

## FISTULA AND ITS HOMŒOPATHIC CURE

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"Fistula" is a Latin word. It means a pipe. In Medical Science it is nothing but a pipe-like canal in the living tissues of any part of the body. But we are here to discuss about the treatment and cure of the Fistula-in-Ano.

It is generally believed that this malady cannot be cured with medicines. But this "wise" belief comes to untruth before Homœopathy. An operative treatment of fistula is not in all cases possible and in the possible cases, too, it is extremely wrong, irrational and harmful as it tells upon the future life of the patient.

### TYPES OF FISTULA

1. There may be a fistula (opening) from Bladder to Navel, through which urine discharges. It is but a fibrous cord reaching from the bladder to the Navel.

2. Secondly, a fistula may be caused by an abscess in a body cavity which opens into another cavity or externally on the surface of the skin. This type comprises "Anal-Fistula".

(a) This "Anal-Fistula" may be a canal opening out of the rectum at some distance above the Anus.

(b) The blind internal fistula has no external opening. This is an incomplete fistula. But such a fistula sometimes becomes a "Sinus" which is a narrow passage reaching an unhealed abscess-cavity and coming to the surface of the skin.

In old fistula, pus discharges constantly from the passage of the fistula but there is not much pain, unless the canal is blocked and pus accumulates in it. There may be irritation around the 'mouth' of the fistula and some itching too.

3. There is a fistula due to Tuberculosis, which no treatment but Homœopathic can cure.

4. Fistula between bladder and vagina or rectum and vagina sometimes follows difficult child-birth.

5. There may be a Salivary fistula too,—when an abscess forms on the ducts of the *Parotid* gland and opens through the cheek.

Homœopathic medicines, if selected rightly and constitutionally, must cure all kinds of fistula without any surgical operation.

Although operation is generally but wrongly thought to be the only means of healing by Allopathy, our Homœo-Scientists think it otherwise and they really prove that fistula can be very easily cured by medicines. They are also right in concluding that "*Fistula* is the local expression of constitutional cause and that the true and only philosophical and scientific way of treating it is to remove the constitutional cause and then it will heal of itself with little or no local aid at all."

It is a constitutional affection and must, therefore, be treated by the physician (with medicines) and not by the surgeon (with his knife). No knife or antiseptic dressing are required for it.

Here is a case of most effective and radical cure of fistula under my treatment :

Patient :—M. Kader Buksha, inhabitant of a distant village in Rajshahi, age 45 years, father of 4 sons, had been suffering from fistula for the last ten years; it was around his anus; he had been under the treatment of Kavirajas, Allopathic doctors, Hekims and village Homœo-doctors, but without any effect, at last surgeons advised him to undergo operation; so out of fear, he hastend to me, in December, 1955.

I observed :—He was very weak; heart-beats 70 per minute, respiration 14 only; very sickly; the slightest cause irritated him; chronic coryza; felt better in warmth; constipation; stools not easily passed; urine passes slowly; uneasy in open air; believed his disease incurable; could not tell the cause of the disease; at first had very much

pain, now no pain except when pus accumulates; non-offensive pus. Fistula was just around the "mouth" of the Anus; it felt soft; pus thick, yellowish white; Fistula opens on the right side; inside the anal passage at a distance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the mouth of Anus. Sometimes the pus was a little bloody; a little pain under pressure; some itching.

*Treatment*:—Applied 10M. *Hep. Sulphur* two doses—each taken every week; no thickness of pus; bowels regular and clear, no itching.

But the discharge now more profuse and watery with a little bad smell; applied *Silicea* 10M, one dose. After two weeks, the discharge became scanty; but the ulcer did not heal, no pain even under pressure; warmth agreeable; afraid of cold; took tepid-water bath daily—after a week—discharge quite scanty but was watery like the washings of meat and a little offensive. Applied *Silicea* C.M. one dose. After two weeks he came to me, quite cured. During the last ten months he has had no complaints and was now healthy and happy!

*Medicines*:—There are many medicines for fistula from which one must be selected according to the symptoms and the constitution of the patients.

The medicines are: *Ratanhia*; *Acid Nit*; *Pæonia*; *Graph.*; *Hepar*; *Silicea*; *Aurum Mur.*; *Hydrastis*; *Cal. C.*; *Sulphur*; *Acid Fluor*; *Bacillinum Testinum* (tuberculous); *Cal. Phos.*; *Causti.*; *Cal. Fluor*; and *Calendula Lotion* (if desired).

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