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Foundation Course in Medical Homeopathy

A Blended Course in Homeopathic Medicine for Healthcare Professionals

Materia Medica Studies: *Mercurius*

Part 4.7

Mercurius Solubilis

Affinity for glands, bones, endothelium

Pathologies: slow, low grade, inflammatory conditions

Characterised by ulceration and profuse foul discharges

Induration and ulceration at sites of inflammation

Moist flabby tongue with margins scalloped with indentations from the teeth

Mentals

Slow progressive mental deterioration

Unstable or alternating mental states

Slipping gradually towards dementia with apprehension.

Withdrawal and anxiety as mental deterioration is recognised by the patient

Conceptual and cognitive difficulties, progressive memory loss

Mistakes in speech

Generals

Pain is localised, sticks to one point

Perspiration is foul, oily and doesn't ameliorate

Overactivity of glands: hypersalivation, perspiration

Chilly in reaction to temperature

Unstable thermostat aggravated by smallest changes of temperature

Modalities

< All symptoms aggravated at night

< lying on the right side

< for touch or pressure

Clinical indications

Hypersalivation in a dirty mouth

Halitosis

Pyorrhoea

Stomatitis

Herpes

Hyperhidrosis

Pyogenic ulcers

Chronic diarrhoea

Mercurius solubilis in children

Propensity to respiratory infections

Full of catarrh and mucus

Chronic secretory otitis media

Recurrent tonsillitis

Cervical lymphadenopathy

Night sweats

Unpredictable behaviour

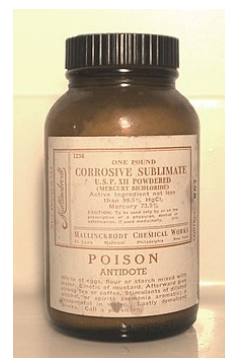
Attention seeking, dancing



Merc. sol - Mercury (I) Chloride



Mercurius vivus has a broadly similar symptom-picture



Mercurius corrosivus (Merc. cor.) is Mercury (II) Chloride and has a slightly different symptom picture

Activity



Watch a video talk by Misha Norland on Mercurius solubillis

https://youtu.be/F_-7beuQxKM

Mercurius solubilis: Clinical Case Study

Andrew K age 5

Presenting problem: Recurrent tonsillitis

Throughout infancy has been prone to upper respiratory infections.

Always complaining of a sore throat.

Mother looks in, and frequently sees red inflamed tonsils and fauces, often with yellow pus.

The right side is usually worse than the left

His nose is nearly always blocked and he snores at night.

Tendency to mouth-breathe during the day

Generalised perspiration: worse at night

Recurrent fevers: often given paracetamol elixir

Frequently complains of a sore tummy and has sporadic episodes of diarrhoea

Sociable and friendly, makes friends easily with other children

Plays well, but demands a lot of attention

Treatment:

Merc. sol 12c 1 dose, 30c 2 doses, all given in one day, four hours apart

Outcome:

A sudden profuse discharge starting within minutes of the first dose. Developed a sore throat within two days of the remedies. This was self-limiting and did not require treatment. Not associated with a fever this time which would normally be the case. Mild recurrence 15 days later, then clear of respiratory infections until review four weeks later. Subsequent reviews confirm a marked reduction in the severity and frequency of upper respiratory infections. No tonsillitis since the remedy. No longer mouth breathing.

Further Relevant Reading

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homeopathy, nephritis, inflammation
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SAQ 4.7



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

Mind

General, environmental and constitutional features

Local

Frequent pathological indications

Now read *Mercurius* in your *materia medica*:

- Page 642 Vermeulen
- Page 438 (Vol 2) Clarke
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