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## PENICILLIN

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Penicillin has been in daily use all over the world for over ten years. In its first few years it raised high hopes and reached the peak-point of reputation. But, as in cases of all crude materials, its reputation has already commenced to follow the course of decline. By this time we have had the opportunity to follow many crude effects, toxic and side, of Penicillin. Some provings with potencies have also been made. Evaluating the whole material, we are now in a position to detail some lines with a moderate degree of confidence. It is not being assumed that the points given here have been verified in thousands of cases as in the case of our other polychrests. The indications are given only tentatively, and we urge the profession to put them to the test and publish the successes or failures to the world, preferably through our Journal.

### AFFINITY

*General* : Ailments of mucous membranes, skin, muscles, tendons and nerves.

*Organic* : Lungs, heart, bladder, kidney, urethra, meninges, skin.

*Clinical* : (i) *Inflammatory processes, suppurations & ulcerations* : Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Meningitis, Gonorrhœa, Cystitis, Urethritis, Pyelitis, Nephritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Pharyngitis, Tonsillitis, Metritis, Myocarditis, Endocarditis, Pericarditis, Neuritis, Iritis, Conjunctivitis.

Otitis, Syphilis, Boils, Carbuncles, Cellulitis, Sepsis, Gangrene, Coryza, Sinusitis, Rhinorrhœa etc. etc.

(ii) *Circulatory disturbances*: General Flushing, Localized heat, General or Local burning sensations, Raised blood pressure—more systolic, Arterio-Sclerosis.

(iii) *Periphery disturbances*: Various forms of eruptions, Itches, Scabies, Herpes, Pemphigus, Eczema etc.

*Miasmatic*: All the three miasms, Psora, Syphilis, Sycosis. But, mostly *Sycotic*.

#### KEYNOTES & CHARACTERISTICS

- (i) Sadness, despondency. Or mental activity. Desire to solve problems.
- (ii) *Asthenia*: Prostration, Laziness & Tired feeling in all complaints (Arsenic, Psorinum); Palor, Dizziness.
- (iii) *Upward Flushes*: General flushing; *Burning pains* in any part of the body e.g., stomach, bladder, urethra during urination, rectum. (Sulphur, Lachesis, Cantharis). Localized heat.
- (iv) *4 A.M. or 4 P.M. aggravations*. Respiratory & Bowel complaints aggravated at 4 A.M. e.g., Cough, Asthma, Dyspnœa, Diarrhœa. Head, heart, stomach, circulatory complaints aggravated at afternoon, and about 4 P.M. e.g., Headache; Pain around heart, back, left arm; Gastralgia, Flatulence, Distension, rumbling, eructations & Fever. (Thuja, Lycopodium).
- (v) *Complaints mostly right sided; right to left; or upper right & lower left*; excepting only Cardiac pains which involve the cardiac region, left arm & left shoulder-blade. Right-sided headache, neck-pain, stiffness; soreness, tenderness of right ovary; right-sided œdema, puffiness, of eyes, hands and feet; numbness of right extremities; right arm-pain followed by or synchronous with left knee-pain; right arm and left palm. (Agaricus, Brom., Lycopod., Medor.).

- (vi) *Sweat of uncovered parts* : Face, palms & soles. (Thuja).
- (vii) *Dryness of mouth*, with or without thirst; *craving for sweets*. (Lyco).
- (viii) *Burning, itching, numb sensations*. Sticking, aching, tingling & sore pains also present.
- (ix) *Complaints aggravated by motion, ameliorated by rest, lying down*. (Bryo).

## REMARKS

Mentals are remarkably less, which may probably be elicited by further provings.

*Similar* : Aconite, Bellad., Arsenic, Canth., in acute infectious conditions. Agaricus, Apis, Arsenic, Brom., Lachesis, Lycopod., Nat. Mur, Phosphorus, Sulphur, Thuja, Medorrh., in semi-acute & chronic conditions.

To neutralize toxic effects of crude Penicillin, it may be used with benefit in potencies.

The provings had been made with potencies from 6 to 200. So, the potencies to be advocated are 30, 200 & higher, not because of any implied recognition of the theory of opposite actions of a drug, but because of the truth of the sufficiency of more attenuated doses for sensitive sick organisms than those utilized for provings.

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