

CANCER OF TONGUE

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When a disease, as serious as the cancer of the tongue is to be tackled, we must have reliable, *differentiating* indications of the medicines we shall have to study and administer.

Dr. Emil Schlegel has done a masterly compilation—which must be studied and referred to when needed.

I request experienced readers to add their knowledge and send us more remedies and their indications.—*S.P.K.*

Alumen. Dry tongue (also black) with burning pains in evenings : sour taste, stitches toward tip ; scirrhous. Inclination to hardening around infiltrated spots. Cancerous infiltration of glands ; intolerable pain.

Apis. Swelling, induration with stitches and burning pains, tongue dry, inflamed making swallowing difficult. Ulceration (especially on left edge). Fissures or vesicles.

Arsenicum. Thickened edges, white coating, red in middle and toward tip. Or the tongue has a whitish, yellow-white or brown coating with red edges, as if painted thick white. Ulceration of anterior part of edges, purple. Arsenicum has cured lip cancer and suits exactly the cancer diathesis. If the subjective symptoms are present, higher potencies should be chosen ; otherwise the lower potencies are preferable.

Arsenicum hydrogenisatum. Tongue thick and has irregular deep ulcers with knotty swelling. Mouth dry and hot ; little thirst.

Aurum metallicum. Metallic taste : light-brown coating of tongue : Taste bitter, or lost. Dry sensation mouth ; tongue

like leather and stiff. Tongue hard after biting it in sleep. Melancholia. Sanuinics with dark hair and eyes ; patient is lively, always in motion ; full of fear, worries about future, constitutions weakened by syphilis and mercurialism. Suicidal moods ; despair. Patients who get red face from mental emotions Nocturnal aggravation.

Aurum muriaticum. Tongue flat ; halitosis. Cancer of hard leather like tongue difficult to move. Induration remaining after glossitis. Tongue red, dry, ulcerated ; cancerous swelling of glands. Results from abuse of mercury.

Benzoicum acidum. Tongue slightly purple and as if veiled, spongy, deep fissures ; diffuse ulcers. Ulcerated swelling at angle of jaw. Fungoid, mapped tongue. Urine dark, of strong odor.

Calcarea carbonica. Tongue fissured, especially after abuse of mercury. Coating white or dirty ; bad taste, tongue, hands and lips turn pale, purplish. Pain under tongue when swallowing. Swelling of sublingual glands. Ranula-like tumour presses tongue upward. Syphilitic ulcer, ragged ulcers ; swelling of one side of tongue.

Calcarea fluorica. Hardening and ulceration threaten, congenital syphilis with destruction in mouth and throat. Heat in affected parts ; tongue as if lacerated, with or without pain. Induration after inflammation ; digging pains.

Carbo animalis. Burning in mouth with vesicles on point and edges of tongue. Palate and tongue dry. Nodular hardening, also in glands, generally with burning and cutting pains. Scirrhus Polypi and cancer.

Carbolicum acidum. Fetid discharges. Ulcerated plaques on inner surface of lips and cheeks. Burning from mouth to stomach.

Chromicum acidum. Tumours in posterior parts of nose. Painful symptoms come and go suddenly, periodically.

Crotalus horridus. Tongue red, yellow, stiff, numb. Swelling and flammation to such an extent that there were not room enough in the mouth. Strong inclination to hemorrhages.

Eosin. Burning in tongue which is red like beef. Tongue feels as if bitten : swelling, salivation, aphthae on inner surface of lips ; swelling near root of tongue. General burning and redness; vertigo ; patient feels very big. Burning under finger-nails, Pruritus palms red.

Gallium aparinum (Goose grass). Some cases were improved or cured by internal and external use of the tincture.

Hoang nan. It overcomes fetid odour of cancer discharges, follows well after Arsenicum ; favours healing.

Hydrastis. Tongue and lips as if burned, red, dry, vesicles on the point. Coating yellowish-white, dirty, thick. Tongue enlarged, broad, showing imprint of teeth, as if raw ; papillae prominent. Hard, firm cancers with wrinkled skin. It relieves pain and improves general health. Is most suitable in the beginning and when an adjacent gland is involved. Has frequently been valuable.

Kali chloricum. Tongue white in middle. Two symmetric ulcers on edges. Stitching and burning in tongue. Stomatitis. Mucous membrane of tongue red, swollen and ulcerated. Ulcers with gray base, extend to cheeks and lips. Tanned appearance of mucous membranes.

Kali cyanatum. Lips and mucous membranes pale ; taste as from alum, astringent. Cancerous ulcers on right side of tongue. Tongue dark with white coating. Patients who are used to liquor (whisky) can only swallow fluids very painfully. One such case improved quickly after Kali cyanatum 5c. In another case where the base of tongue was involved the cure was complete.

Kali iodatum. Rancid taste in mouth and throat, imprint of teeth on swollen tongue. Very valuable after abuse of mercurials. Burning in point of tongue ; vesicles, ulcerations of tongue and mouth. Severe pain at base of tongue.

Kali chloricum (Schussler). Suppuration in mouth (leading to perforation of cheek) with white coating, pre-cancerous degeneration of mucous membrane. Cancerous ulcers. The swollen tongue fills mouth, shows imprint of teeth. Deep ulcers with fetid discharge. Small superficial ulcers on edges of tongue. Dark hard plaques, some thick white coating of tongue, yellow in middle. Burning, stitching vesicles; inflammation prevents speaking; mapped tongue, yellow in middle, sensation of pressure on tongue.

Causticum. Intolerable sensation of boiling and burning in mucous membrane. Painful vesicles at point of tongue; pain as if bitten. Paralysis of tongue. Sore sensation.

Condurango. Slight pain in left half of tongue; painful pustules on right side of point of tongue. Cancer of tongue. Commissurae of tongue deeply cleft; warty growths; tongue very sensitive. Condurango hastens granulation and cicatrization. Open, ulcerative cancer; it lessens burning and shooting pains. Also painless ulcers with hard margins and ichorous discharges. Crampy stomachache. It is indicated when it seems that a small cancer node is located in tongue, which is sensitive and pains in night.

Conium. Speech is difficult. Mouth and tongue are deformed, lips dry and sticky. Tongue swollen, painful and stiff. Swelling with stitching pain in glands. Ulcers with ichorous, fetid discharge. Necrosis. Cancer of lips extending into face, following confusions. Severe shooting and stitching pains.

Lachesis. Acrid taste; heavy tongue; speech distorted. Cannot open mouth sufficiently. Chancre-like appearance of tongue edges. Tumour of tongue and motion hindered. Vesicles become ulcers; threatened suffocation. Tongue stiff as leather. Tongue swollen, white with raised papillae; dry red tongue, lacerated, brown in middle; dry black, stiff, trembling tongue.

Muriaticum acidum: Sweetish taste, or sour, fetid. Tongue heavy like lead, interfering with speech. Atrophy of

tongue ; purple colour ; deep ulcers with white base and vesicles. Almost entire mouth and tonsils covered with white-grey membrane. Ulcer margins and surrounding area purplish. Painful, blue tongue ; deep ulcers with inverted margins. Warty ulcers of bean size, fissured, Hardening around a centre point making expectoration and speaking difficult.

Nitricum acidum : Taste bitter and sour with burning in mouth. Tongue sensitive even to soft food is bitten in chewing. The tongue is red or whitish-yellow ; dry mornings, also green ; salivation ; dry and fissured. Sensitive white spots and points. Burning vesicles. On edge small nodules ; ulceration with thick, tenacious mucus. Deep ulcers with irregular margins. Syphillis. Glossitis aggravated by quicksilver. Takes cold easily. Hydro-genic constitution. Lip commissure lacerated as in Condurango. Ulcers bleed easily like raw flesh with jagged margins and proliferations at ground.

Phosphorus : Weak and difficult speech; can only mumble. Taste bitter, acrid, salty or sweetish ; bad taste mornings as of spoiled eggs ; burning into palate. Point of tongue swollen with burning pain. Emaciation rapid and severe, almost to skeleton. Wounds bleed easily and copiously. Muscles ; fatty degeneration. Open cancer. Scirrhus ; papillae bleed easily. Hematoid fungus.

Phytolacca : Unpleasant metallic taste. Severe pain at base of tongue, as also in tonsils ; burning sensation in posterior part of tongue. Tongue thickly coated, yellow and dry ; tip very red and hot, raw sensation and sensitive. Small ulcers as after abuse of quicksilver. Lips and tongue dry with much pain, also in tonsils ; patient feels hot. Emaciation ; Chlorosis ; inflammation of enlarged glands. It favours suppuration. Tongue thickened.

Radium bromatum : Stitching as from needles at tip of tongue ; salivation ; metallic taste ; heat in esophagus extending into stomach. Tongue dry at root. Craves cold water on account of dryness. Chilly, better from warm covering. Very tired ; weak

in afternoon. Pains in muscles and joints during thunderstorm and on motion ; better in open air and on continued motion. Nocturnal pruritus. Very excited.

Sempervivum : Deep ulcer of tongue with high margine. Cancer at or near root of tongue. Can be used internally and externally. Entire mouth sensitive and painful.

Sepia : Taste bitter, salty, unpleasant, acid. Mouth dry and hot. Burning at tip of tongue and as if torn. Small vesicles with painful margins. Tongue painful as from a scar. Cancer of lips. Swelling of submaxillary glands.

Silicea : Mornings bloody taste, or as soapforam, or bitter, or as of spoiled eggs. Loss of taste and appetite ; water has a bad taste, is vomited, Tongue painful ; sensation of hair, on tip ; tongue white, trembling, hardened. Ulcer on right side with much pus. Cancer on one side of tongue. Emaciation with pale face showing deep suffering. Fungoids bleed easily ; old ulcers with burning and stitching pain. Results of vaccination. Extensive ulceration with irregular margins malignant, inflamed cancer.

Sulphur : Taste bitter, acid, also sweetish, metallic, nauseating, as from copper. Tongue white with red edges and tip, or red with fissures, also yellowish, brown. Tongue very dry mornings, coated, becoming clean during the day ; burning pain with hard spots on sides of tongue, ulcerated : stitches ; vesicles, Skin is dry ; unpleasant body odor ; does not like washing. Unfavourable results following vaccination. Swelling of cervical, axillary and inguinal glands which are indurated or suppurating. Acrid discharges from body openings.

Tarantula : Mouth very dry, painful aphthae. fetid breath. Tongue retracted making speaking difficult suspicious plaques also on tonsils and palate. Palate hot, ulcers of malignant appearance. Unhealthy skin, Weak in all joints. Anthrax and ganerene. Spastic paralysis Neuralgias, rheumatic and nervous conditions. Vagus disturbances.

Thuja : Taste sweetish and as from spoiled eggs. Nothing seems to be salty enough. Biting of tongue. Tip of tongue red with burning ; excoriated points. Tongue painfully sensitive on edges. Small white vesicle on tongue. Round ulcer after vaccination. Small condylomas on ulcer margins. Tongue swollen, especially on right side. Varicose veins become prominent, Aphthae, mouth ulcers, purple veins. Almost unlimited proliferations, condylomas, Wartyspongy growths ; pockets in mouth filled with exudates. Sycotic manifestations. All body fluids degenerate, become sour. Digestive disturbances ; gangreous conditions. Vaccination (!) and syphilis, Epitheliomes, bleeding and spongy ; naevi ; mucous tubercles, eruptions on covered surfaces; perspiring where not covered, but where skin is covered it is dry and hot. Very much excited and sad.

Viburnum prunifolium : The decoction has cured cases, and so has *Viola odorata*.

Citrus : Scorbutus. In three cancer cases the pain was cured by citric acid.

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AN APOLOGY

We regret that some of our readers could not get their copies of 'June Issue' in time due to strike in R.M.S.

—Mg. Editor
