

## MY EXPERIENCES WITH PENICILLINUM

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Penicillinum is one of the anti-biotic drugs of this decade. Some have lauded Penicillinum as a wonder-drug(?). Others have decried it as such. Many articles have been published testifying to its efficacy in curing many maladies of human beings. Instances, however, of cases ending fatally after the administration of Penicillin, are not also insignificant in the West and in the East. Physicians all over the world have been cautioned against the indiscriminate uses of Penicillin in any and every case of illness. This caution applies more or less to other anti-biotics also.

Fatal terminations after the promiscuous administration of Penicillin in the hands of the physicians of the Old School have given rise to severe criticism. Even some of the Homœopathic physicians did not miss this opportunity of abusing the haphazard use of Penicillin. All this comes to pass not because of anything wrong with Penicillin itself. The fault lies with the *modus operandi* of Penicillin. In this connection I cannot but refer to §3 of Hahnemann's *Organon*.

Dangers of the abuse of Penicillin may be obviated if it is homœopathically prepared, proved, selected and administered according to Hahnemann's directions.

Thanks to Dr. Raj Kumar Mukerji, M.A., L.H.M.S., of Chandernagor for giving us a *summary translation* of Dr. Guermontprez's article on PENICILLINUM which was published in the Hahnemannian Gleanings in April, 1956. It was a matter of great pleasure to have this *summary translation*. It would have been a matter of greater pleasure if Dr. Mukerji had given us a complete translation of the same though 'it is too long to be reproduced entirely.'

More lights were flooded on the use of Penicillin by Dr. S. M. Bhattacharjee, M.A., P.R.S.M., and Dr. A. Ahmad in the pages of The Hahnemannian Gleanings of April, 1958 and May,

1959 respectively. As Penicillinum is a new drug of many possibilities and as it has not yet been *fully* proved on the healthy human beings more illumination on its uses based on further study, research, proving and experience is invited from the learned readers of this widely circulated Journal. If this is done, it is sure, Penicillinum will be one of our polychrest remedies.

Penicillinum is introduced to us as a great anti-sycotic remedy. In my experience I find that it is also a great anti-psoric remedy.

Penicillinum, potentized according to Homœopathic principles, was not available at Dacca in the year 1956. Failing to get supply of potentized Penicillinum after placing orders with the local importers of Homœopathic drugs I bought a dram of Penicillinum 30 through Master Md. Abdur Rashid from Messrs. Hahnemann Publishing Co. (Private) Ltd., of Calcutta. Penicillinum in higher potency was not available at that time. My experience, however, with Penicillinum is confined to the 30th potency only and that obtained from the above-mentioned famous firm. It may be mentioned here that I used Penicillin. 30 only in the globule form. Some cases treated with Penicillinum are given below :—

*Case No. 1.* Master 'Q', son of Mr. M. Safullah, M.A. (Cal.), B. Com. (Lond.), began to show signs of being attacked with Ophthalmia. His eyes grew red and a little inflamed. He rubbed his eyes very frequently and cried a great deal on account of uneasy feeling in the eyes. Remembering that the Allopaths apply Penicillin ointment in such cases, I sent for the baby four doses of Penicillinum to be given at shorter or longer intervals as demanded by the exigency of the case. After the administration of the first dose the patient showed signs of improvement in all respects. The baby was considerably calm, cried less and rubbed his eyes less frequently. The second dose was administered three hours after the first dose. The baby slept comfortably at night. The third dose was given in the following morning and the fourth dose was given in the afternoon. The baby was cured completely within twenty-four

hours. The marvellous result not only astonished me but also the patient's skeptical father who is the Reader of the Department of Commerce in the University of Dacca.

*Case No. 2.* 3rd February, 1958. Master Nazrul Islam, age 3 years, was suffering from dry eczema in various parts of his body for the last six months. Famous ointments for curing(?) eczema were applied externally in the affected parts for five months, but the eczema was too obstinate to be suppressed in that way. So the boy was taken to an Allopathic physician who prescribed and gave Penicillin injections to the baby at an interval of some days. After the fifth injection of Penicillin, eczema burst forth in all parts of the baby's body from face to foot. The baby was restless, sleepless, and cried much and wanted to be carried day and night either by the father or by the mother. The sleepless and anxious parents came to me for treating their son and gave me the above history. I told the parents that it would take a long time to cure their son. They must have patience and they must give me sufficient time to see to the end of the case. Having no other alternative the parents agreed to do that. First of all I thought of treating the case with the usual Homœopathic remedies. But afterwards I thought of Penicillinum. I took out The Hahnemannian Gleanings for April, 1956, from the shelf of my Almirah and at page 153 under the rubric SKIN, I came across the following pathogenesis of Penicillinum :—"All affections of the skin consecutive to the administration of Penicillin. ....Herpes of the face. Epidermo-mycosis of every type, especially oozing." So here was a case for the trial of Penicillinum in Homœopathic potency. I gave the patient a few doses of Penicillin to be taken every five hours, three times daily in the empty stomach. On 10.2.58, it was reported that there was an all round improvement in the condition of the baby. On the night following the first day after the administration of the remedy the baby slept at intervals. The baby almost slept undisturbed from the second night. The symptoms of skin also went on improving from the day to day administration of Penicillinum at less and less frequent intervals. The baby was fully cured of his obstinate eczema by the internal administration of Penicillinum

alone in a month and a half. There was no recurrence of the trouble even at the time of writing this article.

*Case No. 3.* I myself was attacked with ophthalmia when all other members of my family were cured of the same with Penicillinum 30. I was the last person to be attacked in the family. My eyes became red and a little inflamed. There was a sensation of sand, and pricking in the eyes so much so that I could neither keep the eyes open nor closed. Passed the night very uncomfortably in spite of taking Penicillinum every two or three hours. Began to feel better from the morning, and went on taking Penicillinum at longer and longer intervals. I was completely cured of ophthalmia within four days.

*Case No. 4.* Mahfuz, a boy of five years, was attacked with weeping eczema in the right leg in December, 1958. The discharges from the eczema were sticky, and white in colour. Graphites in 1M potency was administered a few days after giving Sulphur 200. There was a violent aggravation. Blood began to ooze out from the parts affected with eczema on the slightest provocation. Merc. Sol. 200 was given without any benefit. Eczema of the confluent type spread all over the right leg from beneath knee down to ankle. The suffering of the boy was very great. In desperation costly lavender oil was externally applied according to the instructions of Dr. Farrington and other giants of Homœopaths. Even lavender oil failed to improve the condition of the boy. From Thursday the 19th February, 1959, the boy was given Penicillin. 30 twice daily stopping the external application of lavender oil. Improvement in the condition of the boy was manifest in about a week. As improvement set in Penicillin was given to the boy at longer and longer intervals. The boy was completely cured of his weeping eczema within a month and a half. The cure holds good even to-day.

*Case No. 5.* Master Shaheb Ali, aged 16, a student of Class X in the Dacca Collegiate School, had been suffering from a stubborn type of ringworm in the lower abdomen for some years. External applications of various kinds were used with more or less temporary relief. So the boy applied to me for Homœopathic treatment. I went on giving him Penicillin. 30 twice daily steadily for two months. While taking Penicillin he

was advised not to resort to any other internal or external medication. He was completely cured of ringworm. I believe it will hold good for the remaining period of his life.

*Case No. 6.* Nina, aged two, daughter of Mr. Moquith Choudhury, a Retired Commissioner and now an Advocate of Dacca High Court, had eczema of right palm and inside of its fingers first of all violently aggravated and later on slightly ameliorated by Penicillin and other antibiotic injections and external applications including washing with 10% carbolic soap. The baby was brought to me on 11.10.59 for giving Homœopathic aid. The discharge from the eczema was sticky. The baby could not spread her fingers on account of inflammation. At first I thought of giving Sulphur and then Graphites. I remembered the sufferings of Master Mahfuz referred to in case no. 4, and gave Nina Penicillin 30 twice daily and advised the father not to use any external application including 10% carbolic soap. The baby was cured of eczema in about a fortnight.

*Case No. 7.* Master Humayun Kabir, aged 9, village Mudgram, P.O. Shimulia, Dist. Burdwan, came on a visit to his relative's house in Dacca in September, 1959. He had eczema of the discrete type here and there in patches in *both* the legs. He could not tell me in which of his legs eczema first started. He was given Penicillin 30 twice daily for about two weeks. There was marked improvement and the said remedy was given once daily in the morning for another week. The boy was cured of his malady in three weeks without any external application.

*Case No. 8.* A fourth year class student of Pakistan Homœopathic Medical College, Dacca, in the winter season of 1957, arrived at Dacca in the morning after a journey by train throughout the previous night. His eyes became bloodshot and inflamed. He hurriedly went to the Dacca Medical College Hospital in the vain hope of getting quicker relief from Allopathic hands. He passed 5 days under the heroic treatment of the orthodox school. But his eyes remained as bloodshot and inflamed as before. So he turned to me for Homœopathic aid. I took him to task for his half-hearted faith in speedy action of Homœopathic remedies. I also reminded him of my lecture on the uses and symptoms of Penicillinum while he was reading

in the 3rd year class. He apologized to me for not recollecting my lecture on the efficacy of Penicillinum in such condition of the eyes. However, I gave him Penicillin 30 to be taken four times daily for two days and then thrice, twice and once daily on successive days. Within a week the eyes became normal in all respects:

*Case No. 9.* Master Azhar Ali, aged 18, a student of 2nd year I.Sc. class, had painful and large eruptions in his hands and buttocks. He called on me to give him Homœopathic aid. I told him that there might be aggravation of his symptoms in the beginning and that he must agree to go through the hell of suffering in case of aggravation. He agreed to my proposal. A few days after the administration of Penicillinum twice daily there occurred a terrible aggravation of his symptoms. He continued to take Penicillinum twice daily. He was completely cured within about three weeks. By the way I may mention here that formerly I treated such cases with Sulphur in various potencies requiring a much longer time for the cure.

*Case No. 10.* Mr. Huq, aged 46, had eczema around the tip of his left thumb. Penicillin ointment was applied according to the advice of an Allopath. But his eczema rebelled against the external application and became furiously aggravated. He came to me for Homœopathic aid. I gave him a dose of Penicillin 30 every twelve hours. In about two weeks he was almost well. In the third week, however, there was a slight aggravation. At this the patient left the Homœopathic treatment and went to a skin specialist of the old school and had his eczema successfully cured (?) by internal and external medication. On thinking over the case, it may be said that relapse might not have occurred if Penicillinum could be given in higher potencies.

In fine I am very glad to inform the interested readers of this Journal that when Ophthalmia was raging in Dacca in a sporadic form in 1957—1958, I cured case after case with Penicillinum. The earlier the patients sought for Homœopathic aid the sooner were they cured. If the victims of ophthalmia turned up late for Homœopathic aid their recovery was delayed. In very rare cases, however, when the patients turned up very late

Penicillinum alone failed to cure some of them. In such lingering cases Merc. sol. served as a finisher in my hands. Other remedies also may be necessary but I had no need of them uptil now. I also cured many cases of scabies with Penicillinum.

Some of the cases mentioned above might have been cured more speedily with Penicillinum in higher potencies but as reported earlier I could not obtain the same at that time in spite of my best efforts. Not a single case under Penicillinum terminated fatally.

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#### SNAKE VENOMS IN HOMŒOPATHY

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Although the lethal dose of a snake venom for a human being is still unknown, homœopathic medication cannot lead to any fatal accident. It is known that the venoms of the Colu-  
vridae snakes can be swallowed in large quantities without any ill effect. But, because authorities differ, it is safer to avoid drop-doses of a 1x potency drug made from a Viperidae venom. If the potency is 3x, or higher, there cannot be any chance of toxic effects from any of the snake venoms. It is believed that a fatal accident can happen in an adult person if about 15 milligrams of the cobra venom are administered hypodermically. Most of the other venoms are less toxic than the cobra venom. Furthermore, to effect a fatal result, the quantity of venom ingested is much larger than the lethal dose injected under the skin. Therefore, assuming that 15 milligrams of any snake venom can be fatal to a person on ingestion, it will take about 300 drops of a venom at 3x potency to cause this result. This is a remote possibility in the homœopathic system of medication.

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