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Role of homoeopathy in surgical cases

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Abstract

Homoeopathy is holistic approach to cure the whole organism. Homoeopathic medicines have wide range of actions in surgical cases such as pre and post operative cases. It enhances the recovery and healing of symptoms. It also done an excellent work in the cases of injuries and burns. Hahnemann explained the role of homoeopathy in surgery in his aphorisms that are explained in organon of medicine.

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Introduction

Homoeopathy has a considerable scope in many surgical cases and also plays a role in pre-operative and post-operative conditions. The homoeopathic physician should have knowledge of surgical cases and medical cases and the way of treating them.

As we know that there are number of diseases which are said to be treated by surgical means but homoeopathy can works very effectively, curatively and efficiently in those cases. These cases are- Piles, Anal fissures, Warts, Corns, Styes, Renal stones, Appendicitis, Burns, etc.

Today in most of the cases, pathology occurs i.e., irreversible changes occurs that is due to ultimate process or result of disease which can be removed or treat by means of surgery whereas the cause of disease still persists. The cause of disease become foreign matter that cause obstacle in cure that must be treated to ensure complete recovery. To remove the obstacle, the homoeopathic medicines plays a major role. To support this Hahnemann says in aphorism 7 as well as in its footnote:-

According to Dr. Hahnemann, aphorism 7 states that homoeopathic physician has to remove the exciting or maintaining cause which is also known as Causa Occasionalis. Physician must paid attention to morbid symptoms that relates to disease by which he should able to select the remedy that relieve symptoms. The totality of symptoms which are reflected outwardly that depicts the internal essence of disease affects the vital force where the disease roots. Thus, Homoeopathic physician must have detailed case of patient which is known as totality of symptoms that are removed by the physician's art in such a way that the patient will cured and retained his healthy state ^[2].

Footnote

In footnote of aphorism 7 states that it is not always necessary to remove the part where disease exists because indisposition generally ceases immediately. Physician must advise hysterical patients to remove strong smelling flowers because they have tendency to cause syncope. Removal of foreign bodies from cornea to prevent inflammation in the eye, remove or lossens the bandage from wound in order to prevent mortification of the affected limb. Should remove ligature on wounded artery so that patient does not faint. Removal of foreign substances from all orifices of body (the nose, gullet, ears, urethra, rectum, vagina), break down of the vesical calculus and open the imperforate anus of the newborn infant, etc ^[2].

In all times, the old school physicians without knowing how to get relief from symptoms, they suppress the disease by medicines. Prescription is basend on single symptom which is known as one- sided procedure by which nothing is gained in terms of cure but harm to health occurs. By this procedure, disease spread and man himself become diseased. The procedure is so disreputable that a single symptom was only treated by an antagonistic remedy (therefore only in an enantiopathic and palliative manner), which only cause harm to health of the patient ^[2].

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The concept of disease in homoeopathy deals with disturbance of vital energy of the body which reflects as affections of mind and body i.e., disturbance of whole organism. In this way homoeopathy treats the patient as whole not the disease whereas surgery does not deal with something that resides inside the body. That's how homoeopathy lessens the risk from and need for surgery. In this concept, Hahnemann says in Aphorism 189:-
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According to Dr. Hahnemann, aphorism 189 depicts that any little reflection would not cause any external malady or even persist or grow worse without any internal cause and without co-operation of the whole organism, patient remain in a diseased state. These symptoms will not appear without consent of rest of health and without the presence of rest of living whole (of the vital force that pervades all the other sensitive and irritable parts of the organism). It is impossible that the external malady occurs without any disturbance in internal essence of living whole that is vital force which reflects that all the parts of organism collaborates to form an indivisible whole in sensation and functions. For example-without any internal ill health, no eruption on lips and whitlow can occur [2].

Scope of homoeopathy in field of surgery

1. Prevent pre-surgical and post-surgical complications.
2. May prevent surgery in some cases.
3. Lessens or reduce anesthetic effects.
4. Prevent infections.
5. Control bleeding during and after surgery.
6. Scarring of wounds
7. Gastrointestinal disturbances such as nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea, refluxes, etc.
8. Stiffness of parts of body, swelling of any part, bruises, soreness of body parts, abscess, neuralgia, etc.
9. Also perform excellent in gynaecological cases [1].

Homoeopathy in pre and post-surgical conditions

Surgery is a very unpleasant process by which an individual may undergo anxiety, tension and fear. These symptoms can cure by homoeopathic medicines.

Aconitum napellus: The remedy covers great anxiety and fear of mind with marked restlessness. Fear of death. Bitter taste in mouth with great thirst.

Gelsemium: The remedy indicated when a person fear before operation associated with weakness, trembling, headache, vertigo and diarrhea. Surgery performed under anaesthesia which may also cause side effects. Homoeopathy also cure its effects at some extent.

Acetic acid: The remedy is indicated where there are bad effects of anaesthetic vapors. After surgical procedures, patient may suffers from many symptoms such as bleeding, nausea & vomiting, constipation, flatulence, pain, swelling, septicaemia and even stiffness of some parts.

Cinchona officinalis: Indicated where there is loss of fluids with debility or weakness. Post operative flatulence which doesn't relieved by passing it.

Carbo veg: Flatulence with pains post operation. Abdomen greatly distended and better by passing flatus.

Raphnus: Post- operative pains. Bloating after abdominal surgery with loss of appetite and distended abdomen.

Phosphorus: The remedy indicated post operative vomiting. Nausea after placing hands in warm water. Vomiting of water as it gets warm in stomach with thirst og cold water.

Ipecacuanha: The remedy is indicated where there is persistent nausea and vomiting with pale and twitching face with little thirst.

Pyrogen: It is the great septic remedy. Post operative cases with overwhelming sepsis. Indicated for septicemia which may be puerperal or surgical from ptomaine poisoning with restless, nausea and vomiting. Septicemia after abortion.

Homoeopathy in Injuries

In surgery, burns are treated superficially which leaves scar behind. The burn injuries are well treated and cured by homeopathically with treating scar along with.

Cantharis: The remedy is useful in superficial or first degree burns that results in ulceration. The affected part undergo severe pains and inflammation.

Urtica urens: Useful in burns and scalds with great heat and itching on the skin. Surgery performs to heal injuries of various types especially nerve, gland, bone, capillary, concealed, lacerated, sprained, punctured, incised and rubbed injuries. But homoeopathy enhances the recovery and healing of injuries before and after surgery.

Allium cepa: Indicated in neuralgic pains after injuries to nerves, feels sore and lame. Aggravation by getting feet wet.

Arnica Montana: The remedy is useful in concealed remedy. Indicated in bad effects from mechanical injuries which occurs years ago. Injuries with blunt instruments. Concussions and contusions which results from shock and injury.

Bellis perennis: The remedy is indicated in injuries that occurs to deeper tissues and after major surgical operation. Also indicated in traumatic neurosis.

Calendula: Indicated in traumatic injuries. It is specifically prescribed in cases of clean, surgical cuts or lacerated wounds. Prevents excessive suppuration and disfiguring scars. Also given in post- surgical operations to promote healthy granulation.

Conium maculatum: Useful in glandular induration of stony hardness of breasts that have cancerous tendency. Also indicated after bruises and injuries of glands. Glandular swelling. Prescribed in contusions also.

Hamamelis: The remedy is the aconitum of the capillary system. Prescribed where there is bruised soreness of affected parts and venous congestion. Wounds are incised, lacerated and contused. Injuries occurs from falls. Also

indicated in cases of chronic effects of mechanical injuries.

Hypericum: The remedy is prescribed in mechanical injuries of spinal cord and spinal concussion. Wounds are punctured, incised and lacerated. Injuries occurs where nerves are involved. Also given in bunions and corns.

Ledum palustre: Indicated in punctured wounds that are occurred by sharp and pointed instruments. Given after injuries causes discoloration of affected parts.

Rhus tox: The usefulness of this remedy in sprained injuries. Sprain of single part, muscle or tendon. Pain occurs as tendon or muscle was torn and affected parts feel sore.

Staphysagria: Mechanical injuries that caused by sharp instruments. Prescribed in post surgical operatons. Pains are of stinging, smarting nature and also like cutting of knife.

Symphytum: Excellent remedy or fractures and mechanical injuries. Pains are of pricking natue and there is soreness of periosteum after injury ^[3, 4, 5].

Conclusion

Homoeopathy has a wide range of action on surgical cases and are plays significant role in healing and recovery of injuries and fractures. There are also few limitations in some surgical cases where homoeopathy has a very little or no role. Besides the limitations, homoeopathy create a place in the field of surgery by lessens or reduces the chances of surgery such as renal stones, burns, corns, warts, styes, injuries, bruises, etc.

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