

What decides Curability in a case?

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This case reiterates principles of homoeopathy as outlined by Hahnemann and other stalwarts. Curability or reversibility does not only depend upon the severity of the underlying pathology but also the vitality and how clearly it is expressing the sickness ie a patient with advanced pathology and yet relatively clear remedy image, favors a good prognosis but a relatively minor pathological change yet no clear remedy image, gives a bad prognosis.

CASE: We examined Mr RPG (H/M/37) for the first time on 7/1/1992 and our case record (after chronological rearrangement) states the following:

The patient complained of severe pain in the right ear on 30/10/1991, followed by a high rise of temperature 104° F, along with generalized weakness and unconsciousness. He was admitted to a hospital and put under antibiotics. He deteriorated and went into a coma lasting a week. During this time he also had generalized convulsions.

After coming out from coma, he now suffers from **aphasia** and **quadriplegia** (of upper motor neuron type). There is no apparent understanding, no comprehension, no attempt to obey commands nor any attempt to commu-

nicate. He passes stools and urine involuntarily.

Since last week there has been some improvement in the muscle power of left limbs, so when I examined him I found Rt sided complete paralysis with aphasia with left sided hemiparesis.

On trying to interact with him, I felt I saw occasional expressions of pain? And dejection? He is a dark skinned, tall, well built individual with many dark circular scar marks on the limbs and trunk.

He gave a history of repeated boils for about 3-4 years before this illness, which have not recurred since the present illness. Before illness he was a chilly patient

His CT scan showed multiple infarcts with evidence of cortical atrophy.

OUR TREATMENT WITH THE FOLLOW UPS READ

07/1/92: *Nux-vomica* 30/2 doses. OD.

10/1/92: No change. *Bothrops-l* 200/2 doses. OD.

17/1/92: No change. *Bothrops-l* 200/2 doses. BD for 1 day.

28/1/92: The patient sang a single verse of Hanuman Chalisa.

21/1/92: He has not spoken further but is taking more interest in the surroundings; his eyes now follow a person entering and leaving the

room. He also looks at the person who is talking to him. According to the physiotherapist the power of left hand has increased considerably. Placebo.

07/2/92: Muscle power³. Can grasp things with his right hand. Patient is trying to correlate things, when given the telephone he tried to take the receiver to his ear. Constant movement of his left leg. Placebo.

14/2/92: The patient spoke for 15 minutes and sang verses from hanuman chalisa.

16/2/92: Now can stand up with assistance. Obeys simple commands. Can raise hands. Constant movement of his left arm and left leg Placebo.

25/2/92: Constant movement of left hand and leg continued. Sings on hearing songs. Weeping bouts. Placebo.

04/3/92: No further change. The involuntary movement of the left limbs continue. *Zincum-met* 200/2 doses.

15/3/92: Pt talking occasionally -with clarity and coherence. The involuntary movement of left limbs diminished but persisting. Placebo.

21/3/92: No further change. *Zincum-met* 200/2 doses.

06/4/92: Patient had urinary tract infection with fever and convulsions. Repeats questions since then. Placebo.

06/4/93: Speech better. Can talk with individuals now. Skin eruptions since last 1 month. (Old symptom?) Burning during urination. Irritability. *Zincum-met* 1M/2 doses

17/6/93: Skin eruptions increased—itching followed by bleeding more on right side, Rt hand, penis and scrotum. Headache <Talking, Dysphagia < talking. Patient talks fluently. At times there is loud moaning. Memory of past events, is very good. Burning during urination increased.

For the record I would also like to mention that during this entire time the patient was under Gardinal (60 mg) I tab TDS and Eptoin 2 -1—2 per day. He was also put under antibiotics repeatedly during the time of 6/4/92-6/4/93 for urinary tract infection.

My case record ends with: The Patient discontinued for the following reason: No improvement with skin eruptions.

DISCUSSION: This case brings out the following points beautifully:

- 1) Just because a patient is suffering from a severe pathological condition it does not mean that his condition, is incurable or irreversible. Curability, in a given case depends upon how clearly is the vitality manifesting itself and asking for a curative aid.
- 2) The case also brings out what has been observed by thousands of homoeopaths worldwide, namely the principles of Externalization, and reappearance of old symptoms en route to health.



**Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour.
Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. THAT'S relativity.**

- Albert Einstein

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office.

— Robert Frost