



The Essence of Silica (Silicea)

Want of resilience, moral and physical Impaired resistance to infection No resistance to actions of others Faint hearted Immune system easily subverted, giving rise to chronic purulent infection Intention and action subverted by others Open to exploitation without resistance No grit Every injury festers Offensive discharges Cysts Coldness Glandular swelling Headache: better for wraps Chronic analogue of Pulsatilla



Activity:

| Watch a lecture on Silica | given by Dr Gabriela Rieberer. |
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| | https://youtu.be/skNc3G4JRzQ |

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| 3 | Na Sodium | 12 12 Mg Magnesium 24.305 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13AI Aluminium 26.963 | 14 +4.4 Si Silicon 28.086 | 15 et.el.a P Phosphorus | 16 -6.+4.+2.3 Sulfur 33.046 | 17CI Chlorine 25.451 | 18 * Argon 15,348 |
| 4 | 19 ··· K Potassium | Calcium | 21 42 Sc Scandium | 22 Ti Titanium | 23 v Vanadium | 24 Cr Chromium | 25 Mn Manganese | 26 Fe Iron | 27 Co Cobalt | 28 Ni Nickel | 29 Cu Copper | 30 2 n Zinc 41.34 | Gallium Gallium (0,723 | 32 +4.42.4 Germanium 72.631 | 33 -1,-1,-1 As Arsenic 74,922 | 34 ^{+6,+4,+2,-3} Se Selenium 78,971 | 35 Br Br Bromine PESOR | 36 Kr Krypton ss.798 |
| 5 | 37 Rb Rubidium | 38 Sr Strontium 87A2 | 39 Yttrium | 40 H Zr Zirconlum | 41 Nioblum | 42 Mo Malyb denum stat | 43 Tc Technetium | 44 Ru Ru Buthenium | 45 e3 Rh Rhodium 102,866 | 46 Pd Palladium | 47 Ag Silver | 48 Cd Cadmium | 49 Indium | 50 +L+2-4 Sn Tin Tin Tin | 51 Sb Antimony | 52 Te Tellurium | 53 ^{10,+4,+2,-3} I Jodine 726,804 | 54 Xe Xenon 111.294 |
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Activity:



Dr Rajan Sankaran discusses Silica in a differential discussion of a papercase and shows a comparative repertorisation, bringing out thekey constitutional features of Silica.

This case discussion can be viewed here:

https://youtu.be/vPq1-rY1Ri4

Part 4 Section 6

SAQ 4.6



Without looking at the text, how many of the keynotes of *Silica* can you remember?

Mind

General, environmental and constitutional features

Local

Frequent pathological indications

Now read Silica in your materia medica:

Page 879 Vermeulen Page 1175 (Vol 3) Clarke Page 590 Boericke (2nd British ed) Page 833 Neatby and Stronham Page 541 Phatak Page 374 Jouanny Page 242 Boyd