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# Benign prostate hypertrophy and Homoeopathic management: A case report

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#### Abstract

Benign prostatic hypertrophy is the inflammation of prostate gland. Symptoms may include frequent urination, trouble starting to urinate, inability to urinate or loss of bladder control. Overtime if untreated it may leads to urinary tract infection, renal stones and kidney failure.

Keywords: Benign prostate hypertrophy, Homoeopathy

#### 1. Introduction

Benign prostatic hypertrophy, also called Prostate enlargement, is a noncancerous increase in size of the prostate. It is commonly seen in men over 50 years of age, most often between sixty and seventy.

#### 2. Symptoms

Frequency of urination, usually first noted as nocturia. Difficulty in initiating urination, with variability and reduced forcefulness of the urinary stream and post-void dribbling, are often present. Acute retention of urine with overflow incontinence may occur. Occasionally, severe haematuria results from rupture of prostatic veins or stone disease [1].

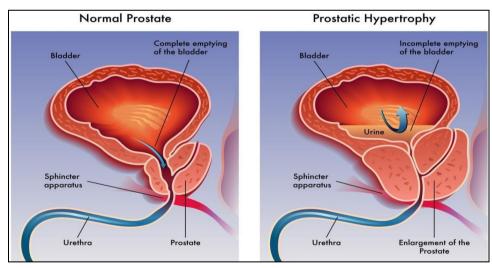


Fig 1: Benign Enlargement of the Prostate [6].

#### 3. Diagnosis

Diagnosis of benign prostate enlargement may include digital rectal examination, uroflowmetry and transrectal ultrasound biopsy [2].

#### 4. Prevention

- Reduce intake of fluids especially before going to sleep.
- Reduce intake of caffeine and alcohol.
- Reduce stress by meditation, yoga and live walking.
- Beware of toilet facility while going to a new place.
- Kegel exercises can strengthen and train your pelvic floor muscles to help control urination [3].

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#### 5. Homoeopathic approach

Homoeopathy mainly works on the principle 'similia similibus curantur'. Benign prostate hypertrophy can be treated effectively with homoeopathic medicines. As homoeopathy is not a science of therapeutics, it is concerned with totality of symptoms and individuality.

#### 6. Case presentation

#### **6.1 Presenting complaint**

Mr.AN of age 55 came with the complaint of increased frequency of micturition and interrupted flow of micturition with pain since 1 year, on and off.

**6.2 Past history:** chicken pox at 10 years of age.

**6.3 Treatment history:** allopathic treatment for presenting complaint.

**6.4 Family history:** father- asthmatic.

#### 6.5 Personal history

Appetite: good

Thirst: 2 litres of water/day

Craving: nil Aversion: nil

Perspiration: increased on face

Bowel habit: once a day

Bladder habit: 10 times a day, 3 times at night

Sleep: Disturbed due to the complaint

Dreams: Unremembered Thermal state: chilly patient

#### 6.6 Analysis of the case

Perspiration increased on face Increased frequency of micturition Interrupted flow of urine Enlarged prostate Painful micturition

**6.7 Repertory used:** Synthesis repertory.

**6.8 Reason:** Updated repertory.

#### 6.9 Rubrics taken [4]

Face – perspiration

Bladder – urination – frequent Bladder – urination – interrupted Bladder – urination – dysuria – painful

Prostate gland - swelling

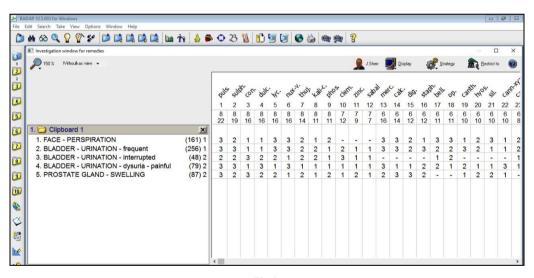


Fig 2.

#### 6.10 Prescription

CONIUM 30 1 dose SL PILLS (4-0-4)/2 weeks

#### 6.11 Follow up

Table 1.

S. No	Symptoms	Prescription
1.	Frequency of urine decreased Interrupted flow of urine is same Painful micturition decreased	Rubrum 30 stat SL Pills (4-0-4)
2.	Frequency of urine decreased Interrupted flow of urine is same Painful micturition decreased	Rubrum 30 stat SL Pills (4-0-4)
3.	Frequency of urine decreased Interrupted flow of urine is absent Painful micturition is absent	Rubrum 30 stat SL Pills (4-0-4)

#### 7. Conclusion

Benign prostate hypertrophy can be successfully treated with homoeopathic medicines based on detailed case taking. And further studies are suggested using different parameters and on large study sample.

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