

The Reason: Why Homoeopaths Practice Allopathy

ABSTRACT: *This article though written in the simplest language yet creates a deep impact because it deals really with the core issue of the homoeopaths converting to allopathy. It explains the sheer logistic of their doing so and rightly explains why it should not be done. Hope you students pick up a leaf from it and even if one is influenced, Dr Kanojia's heart warming article would convert at least one student who could have turned to allopathy, into a homoeopath. That would be the reward of the efforts of all authors of this issue and in general, NJH and its editor, Dr Vishpala Parthasarathy, for choosing this apt subject.*

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This is not only a burning question but the answer is, as expected not a cool one.

Homoeopaths practicing Allopathy has a very deep rooted reason for doing so.

It could be:

- a) Making fast money
- b) Failure as a Homoeopath

Frankly speaking, students opting for Homoeopathy do so because they fail to secure an admission seat in MBBS. Right at the outset let me tell you, many of these Homoeopathic students don't know what Homoeopathy is or what is the basic difference between Homoeopathy and Allopathy, forget about Ayurveda and Unani. And the few who know something about Homoeopathy either come from medical background or through their family doctors or friends. And in reality what they actually know is that Homoeopathy is "Sabudana ki meethi goli"!

Most of the Homoeopathic colleges are ill-equipped. They don't provide basic facilities like Out Patient's Department, where students can take live cases and gain practical knowledge. In such cases one of the students becomes the volunteer, 'The Guinea Pig' on whom the professor can demonstrate as a module, endlessly the various topics.

What can one expect from such students? Later, after passing their academics, these 'poor' students join a nursing home to gain practical experience where they are fully exploited by being under paid. After a period of 6 months or 1 year they resign from the hospital and set up their own practice. Most of them might have come from poor financial background. Their parents and they want to get all the reimbursement done ASAP (as soon as possible, in today's techno and sms language). So they practice Allopathy to make fast money. And once they flourish in their 'business' they don't look back and forget the 'H' of Homoeopathy, the Holistic science.

Few of the talented ones practice Homoeopathy. And if they don't succeed...they relinquish it and start as a general practitioner.

In short, Homoeopaths practicing Allopathy can be attributed to the fast paced life, desire to be at par along with their colleagues, to have their own home and lead a luxurious life.

True, this and much more can be achieved while practicing Homoeopathy, but it will need patience and trust in one's own abilities and science...

I speak from my own experience.



Why Have you Come to Homoeopathy?

ABSTRACT: *The author has penned down the reasons of Homeopaths turning to Allopathy based on his own experience. He says to be in the techno world even the patients expect a fast result & hence dont have patient to wait.*

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Why have you come to Homoeopathy? This is the commonest question I have been asking at every orientation of the 1st year BHMS class. The answer is also very common. "I did not get admission in MBBS or BDS."

Before we delve into the topic of "Why Homoeopaths practice Allopathy?" We need to understand the mental constitution of an individual who wants to take allopathic medicine as a career option. Most of the individuals choose to pursue allopathic medicine as a career option due to its lucrative outcome, quick popularity; the age old image that Doctor is God and can cure everything under the sky, quick name and fame and of course, most importantly, that one can mint money like a machine.

There are certain individuals who have an allopathic background in form of a father, mother or any other close relative who is an allopath or an ayurveda or homoeopath who has turned to allopathy in the days when patients did not care to know whether their family doctor is MBBS, or LCEH, or BAMS or LCPS or DASF or for that sake ABCD? Sadly, there are many who don't bother as long as they receive their daily dose of injection or IV fluids. Hence these lucky ones inherit a well set practice, good will and trust created by their predecessor. These people don't have their own identity and don't mind to be known as so and so's son or anything else for the rest of their lives or at least till their self respect wakes them up someday from the slumber of dependency, to do something different.

There is another set of individuals who are optimistic dreamers, who wake up everyday with a dream of a posh home, chauffeur driven car, high standard living, who are always thinking of how to make money at any cost or rather at the cost of anyone's life, in this context, the patient. They don't put in enough efforts for the studies and secure a percentage which is not enough to get a seat for the allopathic stream and so get disappointed and have to choose any other so called alternative medical stream like Homoeopathy, Ayurveda or Unani. But their dream persists, their thirst for money and fame remains unquenchable, as ever and so they resentfully and grudgingly enter into any stream with the sole and only aim of practicing allopathy, whatever happens or whatever law is passed. Homoeopathy is just a substitute and a ladder to climb and reach to their ultimate dream of practicing allopathy. Such people throughout their academic career in Homoeopathy criticize Homoeopathy and try to demotivate other fellow students and create their own notorious gang of allopathic homoeopaths to support their own insecurities and fears.

Of course then there are also few who are very sensitive, compassionate, kind hearted individuals, who cannot see the sufferings of others and who want to devote their entire lives for betterment of others. Unfortunately these are on the extinct list.

In this context we also have to look at what Master Hahnemann had expected of a Homoeopathic Doctor. It all starts with the Mission to restore the

sick to health. So he makes it very clear in the first Aphorism of Organon that if you want to practice Homoeopathy, it is not a bed of roses but a path full of thorns. It's a Mission. There are no immediate gains in form of money but of course there is lot of satisfaction, peace of mind and a good night's sleep without the tension of loosing your license to practice medicine and choose some other alternative profession like Insurance, medical transcription or the fear of being prosecuted by the law. Then he says if you are ready to take up this work as a Mission then you need to have certain qualities of your own like freedom from prejudice, sensitivity, intelligence, tactfulness, circumspection, fidelity in tracing the picture of the disease.

Dr Hahnemann goes a step ahead and says if you are ready for the Mission and have the above qualities then you need to possess various knowledge's like Knowledge of disease, Knowledge of the medicines and their application, Knowledge of the dosage and knowledge of obstacles to cure. With all these things Dr Hahnemann feels that a Homoeopath will be able to practice Homoeopathy rationally and ethically.

The first two individual mentalities which we saw will never take up Homoeopathy or for that sake any medical profession as a Mission, neither will they strive to inculcate the qualities required of a Homoeopath and of course with the little knowledge they have of disease and Allopathic Medicines, they have they will be able to practice in

some slum and keep suppressing or palliating the sick with their injections, IV fluids and pain killers, antacids and steroids worth 10 or 20 rupees.

The law says that a Homoeopath should practice Homoeopathy only, but still there are some who are blinded by the shine of money and fame and continue to do so till they are caught. So the answer to the question of why homeopaths practice allopathy is lack of morals, lack of ethics and most importantly, lack of reverence for our Master Hahnemann who toiled all his life and fought against all odds to keep this system alive. Our Masters were wise enough to leave their set allopathic practices and follow a new, unknown system and succeed in it. On the other hand we have a breed of fools who do not want to practice rationally and ethically, instead run after quick but temporary money and fame. Truly Dr Hahnemann was a Visionary. He had also named them before they were born "MONGREL SECT"

Law requires a doctor qualified in Homeopathy to practice in homeopathy only and he is under a statutory duty not to enter the field of any other system of medicine. And if the doctor practices allopathy without being qualified in that system, then he is guilty of negligence per se in consonance with the maxim "sic utero tuo ut alienum non loedas"

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