

HOMOEOPATHIC THERAPY IN SOME NERVE DISEASES

MENINGITIS

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Aconitum 4x.: Indicated in the initial febrile stage before exudation and pulse retardation; may arrest the development if the general *Aconitum* fever symptoms are present.

Antimonium tartaricum 6x.: Somnolence, severe vomiting, prostration, changeable temperature in connection with disturbed development of skin eruption

Apis mellifica 4x.; *Apisinum 6x.*: A first rank remedy in meningeal irritation and exudation, especially when nervous excitement is present, or skin eruption preceded it which were suppressed or insufficiently developed. But it is also valuable in tuberculous meningitis (cri encephalic, boring head into pillow). The favourable action is first evidenced by increase of the previously scanty urine. *Sulphur* follows well after *Apis*.

Arnica 4x.: For the congestive and exudative stage if trauma was causative.

Arsenicum album 6x. to 30x.: Anxious restlessness causing tossing about, nocturnal aggravation; much thirst and severe exhaustion with pale face are indications; later stages with complete exudation.

Belladonna 6x.: Acts especially on the central nervous system, and is also a great remedy in inflammations. For both reasons it is indicated in fevers

accompanying meningitis: starting in sleep, throbbing headache, red face, dilated pupils, possibly convulsions aggravated by touch and noise. It is hence only suitable in the stage of irritation, but not indicated in tuberculous meningitis.

Bryonia 6x.: This remedy follows *Belladonna* well as soon as exudation starts, and especially where skin eruptions preceded. The pains are severe and sudden, worse from motion. Sensorium dull, temperature high, nausea, vomiting and constipation complete the picture. It is also valuable in the prodromal stage.

Calcarea carbonica 10x.: Valuable in acute serous meningitis, and also in hydrocephalus.

Cicuta virosa 4x.: Causes congestion at cerebral base with spastic symptoms and tendency to unconsciousness. It is claimed to often act as a specific in epidemic meningitis.

Cuprum metallicum 6x.: Convulsions and loud outcrying; especially recommended in tuberculous meningitis.

Cystisus laburnum 4x.: Severe pain in forehead or neck, which latter is stiff; delirium with nocturnal aggravation and starting, accompanied by insomnia and dullness to stupefaction, especially when preceded by irritable mood; convulsions, twitching of facial muscles, muscle contraction, vomiting of central origin. Hyperesthesia and tendency to paralysis. It is especially indicated in asthenic symptoms.

Digitalis purpurea 4x.: Its slow pulse, starting in sleep, nausea, vomiting, aggravation from motion, tendency to accumulation of fluids, all have led to

its use in serous and tuberculous meningitis. Vagus action are in brief: vomiting at every motion, stiffness of neck muscles, convulsions, face purplish pale, fluctuating temperature, severe headache worse from motion, and cold perspiration are further indications.

Ferrum iodatum 3x.: Recommended in beginning basilar meningitis on account of its combination of the inflammatory components of *Ferrum* with the antiscrofulous *Iodum* action.

Gelsemium sempervirens 6x. to 30x.: Nervous depression to stupefaction and sopor; congestion to very red head with severe headache; paralysis of cerebral nerves, e. g., ptosis, strabismus, twitching of facial muscles, intermittent fever, aggravation from motion, with greatest desire for rest, are symptom combinations leading to this remedy, which also has connection with the symptoms of influenza.

Glonoinum 6x.: Intracranial pressure much increased, hence in addition to severe head congestion (shown by the colour of the face), there is also severe vomiting, intense headache and piercing yells.

Helleborus niger 4x.: Stupefaction very pronounced, soporific weakness prominent; hardly manifesting a reaction. Automatic motion of one arm or leg, or continual mastication movements may be present.

Hyoscyamus niger 4x.: Indicated when convulsions are present.

Iodum 4x.: Head congestion with bursting headache worse from motion, is an indication for this remedy, combining the action on scrofulous-tuberculous diseases of mucous membranes, hence valuable in

tuberculous meningitis, especially in children with dark hair and dark eyes. (See also *Ferrum iodatum* and *Kali iodatum*.)

Iodoform 3x.: Recommended for external application on the shorn head as valuable in tuberculous meningitis.

Kali iodatum 2x. to 4x.: Primarily indicated in the prodromal stage of slowly developing suspected meningitis, but act also when exudation has taken place and then especially recommended in hydrocephalus. Its special action in syphilis we only mention.

Lachesis 10x.: Cerebral irritation, hypersensitive to touch and all other stimuli: hyperesthesia; severe headache with inclination to bore head into pillow; delirious conditions especially from suppressed exanthemata and consecutive pyæmia.

Mercurius solubilis 4x.: This well known inflammation remedy with special relation to the central nervous system should only be considered as indicated where the power of reaction is favourable, also in the stage of exudation.

Opium 4x. to 30x.: Acts prominently in stupefaction, and it is a fine reaction remedy in higher potencies.

Rhus toxicodendron 6x.: Though the results of getting wet is a special indication for this remedy, yet it is without that cause suitable in: neck painful and stiff; nervous apathy with restlessness and delirium especially in connection with severe infectious diseases, and in the later stages of pareses.

Sulphur 6x. to 30x.: Recommended especially for

its action in diseases following chronic skin eruptions and damage to brain from intestinal sources (starting, crying out in cerebral irritation). But it is also a splendid remedy in lacking reaction. It is prominent in serous meningitis and hydrocephalus, and in tuberculous meningitis it stirs up reaction.

Tuberculinum 60x. and higher: Tuberculous meningitis; in rare doses.

Veratrum 4x.: Recommended especially in tuberculous meningitis and it is a reaction remedy in acute exanthemata which do not break out readily.

Zincum metallicum 6x. to 30x.: Cerebral irritation from suppressed eruptions in general reaction weakness. It is supposed to be able to prevent exudation, or to facilitate resorption. Restlessness of hands, but especially of feet; even twitchings are often present.

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INDIGESTION

MY MOST DIFFICULT CASE

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Miss H. asked me to help her because of her indigestion. Whatever she ate was lying like a stone in her stomach which swelled prodigiously. She suffered severe pain. She brought up gas in quantities all day long, bowel flatulence was severe as well and she vomited frequently. Ten years ago the house where she was had been struck by lightning. Some