

DRUG RELATIONSHIP

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Drugs have their own distinctive individualities. Nevertheless, they have relationship one with another much like human relationships.

The family relation endows them with many similar characteristics, making one expect such remedies to help each other in their curative actions; but, curiously enough, they do not and they behave indifferently towards their own kith and kin.

There are others which originate from sources widely differing in kind (vegetable kingdom, animal kingdom, mineral kingdom and disease products) but closely resembling each other in their actions. They follow each other very well contributing, in their turn, their remedial powers to the restoration of broken health. Such remedies have a concordant relationship.

Some remedies cure recurring complaints once or twice but not afterwards or, in other cases they start the improvement in the patient's health but, they go thus far and no further; but, others there are that are ready to take up from where their predecessors have left and carry on the improvement till complete cure is accomplished. These later remedies hold a complementary relation to the former.

There are drugs which have antidotal relations. They are indispensable when a remedy has been misused or even when the proper simillimum has been abused. Also, to save a person from the effects of a poison administered accidentally or intentionally, or to counteract a venomous bite or sting what greater thing is there than an antidotal medicine?

Some medicines have catalytic relation. They give a fillip to a slow acting simillimum removing any pathological obstruction impeding its progress.

There are yet a few remedies which are sworn enemies of each other. Administered one after the other, they create such a confusion in the state of health of the patient that his later condition would be worse than the former.

Thus, a close acquaintance with the relationship which one drug has with another is a *sine qua non* for determining whether or not a drug may be administered either before or after another. The following few relationships traced out by careful observers are quoted for enlightenment. The initials suffixed to each relationship stand for the names of well-known authors and physicians.

Aconite-Sulphur	Aconite is the acute of Sulphur. H.C.A.
Alumina-Aconite	Alumina is the Aconite of Chronic diseases. H.C.A.
Alumina-Bryonia	Alumina and Bryonia complement each other well. E.B.N.
Apis-Rhus Tox.	Alumina is the chronic of Bryonia. H.C.A. Remember Apis's inimical relation to Rhus. E.A.F.
Bacillinum-Psorinum	Bacillinum—its chronic equivalent is psorinum. J.C.B.
Bell.-Calcarea	One drug completes a cure which the other begins, but is unable to effect. Such a relation exists between Belladonna and Calcarea. E.A.F.
Carbo Veg.-Caust.-Phos.	The inimical relation between Carbo Veg. and Causticum is not so marked as that between the latter remedy and Phosphorus. E.A.F.
Carbo Veg.-Kreosotum	Carbo Veg. and Kreosotum are inimical. H.C.A.
Carbo Veg.-Nux Vom.	In stomach disorders Carbo Veg. comes in when Nux Vom. has ceased to act. E.A.F.
Cham.-Mag. Phos.	Chamomilla is the vegetable analogue of Magnesia Phos. H.C.A.
China-Bell.	Cinchona and Belladonna are antagonistic in heart symptoms, temperature etc. E.A.F.

- China-Digitalis If the symptom, buzzing in the ears, should suggest Cinchona, I entreat you not to give it after Digitalis, for Hahnemann tells us that although there is similarity in the cerebral symptoms, and in the weakness, yet the drugs are inimical. E.A.F.
- China-Ferrum Met. China is the Vegetable analogue of Ferrum Metallicum. H.C.A.
- China-Morphia Cinchona and Morphia are antagonistic in brain symptoms. E.A.F.
- Cup.-Ipecac. Cuprum, the chemical, its vegetable analogue is Ipecacuanha.
- Ferrum-China
Hamamelis-Aconite Ferrum is a bleeder like China. E.B.N.
Hamamelis is the Aconite of the veins. H.C.A.
- Hypericum-Arnica Hypericum is the Arnica of the nerves. H.C.A.
- Ipecacuanha-
Cuprum Ipecacuanha is the vegetable analogue of Cuprum Met. H.C.A.
- Ignatia-Nux Vom. Ignatia bears the same relation to the diseases of women that Nux Vomica does to bilious men. E.B.N.
- Kali Bichromicum-
Lachesis Kali B. must be remembered as a relative of Lachesis in Dysentery. E.A.F.
- Kali Hydroiodicum-
Phytolocca Kali Hydroiodicum (chemical remedy) its relative from the vegetable kingdom is Phytolocca. E.B.N.
- Kali Sulph-Puls. Kali Sulph. is the chronic of Puls. E.B.N.
- Ledum-Calad. Ledum is to whisky what Caladium is to smoking habit. J.T.K.
- Lobelia-Nux Vom. For the bad effects of drunkenness in people with light hair, blue or grey eyes, florid complexion, corpulent, Lobelia bears the same relation that Nux Vomica does to persons of the opposite treatment. H.C.A.
- Lvco-Thuja Oysters seem to poison the Lycopodium

- patient just as onions are a poison to the Thuja patient. J.T.K.
- Medorrh.-Psorinum • Medorrhinum bears the same relation to deep-seated sycotic, chronic affections of spinal and sympathetic nervous system, that Psorinum does to deep-seated affections of skin and mucous membranes. H.C.A.
- Mezerium-Merc. Mezereum is the vegetable analogue of Mercurius. H.C.A.
- Nat. Mur.-Apis Nat. Mur. stands in antidotal relation to Apis. A.V.L.
- Nat. Mur.-Ignatia • Nat. M. is the chronic of Ignatia which is its vegetable analogue. H.C.A.
- Nux Vom.-Sepia-Lil. A peculiarity of Nux well worth mention
T.-Sulph.-Merc. is, that it seems to increase the action of Sepia. The same relation exists between Sepia and Lillium Tig. and between Sulphur and Mercury. E.A.F.
- Nux Vom.-Ign.-Zinc. You will note the very peculiar fact that the two preparations containing strychnia, Nux Vom. and Ignatia hold opposite relations to Zincum: Ignatia follows Zincum well, and may even act as antidote to its effect on the nervous system. Nux Vomica tends rather to increase the effects of Zincum, in fact, is inimical to it. E.A.F.
- Nux Vom.-Puls. Nux Vomica is the man's remedy and Pulsatilla, the Woman's remedy. E.B.N.
- Phos.-Cepa Phosphorus (chemical remedy) and its relative from the vegetable kingdom is Cepa. E.B.N.
- Phos.-Caust. There is an inimical relation between Phosphorus and Causticum. E.A.F.
- Phytolacca-Mercury Phytolacca ought to be called "Vegetable mercury".
- Podop.-Plumbum Podophvllum is the vegetable analogue of Plumbum. H.C.A.

Psor.-Lach.	Psorinum is inimical to Lachesis E.A.F.
Puls.-Graphites	What Pulsatilla is at puberty, Graphites is at the climacteric. H.C.A.
Rhus Tox.-Apis	Rhus Tox. bears an inimical relation to Apis. E.A.F.
Rhus Tox.-Bryonia	These two antagonistic sister remedies. S.H.
Sang.-Ferrum	Sanguinaria holds the same relation to the right deltoid that Ferrum does to the left.
Sel.-China	China and wine are inimical to Selenium. The debility caused by Selenium so says Hahnemann is very much increased by the use of Cinchona. E.A.F.
Sepia-Nat. Mur.	Sepia is complementary to Nat. Mur.
Sepia-Nux-Bryonia	In chronic cases Sepia follows Nux Vom. well, but quarrels with Bryonia.
Silicea-Kali Sulph- Puls.	Silicea as also Kali Sulph are the chronic of Pulsatilla.
Spigel-Silicea.	Spigelia holds the same relation to the left side of the head that Silicea does to the right side. W.A.D.
Strontium-Carbo Veg.	Strontium Carb. is the Carbo Veg. of the surgeon.
Sulphur-Aloe	Sulphur (chemical remedy) its relative from the vegetable kingdom is Aloe. E.B.N.
Sulphur-Mercury- Thuja	As Sulphur is to psora, so is Mercury to syphilis and Thuja to sycosis. J.T.K.
Symphytum-Arnica	Symphytum officinalis is the Arnica of the bones.
Tuber.-Puls.-Sulph.- Bryonia	In T.B. cases 'Tuberculinum' high complements Pulsatilla as well as Sulphur does Bryonia. E.B.N.
Tuber.-Cal.-Sil.	"The relationship between Tuber. and Cal. is very close. They are interchangeable; also Silica is closely related to Tuber. on the same plane of action". J.T.K.
Val.-Plat.	Valeriana is the vegetable analogue of Platinum. H.C.A.