

APPENDICITIS

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Definition : Appendicitis is inflammation of the appendix due to the bacterial infection of its lining membrane—Appendicitis is chiefly a disease of youth and occurs with greatest frequency between the ages of 10 and 30. It is more common in the male than in the female and usually occurs in those, who are apparently in good health.

Causes :

- (1) Antecedent Catarrh of Bowel.
- (2) Effect of cold.
- (3) Excessive exertion

Symptoms

The patient experiences a sharp griping pain in the abdomen, usually referred to the naval and followed by Nausea and may be by vomiting. Later, the pain and tenderness become localised in the right side of the belly below the level of the naval. Soon after the onset the temperature rises to 100° to 101° F. The bowels do not move and no flatus is passed. In severe cases suppuration may occur and an abscess form, which if left to itself will burst on the skin surface or internally and toxic symptoms may assume a graver type.

Accessory means

- (1) Hot water bottles to the abdomen to relieve the pain.
- (2) Perfect rest in bed.
- (3) Frequent sips of hot water, when the acuteness of the attack is passed, a light diet may be commenced.

Homœopathic Treatment.

- (1) Aconite :—Predominance of Febrile symptoms. It is required early in the disease.
- (2) Bryonia :—Stinging and burning pains greatly increased on movement, constipation and general uneasiness etc.
- (3) Belladonna :—Brain disturbances, headache, flushed face, throbbing, great pain in the right Ileocecal region,

cannot bear the least touch, not even of the bed cover. High fever.

- (4) *Lachesis* :—Great sensitiveness to contact in abdomen, can only lie on back with knees drawn up ; when turning to left side a ball seems to roll over in the abdomen.
- (5) *Lycopodium* :—Accumulation of Flatus which becomes in-carcerated ; pressure upward with full feeling ; great fermentation in abdomen with pain in Appendix and discharge of much flatus.
- (6) *Plumbum* :—Large hard swelling in appendix region, painful to touch and least motion, whole abdomen sensitive, Naval drawn in. Frequent sour belching, Nausea, Retching, Constipation, anxious, countenance, Dry tongue, Red on edges, brown coating in centre.

If Abscess is formed:—HEP: IOD: KALI CARB: MERC: SIL: may help.

N.B. Operation is advisable, if recurrence* takes place and the symptoms are graver.

* In recurrent cases homœopathy is more suitable than anything else—Ed.

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however, equal the physician's recognition of the individual as a whole—as the product of variables constantly changing and interacting, that increase in variability with age.

So you see that I believe there is hope for Homœopathy ; the trouble with Harry is its principles and tenets are just too far in advance to be readily grasped.

—The Layman Speakes, June '57
