Centre for Integrative Medical Training In Association with London Integrated Medical Health Education



# Pre-membership Course in Medical Homeopathy

A Blended Course in Homeopathic Medicine for Healthcare Professionals

Unit 45

Materia Medica Studies and Therapeutic Pointers for Week 1

# Dysmenorrhoea

Dysmenorrhoea is cyclical pain associated with the period but without demonstrable lesions affecting the reproductive system.

Secondary dysmenorrhea can be associated with pelvic inflammatory disease, endometriosis, fibroids or psycho-sexual problems.

Both primary and secondary dysmenorrhea respond well to homeopathic treatment. Endometriosis depositis and small fibroids have been observed to regress under the influence of remedies. Obviously large fibroids, depending on the



# Some rubrics

Female genitalia: pain, uterus, menses, before

symptoms they produce, may require surgical excision.

beginning

during

pain, uterus, bending double amel pain, burning, uterus, menses, during pain, cutting, uterus, menses, during

Abdomen: pain, menses

# Remedies

#### Chamomilla

- · intolerable pains
- sends doctor and nurses away
- · irregular labour-like pains

#### Colocynthis

- · violent cramping pains
- > bending double, flexing thighs

#### Cuprum metallicum

- · cramping pains, < touch
- · cramps extending into chest

# Nux vomica

- · intense cramping pains
- · often tenesmus with desire to pass stools with dysmenorrhoea
- · irritability

# Magnesium phosphoricum

· intense cramping pains > heat and pressure

#### Veratrum album

- · dysmenorrhea with coldness
- · cold sweat, fainting

#### Belladonna

- · intense pulsating pain
- · flushed cheeks
- · profuse bleeding

# \*Viburnum opulus (Cramp bark, Water Elder, High Cranberry)

- · spasmodic pains
- · false labour pains
- · prevents early miscarriage



Viburnum opulus

# Bleeding with discharge of visible endometrial tissue

#### Borax

- · menses profuse, too soon
- nausea
- · stomach pain radiating into the back

#### **Bromium**

- · early profuse menses
- · flatus with menses

#### Chamomilla

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# Magnesium phosphoricum

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# Viburnum opulus

· sa

#### **Progesterone**

· as a hormonal regulator

# Bleeding without discharge of endometrial tissue

# \*Caulophyllum (Blue Cohosh, Squaw Root)

- · erratic pains, cramping with little flow
- · arthritis in small joints

# \*Cimicifuga (Black Cohosh, Actea Racemosa)

- · profuse, dark coagulated menses
- · pain across from hip to hip
- · increase in flow increases pain
- · also known as cold Lachesis

# Cocculus (Indian Cockle)

- · exhausting menses
- · with vertigo and vomiting
- · profuse dark menses

#### Coffea cruda (Unroasted coffee)

- · menses early and long
- · large clots of black blood
- · hypersensitive vulva and vagina

Coffea arabica

# Colocynthis (Bitter Cucumber)

- · boring pain
- > bending over double, wants abdomen supported by pressure
- · restlessness, irritability

# Gelsemium (Yellow Jasmine)

- · scanty flow
- · uterus feels squeezed
- · trembling

# Ignatia

- · black menses, too early
- · often issue of grief

# Kali carbonicum

- · pale and scanty menses
- · complaints after parturition

#### Nux vomica

- · irregular menses
- · urging to pass stool or urine

#### Platina

- · dark clotted menses
- chilliness
- · vaginismus

# Pulsatilla

- clotted menses
- · no period the same

#### Senecio aureus

- · premature menses
- · urinary disturbances

# Zincum

- increased flow at night
- · restlessness
- · coldness

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