

The Quiet Surukuku

Miss H S, 13 years old, came with multiple warts on the left side of the body since one year. They were mainly on the elbow while the rest were scattered around head, forearm, wrist, index finger and thigh. They were of various sizes and shapes; some of them were painful to touch with history of bleeding, (only once) from the warts.

ODP: Initially 2 warts appeared on the left knee and gradually spread to upper extremity and thigh in one year.

Appetite: Normal and no particular craving was mentioned. Aversion to vegetables and dal.

P/H/O: She suffered from repeated boils, which were treated with allopathic medicines. Sleep was normal with no dreams.

Thermal: Hot patient. Menarche—late—1 to 1 1/2 months, scanty flow.

F/H/O: Uncle had Koch's. GF, GM suffered from Heart problems.

Maternal Aunt had epilepsy.

Mind: She is stubborn. Her hobbies were watching TV. Good in her studies.

Treatment:

In the above case it wasn't easy to select the similimum—as the patient appeared very quiet. Most of the history was given by her mother who jabbered non-stop. Nothing peculiar was emerging in the mental sphere; when the mother was asked why the daughter was so quiet while she was so talkative, she replied, "No Doctor, you should see her with her friends. She never stops!" This helped me to decide on the prescription of *Lachesis* on the basis of following

rubrics:-

- 1) Loquacity
- 2) Left sided affection
- 3) Typical *Lachesis* mother
- 4) Late periods (Discharge suppressed).

Follow up:

DATE	SYMPTOMS	TREATMENT
26/5/95		<i>Lachesis</i> 200 (1) dose HS SL x 4 days.
7/6/95	No Change	<i>Lachesis</i> 1 M (1) dose HS + SL.
8/7/95	Warts on wrist became smaller in size, legs and thigh shrivelled with bleeding. Rest of symptoms.	<i>Lachesis</i> 1 M (1) + SL
18/7/95	Wrist warts became smaller in size. Rest: all hurting on covering—as they were becoming loose.	S L
22/7/95	Complained of itching all over++ bleeding++—thighs + forearm dry, cough with sore throat.	<i>Hepar sulph</i> 200 till cough reduced.
29/7/95	Reported no itching. Warts on thigh and forearm—cleared up the ones on elbows and fingers are diminishing.	<i>Tuberculinum</i> 1 M (1) HS. (F/h/o Koch's).
5/8/95	Skin clear. All warts disappeared.	S L
22/8/95	Only complaint of delayed periods no new warts.	<i>Lachesis</i> 1 M (1) dose.

Comments: A few more doses of *Lachesis* should make her menses also normal. The readers of NJH must be familiar with Dr Parinaz Humranwala's case—'A bottle of warts' in the Warts issue of NJH, April '94 where the warts were on the right side. Both these cases reconfirm the well established facts—right sided affections of *Lycopodium* and left sided of *Lachesis*. These cases also teach us to look into generalities and the central disturbance rather than considering the chief complaint for prescription.



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