

GRAPHITES—ADHESION BREAKER

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Mrs. J. C. (44 years) had a long history of gynaecological troubles, which went back to 1962. She had first suffered pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) in Gibraltar when she had a laparotomy (no notes).

In August 1964 she was admitted to hospital in Londonderry with incomplete abortion and developed DVT requiring heparin.

On 8 November 1964 she had another laparotomy when it was found that she had previously had left resection of Fallopian tube. Now right ovarian cystectomy was performed.

On 23 September 1966 and 19 March 1967 she was again admitted for right-sided abdominal pain. She settled and was ovulating but retaining fluid.

On 25 March 1969 she was opened for recurrent salpingitis. Multiple adhesions were divided and the right tube and ovary removed.

5 September 1969. Again a tender mass was felt and total hysterectomy was suggested as the only answer. She was operated on and several suspicious glands were found to be tuberculous. Following operation she suffered mild paralytic ileus. She was commenced on TB therapy which continued for two years. She was finally discharged from the TB outpatients in 1975.

21 May 1971. Admitted to surgical ward with *subacute obstruction*. She was put on the drip/suck regime and settled.

11 January 1975. Again admitted with *sub-acute obstruction*, same regime instituted. No further surgery contemplated unless life-saving. Her ESR was noted to be 35 mm/hr but no further action was taken.

16 May 1975, *Sub-acute obstruction* again. Same regime. In between times she was having a lot of abdominal pains and only was admitted when these became desperate. She was given Duphalac to soften her motions and Colofac as an antispasmodic without any effect. She lost her job and a lot of weight and looked 'wretched'. She became acutely depressed and suicidal, knowing that no more surgery could be done unless life-saving. She did not want to live.

One consultant surgeon commented in a letter: "I don't think there can be any doubt that her complaints are due to repeated minor obstructive attacks due to adhesions from her previous surgery."

18 May 1976. She struggled on through the year, frequently having crampy abdominal pains and finally broke down and required to be admitted to a mental hospital for a period. After discharge she continued to have the pains.

10 June 1976. This was the first time she was introduced to homoeopathic medicine. On the simple grounds of 'breaking scar tissue' I sent her some Silica 30th. After one week, there was no response at all. This trial was

significant when comparing with what happened next. It served to eliminate any placebo effect (for the sceptics!) I then sent her some Graphites 30th. At the time I was unable to fully 'repertorise' her. ;

Within a week she was fully well. She had no recurrence of abdominal pains, she put on weight and felt 'marvellous'. So rapid was her cure that she went back to work and since then has been promoted twice!

In November last she had a mild recurrence but Graphites 1M sent her back to work the next day. It is interesting to note that this was some 30 days after stopping Graphites, which, so the book says, is the time of action of the drug. She did have one short admission to hospital since, but it was proved to be constipation and was well very soon with enemata.

Being in a very busy allopathic practice, it is not often that a patient can be fully repertorized. In retrospect, looking at the full picture of Graphites and talking to the patient she volunteered: "You know Doc, I used to sing with a band, but had to give it up as I kept bursting into tears with the music!" How wonderful!

The Repertory states: "Music makes her weep."

SUMMARY

This is a lass with a long gynaecological history who had *four* separate abdominal operations when some suspicious TB glands were found. Subsequently she developed multiple adhesions which were treated conservatively. No further surgery could be planned unless life-saving in view of the further causation of adhesions.

The first homoeopathic remedy (Silica) had no effect. Within a week of commencing Graphites 30th she was completely well and went from strength to strength. She is still very well after about nine months.

I have little doubt that Graphites transformed her life and indeed may probably have saved it.

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