

“Tubercular Diathesis & Tubercular Nosodes- Their Significance in Homoeopathy”

KEY WORDS

Conception about diathesis-characteristics of tubercular diathesis-concepts of J H Allen on Tubercular Diathesis-Scrofula and its Miasmatic Basis-Phyllis Speight On Tubercular Diathesis-Tubercular Nosodes and how to use them.

WHAT IS DIATHESIS?

- Predisposition to any disease condition.
- The inherited or acquired organic weakness and systemic inferiority which leads to the morbid disposition and specific pathological process in the evolution of a disease.

CHARACTERISTICS OF TUBERCULAR DIATHESIS

1. Bleeding dyscrasia- free bleeding.
2. Catches cold easily.
3. Losing flesh though eating well.
4. Glandular involvement especially cervical Lymphadenopathy.
5. Lean and thin body.
6. Worm infestation especially pin-worm.
7. Mentally very restless.
8. Intelligent student.
9. Past history of Herpes, Circinatus (ring-worm), Pityriasis.
10. Family history of tuberculosis.
11. Desire for indigestible things.
12. Progressive emaciation with delayed milestones.
13. Menstruation established shortly after a delivery.
14. Discharge from nose-with odour of old cheese,

thick yellow.

15. Ropy and viscid saliva with bloody taste.

16. Extraordinary craving for meat.

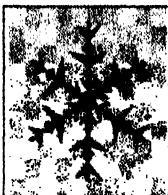
17. Problem child.

CONCEPTS OF J H ALLEN ON TUBERCULAR DIATHESIS

- Psora and Syphilis are perfectly combined by hereditary transmission. The Tubercular Diathesis is the result of such a union, which is one of the profoundest indepth action of any diseased state or condition than can be named.
- So we see that pseudopsora is worse than psora by itself and the same thing may be said when psora and sycolosis are combined.
- If we have the miasm syphilis and psora combined, we have multiple changes and infinite destructive processes known as tubercular pathology.
- William Osler, in his work on pathology, says “that scrofula is tubercle and that the bacillus of Koch is the essential element.

SCROFULA AND ITS MIASMATIC BASIS

- “We have always been taught that the miasmatic basis of scrofula was Psoric in its origin, but I think we can readily see from what has already been said concerning the action of both psora and pseudopsora, that the disease scrofula owes its origin to that malignant combination of psora and syphilis”.
- “Scrofula does not depend on psora alone as a basis as has been suggested by many leading authors, even of our own school, but principally upon syphilis or syphilis engrafted upon a Psoric basis”.
- “Again in the involvement of lymphatics, which is so characteristics of scrofula, we have as much if not more right to say that it partakes of syphilis as



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well as of psora'.

- "Bleeding of the gums we must attribute to the tubercular diathesis unless syphilis is actually present".

PHYLLIS SPEIGHT ON TUBERCULAR DIATHESIS

- Child of the union of the Syphilitic on Psoric dyscrasias present a picture of 'the problem child'
- Temporary amelioration by offensive foot or axillary sweat, which when suppressed often induces lung trouble or some other severe disease.
- Patient is better off mentally by an outbreak of an ulcer.
- Vertigo beginning in the base of the brain may be of tubercular origin.
- The tubercular child will have hemorrhage from the

nose on the slightest provocation-blowing the nose, a slight blow, or washing the face even will produce it in some people.

- Headaches, vertigos and congestions to the brain and head are often ameliorated by nosebleeds.
- Putrid or taste of blood or pus. Expectoration of pus that tastes sweet. Salty taste or a rotten egg taste. All metallic taste makes us think of tubercular aliments.
- **DESIRES AND AVERSIONS-** Extremists like hot or really cold things. Long for indigestible things, chalk, lime, state, pencils, etc. They eat more salts, stimulants, beer, wines or hot aromatic things. They crave potatoes and meat. Desires salty fish. Desire cold things to eat and drink.

HOW TO USE TUBERCULAR NOSODES

TUBERCULAR NOSODES

- Pre-tubercular state
- Tubercular diathesis
- Individuals have a tendency to tubercular defect or manifestation:

- P/H Koch's- has apparently recovered but toxins retained in the system; produced the symptoms for prescribing Tubercular preparation.

- Skin delicate, complexion beautiful and attractive with long eyelashes and fine hair.

- Appetite capricious with loosing flesh.
- Fatigues from exertion
- Growing rapidly without putting on weight.
- Changeability
- Mental
- Physical
- Skin- bluish pallor, purple condition of extremities

NERVOUS DISTURBANCES

- Periodic migraine, recurrent diarrhoea, intermittent fever, tonsils/adenoids.
- P/H or Family H/O Tuberculosis (in near relatives)
- P/H of severe attack of measles, whooping cough, polio etc.

- Where indicated remedies fails (*Psora*).
- Recurring fever; every time a new remedy indicated but fever recurs.
- Changeability.
- Mentally alert- but intellectually sluggish gradually- though emotionally agitated.

- Rapid development of brainpower, with creative capacity, especially in young adult or eve in childhood. He feels life is short so that he hurries to complete his experience.
- An emotional conflict between sexual desire and power.
- Mentally retarded children
- Arrested development- Mentally and physically; delayed dentition, walking, talking.
- Circulatory disturbances.
- Hypotension.
- Palpitation < waking.
- Cardiac symptoms > by gentle exercises.
- Erythema on chest walls after friction.

MENTAL ASPECT

Weakness Relaxation

MIND

Depression Physical
 Hopelessness Debility

MIND

- Hypersensitive, nervous.
- Sensitive to music.
- Desire to do something difficult.
- Abnormal urge for traveling.
- Change doctor, occupation, place etc

HEAD

- Headache - Periodical - Weekly, fortnight.
- < Change of weather (especially damp, excitement, overwork, and gastric disturbance.
 - Sensation as if an iron band around the head (Hering).
 - Pain deep in head; severe and cutting; < movement, with cold sweat on forehead (*Calc, Sil*)

GASTRO INTESTINAL TRACT

- Sinking sensation and desire to eat.
- Appetite good but loss of flesh.
- Aversion to meat.
- Desire cold drinks (large quantity); cold milk.
- Constipation alternates with diarrhoea

- Diarrhoea < morning, driving the patient out of the bed.

FEMALE

- Menses too early, too profuse and long lasting

RESPIRATORY TRACT

- Very sensitive to cold. Fever < evening.
- Hacking cough, coming in paroxysms and disturbed sleep. Longing for air, < in warm room.

Expectoration: Thick and profuse, comes away easily

SKIN

- Tendency for parasitic eruptions- Ringworm, Tinea versicolor etc (*Bacill*).
- Eczematous thickening of the margins of eyelids, < night, early morning (*Bacill*).
- Sweat on slightest exertion and at night, stains yellow.

KEYNOTES

PATIENT AS A WHOLE

1. Narrow chest, delicate.
2. Very sensitive to cold, < change of weather- to cold, dampness especially every electrical changes in weather.
3. Easily fatigues; nervous.
4. Changeability- Mentally and Physically.
5. Symptoms tend to begin suddenly and cease suddenly.
6. Chilly but desires fresh air, open windows.
7. < Seaside, sea air, exertion, standing, after sleep.
8. Pain: whole body, aching sore, > heat; pain seems to be in the bones.
9. < Rest and standing. Warmth and movement.

**The greatest
 asset.....Faith**

**The worst thing to be
 without..... Hope**