

SURGICAL CASES IN HOMŒOPATHY

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Generally Homœopaths do not like to take up surgical cases because they feel that surgical cases are tedious and involve tending and dressing etc. which do not come under the homœopathic treatment. This attitude has caused people to think that homœopathy has nothing to do with surgery. The new advances in clinical therapy has brought some medicines in the shape of external applications for healing wounds, cuts, burns, fissures etc. The mother tinctures are now applied by the Homœopathic doctors, although to some such practices seem inconvenient. Today, it has become necessary that every side of the treatment should be practised by homœopaths in order to have equal standing with the dominant school, and therefore, the surgical cases should be taken up in greater number. Homœopaths who have been college students have studied surgery, anatomy and physiology. If they do not practise in surgery, I think it is not good and it shall have paralytic affect on their profession. With this view to make headway in surgical treatment on Homœopathic lines, I personally felt interested and started it in my clinic. I desire to take up operations and cure the patients and do not want to let them go despondent of not being cured by homœopathy, where surgery is not in vogue. The following cases reveal how patients were cured sooner and better.

Case No. 1

Smt. Kailash aged about 19 years, complaining of pain, swelling and tension in the cervical gland of right side of the neck. On examination, there was hardness, swelling and little bit redness. I administered Conium 30 every 3 hours, on 27th July 1964. No pain, size of the inflamed gland reduced. Placebo was given every 3 hours on 28th July. Satisfactory improvement appeared. Administered Conium 1M on 31st July. Again pain and swelling reappeared as it was on first day. Placebo was given till 14th August. Little change in pain and swelling but circumference of

the inflamed gland became red, hot and on top there was a feeling of doughiness and softness. There was a chance of its bursting. I advised her to apply poultice and administered Baryta Iod 6 every 3 hours. Opening took place on 18th August and discharged thin fluid. I cleaned the affected part with Calendula lotion of 1-4 ratio and dressed with Marigold ointment. Baryta Iod 6 was repeated till 24th August. There was satisfactory improvement. Cleaned and dressed with Marigold ointment.

Silicea 30 and Placebo 30, 4 hourly on alternate days till 20th October. Granulation started, on cleaning the ulcer fresh blood oozed. No pus at all. In this period she went to her husband's house; there her father-in-law advised either to take Penicillin and Sulpha drugs or to change the treatment but she refused to do that, because her expenditure was borne by her poor mother.

80% ulcer was healed and dried within a few days. Cleaned and dressed with Marigold ointment for a few days. Calendula 30 and Placebo 30 4 hourly on alternate days till 11th Nov. 1964.

Patient was cured. She was irregularly coming for treatment so she took some more time.

Case No. 2

Shri Briju Lal, aged about 13 years, resident of Muthiganj came to me with complaint of a wound on the forehead just above the crease due to an accident while he was going on rickshaw. On examination—general condition fair.

Pulse : NAD

Pupil : NAD

Injury : Noted.

A lacerated wound parallel to the frontal crease of forehead. Size $5'' \times \frac{1}{4}'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$ muscle deep. There was no bleeding.

Cause and Nature : Injury with blunt object and simple.

Treatment : Part was prepared after the wound was shaved and cleaned with methylated spirit and Calendula lotion 1 in 4:

Lacerated margins were excised, and painted with concentrated Calendula upon the edges. Seven simple stitches were applied with silkworm gut. Wound was cleaned again and dressed

with Calendula on sterilised wet gauge on 7th May 1964, and was administered Hypericum 30 every 3 hours. Cleaning and dressing and Calendula 30 & Sac lac 30 on alternate days, every four hours till 13th May 1964. On 14th May 1964 stitches were removed and Calendula 30 repeated till 16th May 1964.

Result : When stitches were removed, wound was found clean, healthy and healed. Scar was very faint, could be covered with hair after combing.

Case No. 3

Shri Ram Charan, aged 35 years, resident of village Lalganj, District Allahabad, brought by his master in my clinic. On examination: General condition fair, but patient was moaning.

Pulse : NAD

Pupil : NAD

Injury : Noted.

A lacerated wound on the Dorsal surface of the left hand. Size $4'' \times \frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$ muscle deep.

Cause and Nature : Injury with blunt object, while he was moving oil Kolhoo, and simple.

Treatment : Wound was cleaned with antiseptic lotion. Lacerated margins were excised. Methylated spirit was painted on the excised edges. Five simple stitches were applied with silk-worm gut. Wound was cleaned again and covered with sterilized wet gauge with Calendula and placed a layer of cotton over it and fastened with a bandage on 9th January 1963. Patient was administered Hypericum 30 3 hourly. Cleaned and dressed and Calendula 30 thrice daily till 14th January 1963. On 15th January 1964, stitches were removed and Silicea 30 twice daily till 19th January 1964.

Result : When stitches were removed, wound was found healthy, clean and healed. Scar was very obvious.

Case No. 4

Shri Hiran Ram, aged about 42 years, complaining pain in 2nd Molar of the upper jaw of the right side. On examination I

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CASE REPORT

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A father left to his major and minor sons a legacy of Rs. 28,000 in cash and 50 acres of farm. The elder son squandered Rs. 26,000 of it. When he realized the situation in which he had placed the minor brother he felt ashamed and repented so much so that he became a recluse. He never met friends, never went out of house and when pressed made a pretence of eating. He remained so for 4 years and became a skeleton of his former self. The younger brother tried to get him treated. When finally he came to me, I interpreted the symptoms to be due to financial injury. I gave Arnica 1000 a dose every month for 3 months which fully cured the patient.

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found all the teeth were sound, healthy and no caries at all. During drinking hot or cold water, patient felt severe pain as well as during chewing. On asking how it happened, he said that it was due to breaking of sugarcane with teeth. I came to the conclusion that it was a concussion of the Molar teeth. I repertorised the case and administered Arnica 1M. On 20th October 1964, 50% improvement. I administered Sac lac till 29th October 1964. No other dose was required. The patient was cured.
