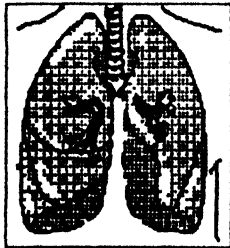


uberculinum

And related remedies with
clinical differentiation in treatment of



CONSUMPTION

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PART - I

Consumption and Clinical experience on Tuberculinum

Consumption is a diseased condition of the patient with gradually losing of flush accompanied with a steady increase of weakness and fatigueness. An intermittent fever mostly at night aggravation not much high in degree indicates an inner persistent inflammatory condition. Increasing size of the lymph glands surrounding the affected part is also marked.

The lesion is sometimes ulcerative (caseation) bathed with pus and blood with rapid declination of the patient indicates the

destructive nature of predominating syphilis of either Psora - Syphilitic or Psora - Syphilitic - Sycotic constitution. Sometimes extreme emaciation alongwith increasing weakness and fatigueness of the patient accompanied with any active ulcer having the tendency to change into fibrosis or without any ulcer indicates predominating Sycosis of Psora - Sycotic or Psora - Sycotic - Syphilitic constitution.

In my practising life a few clinical symptoms of Tuberculinum as I have experienced are elucidated below:

(1) Undescended testis - A boy, 10 years old was under my treatment for his chronic suffering from susceptibility to cold, eczema and undescended right testis. he was on Calc Carb in different higher potencies. After a long gap according to symptomatology Tuberculinum 50 M. One dose brings the testis at normal position within 6 months.

(2) A middle aged male patient who had gonorrhoea infection at genital in early life. He was suffering from bronchial asthma and writers cramp at right

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hand. Asthma cured with Medorrhinum. His 10 yrs. old son with intense susceptibility to cold and therefore frequent attack of high fever since his age was 2 yrs. cured with Tuberculinum.

(3) A man 48 yrs., who had active gonorrhoea treated unjudiciously. His wife also with deep sycotic base. Their 4 yrs. old daughter had been suffering from Koch of C, - D₃ and D₁ D₂ D₃ with gross destruction and fusion causes Kyphosis. Though she completed allopathic course of T.B., due to presence of tenderness of the region and restricted movement of the neck after passing 2 1/2 yrs. directed her surgeon to think about operation. But Tuberculinum 1M. One dose resisted the scalpel of surgeon. A single dose of homoeopathic medicine within one month proved itself enough and more efficient than allopathic medicine and surgery. The aston-

ished Surgeon advised the patient to visit 1 year after to observe further development. Within 6 months of single dose Tuberculinum 1 M., removed almost the Kyphosis, there was no tenderness and the neck movement was normal.

The above cases (2) and (3) help to draw a conclusion a definite action of Tuberculinum on Sycotic base.

(4) A young lady 26 yrs. old visited me with her chronic problem dust allergy, breathing distress and susceptibility to cold. Though she was married 3 yrs. before yet she had no issue. Gynaecologist detected the defect as smaller uterus than average. her first menstruation started at 14 yrs. Since starting it always used to defer by 10 to 12 days and continue for 3 days, colour dark red. She was susceptible to cold since child-

hood. Father was diabetic and her maternal side had the history of Cancer.

Tuberculinum 1 M. helped her a lot. It not only relieved her from cold allergy and breathing distress, it helped her to conceive also. She delivered a daughter 13 months after starting of the treatment.

(5) Repeatedly it has been marked that if symptoms agree, Tuberculinum can root out hereditary tendency of internal piles with profuse bleeding. In this case those important points are marked viz., painless bleeding at a time more than 20 drops rapidly turns the patient into anaemic and emaciated in a short period. This symptom itself is a destructive nature alongwith a tendency of male patients with their excess desire for masturbation or sexual intercourse, i.e., indulgence for self destruction.

PART - II

Generalities of Tuberculinum for its individualization

Tuberculinum is one of the most important nosodes of our daily practice. It is used in acute as well as chronic diseases if the symptoms agree whether there is any past history or family history of T.B. Sometimes when a well selected medicine fails in a patient who has inherited tubercular constitution from his parents, Tuberculinum removes the stigma and brings the patient in a clear position to proceed further as desired. Dr. Kent has described it as

"antipsoric, deep acting and constitutionally deep medicine".

It is a well proved medicine. It's characteristic symptoms as studied by our previous stalwarts a few important symptoms which can individualize the medicine are discussed.

Emaciation is a prominent feature of Tuberculinum, if symptoms agree. The persons who are going into consumption gradually

losing flesh. A gradually losing flesh. A gradually growing weakness, a gradually increasing fatigueness.

Mental Symptoms - Melancholy humor, very sad, hopeless. Aversion to labour mainly mental work Anxiety evening until midnight. Anxiety during fever. Although naturally of a sweet disposition, becomes taciturn, sulky, snappish, fretty. Very irritable, wants to fight; no hesitancy in

throwing anything to any one even without any cause, depressed and melancholic even to insanity. Intense restlessness and inward restlessness. Comprehension and concentration almost impossible. Easily frightened particularly by dogs; screams in terror when approached by a dog. Sensibility to music. Periodical anxiety and terror. Irritable on waking; Nothing can please him. Nothing satisfies.

Anxiety during fever. Loquacity during fever. A person gradually running down, never finding the right remedy, or relief only momentarily.

Weary of life, cosmopolitan, has a constant desire to change and travel and go some-where, and do something different, or to find a new doctor. Cosmopolitan such is the condition of those about to go into insanity, about to go into some lingering disease. Persistent thoughts during the night. Thoughts intrude and crowd upon each other during the night.

Next, periodicity is a strong feature of this remedy.

Tuberculinum cures the most violent and the most chronic periodical sick headache, periodical nervous headache, coming every week, every two weeks and the irregular periodicity coming under certain conditions in damp weather, after overwork, from mental excitement, from over-eating, disordered stomach. - Tuberculinum breaks up the tendency to this chronic periodical

headache when the symptoms agree. The pain sometimes travels. Stitching, pinching, cramping, wandering, and always worse from cold, damp weather.

Sometime chronic constitutional headache has been vanished but the patient has developed a tendency to lose flesh and becomes feeble. Tuberculinum is a most useful remedy. A new manifestation comes, a new organ is affected.

"Pain in the head, as if the head had a tight hoop of iron around it", an iron band.

It has cured constitutional headaches, periodical headaches, that existed forty five years. It cures even old people of these periodical complaints.

Tubercular meningitis.

Headache with frequent sharp cutting pains. Headache, worse from motion. "Screams in sleep. Very restless at night, sister died of tubercular meningitis". The symptom was given by Burnett. It has cured hydrocephalus.

One of the most prominent *use of this remedy is in intermittent fever.* The intermittent fever continues relapsing when Silica, Calcareo carb like deep acting medicine and deeper acting medicine have been indicated, have acted well. But in few weeks, from exposure to cold, from sitting in a draft, from becoming fatigued, from mental exertion, over-eating or stomach disorder this ague has

returned. When Tuberculinum is needed.

Intermittent fever with drawing in limbs during rest. Chill 7 P.M. Chilliness evening better in bed. Chill 5 P.M. with thirst. *Cough before and during chill* vomiting during fever, wants to be covered during all stages. External heat with chilliness. Relapsing intermittents.

Drawing in the limbs in the evening before the chill and during the chill. He knows the chill is coming on because of the drawing in the limbs. The chilliness extends into the fever and into the sweat if there is any uncovering.

The face becomes red, even to purple during the chill, and during the heat. Aversion to all foods. *Such aversion to meat* that it becomes impossible to eat it. Thirst during the chill and heat, for large quantities of cold water. It has cured tubercular meningitis with effusion, where the head was greatly enlarged. *Craving for cold milk.*

In advanced stage of phthisis it is a common feature, driven out of bed with a diarrhoea; or, *diarrhoea worse in the morning than at any other time (sulphur) in the 24-hours.* This has been cured by Tuberculinum and it has been verified many times, although it is a clinical symptom.

Cough before and during chill. Dry hacking cough before

the evening chill and sometimes lasts during the chill and sometimes during the fever. When well selected medicine fails, these were not deep enough acting and not long enough acting. Recurrence of the cough for any kind of disorder. When Tuberculinum acts to root out the tendency of the patient. Hard dry cough sometimes slight but generally no expectoration. Slightly feverish - Boardman.

Hard dry cough, shaking patient, more during sleep, but did not waken him - Boardman.

Suffocation in a warm room. Can find every breathing only when riding in the cold wind. When phthisical patients find no comfort except riding in the cold wind - which is a rare symptom.

The patient longs for the

open air, wants the doors and windows open. Desires the open, fresh air. Especially when the tubercular deposits begin in the apex of the left lung. Which is verified by a number of observers.

General relaxation. Weakness and hanging down of the genitals. Relaxed scrotum.

The uterus sags down and is heavy. At the menstrual period, a relaxation, as if the inner parts would come out.

Dr. Burnett marked the feature that ring worms commonly formed upon those who have inherited phthisis and he used to prescribe Bacillinum 200th.

Patients who suffer from weakness in the evening. Rapid pulse in the evening. Palpitation

after the evening meal.

Neck and back indurated cervical glands. Lump size of a walnut or cord of neck, is movable and occasionally itches.

Nerves - Suddenly becomes unconscious while sewing or talking began screaming, tearing hair, beating her head with her fist or trying to dash it against wall or floor.

Aching in the bones of the head, with soreness of the periosteum - and these are better by travelling about, like Rhustox. Better by motion worse keeping still.

Perspiration from mental exertion. Perspiration stains the linen yellow. Heat and perspiration during sleep. *Common feature of Phthisis to have night sweats.*

PART - III

Related remedies with clinical differentiation in treatment of Consumption.

At the time of treatment of consumption any medicine of our materia-medica may be indicated according to totality of symptoms of the patient. Few of them are used in the preliminary stage of consumption and due to lack of their depth they work just as palliation mainly in advanced cases. On the other hand deep acting remedy is required when the case is not too advanced.

Few deep acting well selected medicines work a lot yet due

to changeable nature of consumptive patient they off and on turn into different groups of symptoms, which indicate another medicine. So incase of consumption of different phases different remedies may be indicated. Where each potency of every medicine after being exhausted either indicates a different potency or different remedy. Few of them are discussed here.

1. Calc Carb - The patient is chlorotic, anaemic, pale

and waxy. Muscles emaciate, about the neck and from there downwards. Great relaxation in the tissues every where, muscles, veins walls of blood vessels.

Calcarea is a tired patient, weak all over, no ability of the mind to sustain prolonged mental effort. One of the most striking symptoms of the head of the Calcarea patient is the sweat with slightest exertion, he sweats upon forehead, face, back of the neck, front of the chest, feet. Sensitive

to cold air, body is nearly always cold to touch. It attacks all glands of the neck, body especially lymphatic glands. Calcarea patient has a very longing for eggs. Aversion to meat and warm food. The lymphatic glands are hard and sometime can be felt through the emaciated abdomen. there is a tubercular tendency, and tabes mesenterica is one of the natural endings of Calcarea constitutions, with this we get the glandular affections of the bowel.

It has cured tubercular laryngitis.

The chest trouble furnishes one of our best fields for Calcarea. We have spitting of blood, prolonged cough, copious expectoration of thick yellow mucus or even pus; ulceration or abscess. We have, in threatening chest trouble, the beginning emaciation, the pallor, the sensitiveness to cold and changes to the cold and wet weather.

2. Calc Phos - During the growing period many children need this remedy. Flabby, shrunken, emaciated children. Non-union of fractured bones, swollen condyles. It has cured enlarged glands of the neck, groin, abdomen. Pale, waxy skin; anaemia, Growing pain, pain at nights in fast growing children, Phthisical subjects. Sensitive to cold.

Mentally tired and weak brain. Feeble memory and inability

to sustain mental effort. Dreads mental exertion. Thinking of complaints causes them to appear or increase. Extremely fretful. Ailments from bad news, grief, unrequired affections, Vexation. Discontented patient with his surroundings and goes from place to place.

Craves salt becon and smoked meat. Strong appetite Infant wants to nurse all the time.

Tabes mesenterica with diarrhoea.

Green mucus and hot watery stools, white mushy stools, copious offensive flatus.

The patient scrapes mucus from the larynx before he can talk or sing. Hoarseness, dry hacking cough day and night Tubercular laryngitis.

3. Kali Bichrom - It is a most useful remedy in phthisis and haemorrhages from the lungs and cavities in the lungs. There is a cold sensation in the chest which is generally felt in the region of the heart.

This remedy is indicated by its copious ropy mucous discharges from all mucus membrane. A marked feature of this remedy is the alteration between catarrhal symptoms and rheumatic pains.

The patient is sensitive to cold. There is lack of vital heat. He wants to be wrapped up and

covered warmly and many of his complaints like rheumatic conditions that come on in hot weather. The cough is better in warm weather and worse in winter. A marked feature of Kali Bichromium is a feeling of great weakness and weariness. Great prostration and cold sweat. It has neuralgia every day at the same hour, showing its periodicity.

4. Kali Carb - The patient very whimsical and very irritable in very high degree. Full of fear and imagination, when alone. Fear of the future, fear of death, fear of ghost.

Over-sensitive to everything, sensitive to every atmospheric change, worse in wet weather and cold weather. He is sensitive to the cold and is always shivering. It is a deep acting antipsoric remedy.

One of the evidences that the Kali Carb patient is a weakly constitution and is on the road to a break down is that all of his symptoms are aroused and brought into action after coition, after sexual excitement. It is not so commonly indicated in those cases whether the dullness has begun at the apex of either or both lungs. It will very often ward off future sickness where the family history is tuberculosis. One should not be afraid to give the antipsoric remedies when there is a history of tuberculosis in the family, but be careful when the patient is so far advanced with tuberculosis that

there are cavities in the lung or latent tubercles, on encysted caseous tubercles.

5. Iodine - Iodine is indicated in the tubercular condition of the mesenteric glands with diarrhoea, emaciation great hunger, great thirst, withering of the mammary glands; a dried beef-like or shrivelled appearance of the skin and sallow complexion. If the remedy is given early enough before the structural changes have occurred, it will check the progress of the disease and cure. The patient is oversensitive, anxious, emotional and impulsive, absent-minded. Very hot patient searches cold place, over-active.

6. Drosera - It is a great palliative for the spasmodic cough that occurs in consumption and all along the course of tuberculosis of the lungs. In these chest complaints, pain between the shoulders, pains in the back as it bruised from coughing. Coldness in the hands and feet and blueness of the extremities. Cramps in the extremities with the cough. The cough becomes so violent that the patient goes into convulsion. Along with these spasmodic coughs especially in phthisical conditions there are febrile attacks.

7. Phosphorus - It is useful remedy when tuberculosis is about to make its appearance, and of feeble vitality. All colds settle in the chest. After each cold, much rattling, hard cough that shakes the whole body, in persons

who are feeble, pale, sickly and disposed to haemorrhages. Cough comes on in cold air. Emaciation; emaciation of the chest and neck. Along with this condition comes hectic fever in the last stage of phthisis, intense fever, red face, and night sweats; fever coming on in the afternoon and lasting until after midnight. Phosphorus in phthisical cases for advanced it is better not to go higher than 30th or 200th.

8. Rumex - This is a great remedy to do patch work with in phthisis. Soreness, rawness and burning, especially down the trachea and under the sternum.

Hoarse, barking cough in attacks every night at 11 P.M. Cough with pain behind midsternum. The most violent cough occurs a few moments after lying down, and at night, in some cases complete aphonia.

Rumex is sensitive to cold, to baths and chilly surroundings.

It suits acute and chronic catarrhal states. In old phthisical cases; every time he takes a cold, he is so sensitive to cold air and change of air that he sleeps with bed clothes over his mouth. Every breath of air causes of spasmodic cough. The early expectoration is thin mucus, and then it becomes thicker and tenacious, and he cannot expectorate it; he hears rattle; after many efforts with exhausted him he expectorates a little with hardly any relief.

9. Silica - If there is a deposit of tubercle in the lungs, Silica establishes an inflammation and throws it out, and if the whole lung be tubercular a general suppurative pneumonia will be the result; hence the danger of giving such remedies and danger of repeating them in advanced stage of phthisis.

The Silica cough is a dangerous one, the remedy suits the early stage of phthisis when the lung is not extensively involved, it suits a cough of catarrhal character when the symptom agree.

Dry, tearing cough with hoarseness, threatening tuberculosis of the larynx, peculiar cracked voice from thickening of the laryngeal mucous membrane or tubercular involvement, soreness of chest threatening miliary tuberculosis, with aggravation from cold and amelioration from warm drinks. Pulmonary affections in stone-cutters. The fine dust causes chronic irritation. Silica establishes a suppuration and throws off these particles of stone.

10. Stanum Met - Very much exhausted patient from talking or reading aloud. Great lassitude from walking, weariness of the whole body, especially when ascending stairs, great sense of weakness in larynx and chest, thence all over the body; trembling worse from slow exercise.

Stanum is not dangerous in phthisis and will palliate the case

if it is incurable. It will not rouse up the whole economy like silica, but there may be an aggravation of the nervous symptoms.

11. Spongia T. - Laryngeal troubles with great hoarseness in individuals tending towards phthisis, with tubercular heredity, cachectic aspect, weak lungs, but no deposit of tubercle. But all at once hoarseness sets in. There is a tendency for the larynx to become involved in phthisical patients that need spongia.

Dry spasmodic cough, troublesome cough; cold things taken into the stomach aggravates. If the room becomes too warm, there is a dry tickling teasing croupy spasmodic cough.

Spongia is the remedy when dyspnoea and cough are relieved by warm food; may be better from warm drinks.

12. Sepia - It is almost neglected medicine in the treat-

ment of consumption. But it has the ability to take the charge of a far advanced patient of consumption even after loss of blood. Patient's mental symptom total indifferent to his children to those once he loved best along with irritability aggravates with any contradiction and excited. It does miracle if totality of symptoms agree.

Tuberculosis. Quick consumption after a suppressed gonorrhoea; if given soon enough it will check. Spasmodic dry cough in the evening until midnight. Holds the chest during the cough.

13. Sulphur - Sulphur has a most violent cough that racks the whole frame; it seems that the head will fly off; pain in the head when coughing; the head is jarred by the cough. Then he has expectation of blood, bleeding from the lungs, in all of these cases threatening phthisis, where there is yet not too much deposit of tu-

bercle, when there is only the beginning of tubercular deposit. The low, stricken down constitution, the emaciated subjects that have inherited phthisis who have the all gone hungry feeling in the stomach, heat on the top of the head and uneasiness from the warmth of the bed.

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