

INDIUM METALLICUM

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This remedy demonstrates the complexity of drug energy and the ability of the human body to reveal the total picture of the drug action. Indium is derived from an ore consisting of blende, galena and arsenical pyrites. The ore is roasted to expel sulphur and arsenic, then treated with hydrochloric acid. The resulting solution is evaporated to dryness leaving an impure zinc chloride from which the pure indium is derived.

Indium metallicum, the drug, is a trituration of the pure metal. However, a glimpse of sulphur is seen in the weakness at 11.00 A.M. and the sloppy outlook on life. The restless irritability of arsenic peeks out at us. The parent zinc is well represented in the drug picture. This sums up pretty well the over-all picture of *Indium metallicum*.

The mentals have mental depression, the tired mind which does not care to work. Sleepy and irritable with headache in the occiput and a stupid careless feeling.

The head symptoms are itchy outside and achy inside. Dull or throbbing headache primarily on the right side and in the region of the occiput.

The sight and eyes may be affected, vision becoming misty in the evening. People may appear to be ghastly pale or saffron colored, much as with fluorescent lighting.

The ear is primarily externally affected as demonstrated by redness of the helix with pimples which have a needle- or sticking-like pain.

The upper face may show the same type of pimples as on the ear with a red areola around them and sticking pain. The face may become red and hot during a severe headache.

The lower face may also have pimples. These are on the mucous surface of the lower lip and at the corners of the mouth; added to this may be a slight twitch at the corner of the mouth.

The throat may be seen to have an enlarged uvula with a thick, yellow mucous so tough it is difficult to remove. After eating lobster, one prover noted an after taste like potassium iodide. It is interesting to note that the spectrum of indium lies between the blue lines of potassium and strontium.

Nausea, with headache during breakfast with 11.00 A.M. faintness.

The urine becomes very offensive after standing. When urinating there is a loss of control over the sphincter ani.

Severe headache noted when straining at stool.

The male sexual system shows increased sexual desire with nocturnal emissions, followed by diminished desire, premature ejaculation and deficient

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"Several years ago few physicians would have thought that staphylococcal disease would occupy a prominent position among current medical problems. With the expanding spectrum of antibiotics, infections caused by staphylococci seemed conquered. But these infections have been increasing and today represent a major concern for all branches of medicine especially because of the high prevalence of cross-infections occurring in hospitals. The full seriousness of the problem can be measured in terms of increased mortality, prolonged hospitalization, additional and complicated treatment, added expense, loss of time and money from unemployment, and decreased bed turnover in crowded hospitals."

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thrill. Testicles tender and lumpy with drawing pain along the spermatic cords.

The female sexual system shows red face, delayed period, bearing down pains with marked irritability. Lascivious dreams.

There are dull pain in left pectoral region and left axilla, desire to take a deep breath, also a burning pain behind sternum.

Rhenumatic drawing pain across the shoulders radiating to the occiput. Marked stiffness of the neck and shoulders.

The upper limbs have a bruised sore pain with weakness, mainly left sided, same type of pain in lower limbs, mainly right side to the ankle, shifting to the left side again in the foot. The legs demonstrate irritable weakness, extremely tired from walking but becomes restless and must move about. Not fidgety in the feet like *Zinc*, but has *Zinc's* twitching proclivity.

May be compared with *Belladonna* (headache and menses), *Sanguinaria* (headache and rheumatism), *Ferrum* (headache, ebullitions, lameness of shoulder muscles), *Selenium* and *Tellurium* (sexual organs).

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