

Rage of a Dipsomaniac

This is the case of a 46 yr old mill worker whom I treated successfully without seeing in person through his daughter who is my compunder. His 18 yr old daughter is a nice, mature girl like her mother but her father, KK, is a difficult man to live with.

Mr K K born in 1942, is a dipsomaniac since the age of 17 yrs. His habits started early and became worse in 1962, when he came to Mumbai from his village in search of a job. His wife is meek and docile.

His 4 children – 3 sons and 1 daughter – died of premature birth. 10 years later, 2 children were born normal and they survived. But by now his alcohol intake had increased dangerously. Many a times he was warned by the doctors to stop drinking, but to no avail. The family members had also given up on him.

He had a normal temperament without alcohol, but under the influence of liquor, he turns into a beast (Rakshas is what the daughter said.).

Every pay-day : Wednesdays and Sundays were dreadful for the family and they tried to remain out of reach as he invariably drank and became violent on these days. After a few pegs, many a times he had beaten his wife black and blue. He would throw objects, abuse and curse the children; his rage knew no bounds.

The daughter described him as a selfish and greedy man. He contributed very little at home. He was earning reasonably well, yet it was never enough for him.

He always thought he was right, no one could contradict him. He often quarreled and always demanded a good brand of beer or whisky.

He seldom felt sorry for his behaviour. The only time he cried was when his 4th daughter died. Associated complaints: Chronic ear disease- Often gets noises <

before alcohol

PAST HISTORY:

Fever. Boils< summer. Ear discharge.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

App: +++ voracious — Thy: - U:N

Mo: N ++ after alcohol

Sleep = N – Dreams - Perspiration = N – Thermal: HOT³

Addictions: 4 paans – tobacco

F/H: eldest of 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Mother died when pt was 23 years. 1 brother is a chain smoker.

He left school in the middle after his teacher slapped him.

Build = short and stocky

RUBRICS:

Anger, violent	Rage
Cruel	Moral feeling want of
Quarrelsome	Curses
Dipsomaniac	Dictatorial
Contradiction <	Craving: eggs, spices
Ear discharge	Boils – summer

The medicine, which came out highest was *Anacardium*. His personality is totally different with and without alcohol. Anac: Dual personality, rage, noises in the ears and lack of moral feelings are the important symptoms on which the remedy was selected. The Rx (potency?) started on 29th July 2000 and initially weekly one dose was given after every drinking session. Later 10 to 50 ml in 15 days and now occasionally. After the first dose, he had excessive ear discharge. He became more sober.

Many a times he did not touch alcohol – during pooja and religious functions.(This had never happened earlier)

When gap was long, he had tremendous craving and he would get back into the old pattern, but in the whole year only once he hit an outsider and only once he quar-



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reled with his daughter.

Many a times he got boils on his skin after *Anacardium*. He drinks but most of the times he is quiet and sleeps. 4 doses of *Tuberculinum* 1M were given monthly as an intercurrent for his cold and ear discharge.

His behaviour and frequency of attacks has remarkably improved but alcohol intake is the same. And when he does drink he is same.

The medicines that came close, after repertorization with the software: were *Anacardium*, *Nux-vom* and *Lycopodium*.

He is still under observation. May be he will require *Nux-vom* as it is an important medicine for dipsomania

COMMENTS:

- The right medicine can bring about a behavioural change.
- Addictions, when chronic, leave imprints like fossils on the brain and are difficult to clear. According to sages, people carry these habits also to their next birth and hence most religions advise their followers to shun them.
- Use of Hompath software threw light on *Nux* as well as *Lyc*.

Nux had come to mind, but *Lyc* was hardly thought of. If we make a habit of regularly using the repertory we can surely become better Homoeopaths.

Nux and *Lyc* were not used, but have to be borne in mind.

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10/3/97: No headaches before/during menses. Otherwise also frequency and intensity considerably lessened. USG shows shrinking of the cysts, menses regularized. *Thu* 1M 1P 15 days later *Pulsatilla* 10M 1P, *Chionanthus* Q bd.

14/5/97: USG shows no ovarian cysts and there was shrinking of fibroid. Headaches same. As a preventive for the strong F/H of cancer *Carc* 1M 1P, *Lapis-alb* 30 wkly once, 3 doses. *Chionanthus* Q on demand.

10/8/97: USG shows normal ovaries and uterus. Headaches better but still come periodically.

USG REPORTS

1994: uterine fibroid (report misplaced)

USG PELVIS-NOV 1996

Uterus N size and echotexture. Endometrial echo in midline -11mm. No free fluid in pelvis.

Rt ovary-1.8 x 1.4 x 1.0 cm. vol-1.3 cc. N appearance
Lt ovary-3.5 x 3.1 x 2.2 cm, enlarged, shows area of abnormal echo texture with multiple small hypo and hyper echoic areas, no calcification present

USG PELVIS -JAN 1997

Comparison with previous study shows almost complete regression of the area of abnormal echotexture in left ovary and a marked reduction in size of lt ovary. A

small residue persists on lt side superiorly-2.7x4.1x1.4 cm vol-2.7cc

No change in rt ovary and uterus measurements. Endometrial echo-9mm. No free fluid in pelvis

USG PELVIS APRIL 1997

Uterus and Rt ovary normal in size and echotexture. Endometrial echo of midline -6mm. No free fluid.

Lt ovary -2.3 x 1.3 x 0.9 cm vol-1.4cc

USG PELVIS JUNE 1998

Uterus is normal in size and echotexture-7.4 x 4.8 x 4.3cm. No focal mass. Endometrial echo midline -4mm

Rt ovary-N size and app-3.4 x 1.5 x 1.0cm vol-2.6cc

Lt ovary-N in size and app-3.2 x 1.2 x 1.2cm vol-2.4cc

No free fluid in pelvis.

She re-qualified as a teacher so that she would never have to compromise on the home front!

She still calls me sometimes although she has moved to another city. She still takes *Chionanthus* Q whenever she has a headache, which is less frequent. She had an uneventful menopause. She teaches at a good school and tries to go for a walk as often as she can. Her sister has moved away and I am waiting to see how she blossoms now!