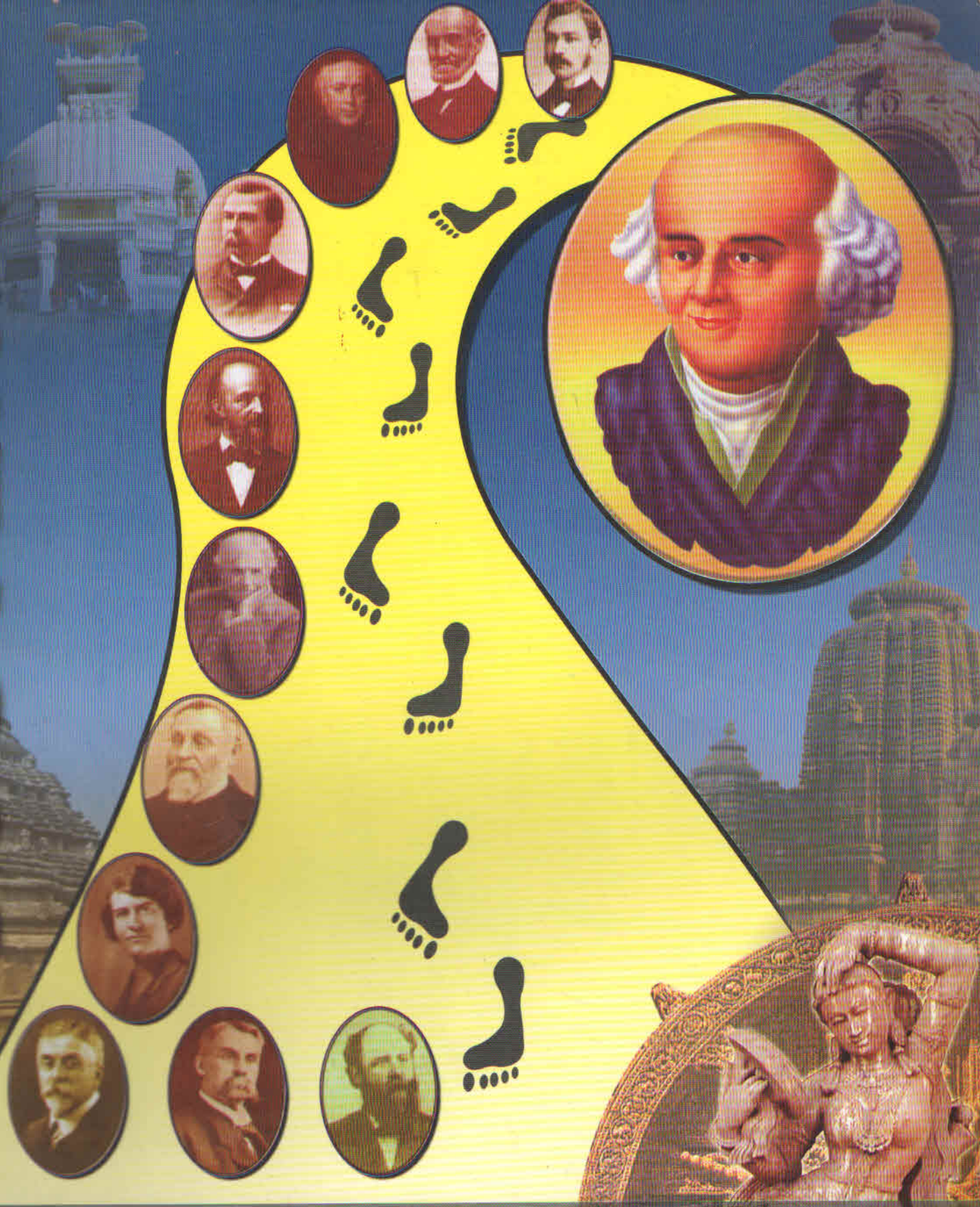


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RARE DRUGS FOR THE DISEASES OF THE JOINTS

CONVERSION OF TRITURATION INTO LIQUID POTENCY

Homoeopathy believes in symptom totality irrespective of any nosological classification of the disease still, at times when there is paucity of symptoms to draw a totality the choice of simillimum is made by principles of organopathy i.e, special affinity of drugs towards a particular organ or by taking into account a single uncommon symptom. So while discussing the rare drugs the above principles of selecting simillimum is to be emphasized.

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (RA)

Common symptoms of the RA are as follows: -

- Morning stiffness.
- Initially the site of attack is smaller joints.
- Swelling of the joints.
- Deformity & contracture of joints & muscles.
- Rheumatic Nodules found in approx. 20% of cases.
- Damp weather precipitates the attack.

INDICATIONS OF RARE DRUGS FOR ABOVE SYMPTOMS

1) Morning stiffness -

Gettysburg Water: -

- Rigidity in the lumber region, hip joints,

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- < - On moving in morning

- > - Rest (rev. of R.T.)

2) Drugs having affinity towards smaller joints -

Actea spicata :-

- Rheumatism of small joints.
- Specific for rheumatism of wrist joint.
- Swelling & redness of the joints with tearing pain
- < Any slight motion

Asclepias Tuberosa :-

- Rheumatism of small joints
- Catarrhal dysentery with Rheumatic pain
- Sensation as if a adhesion being broken up on bending rheumatic joints

Mancinella: -

- Pain in thumb

Hedeoma: -

- Pain in thumb joint
- Pain, coldness and paretic condition
- Tendo achilles painful

Propylamin: -

- Pain in wrist and ankle



- <Slight motion
- Unable to stand
- Needle held in fingers gets too heavy
- Acute rheumatism with fever

Comocladia Dentata: -

- Affecting small joints particularly the ankles.
- Throbbing pain in joints < by heat (Ledum pal; Bryonia; Medo; Guaco)

Gualicum: -

- Immovable stiffness of joints
- A feeling of heat in affected point
- < Heat, motion, cold weather

Lacticum Acidum: -

- Rheumatism with diabetes

Lithium Carb: -

- Affecting finger joints
- Nodular swelling of the joints
- Itching about the joints.
- By hot water

Lithium lacticum: -

- Rheumatism smaller joints
- By rest
- >Moving about

Strychninum: -

- Rheumatism with extreme stiffness of joints.

Viola Odorata :-

- Right side
- Pressing pain in right carpal and metacarpal joints.

Paeonia: -

- Pain in wrist and fingers and toes
- Weakness of legs, inhibiting walking

Ulmus: -

- Rheumatic pain of wrist with formication and numbness of feet and leg.

Zincun Met: -

- Soles of feet very sensitive.

Granatum: -

- Pain in all finger joints with infestation or history of infestation of Tapeworm.

Lappa: -

- Pain refers in downward direction
- Pain in hand and ankle, extending to fingers and toes.

Ranunculus Scleratus: -

- Sudden burning and sticking pain in right toe.

RHEUMATISM CAUSING CONTRACTION (Stiffness), DEFORMITY AND SWELLING

Gualicum: -

- Stiffness of shoulder joint with feeling of heat
- < Hot application.

Arbutus Andrachne: -

- Rheumatic stiffness of larger joints associated with eczema

Colchicine(3X) :-

- Arthritis defermens
- A specific drug for intense pain of Rheumatism.



Manganum Aceticum: -

- Rheumatic pain in knee and feet with nightly digging pain cramps in calves and stiffness in muscles of leg.

Methylene blue: -

- Gonorrhoeal rheumatism with cystitis

Piper Methysticum: -

- Arthritis deformans
- Pain in thumb joints

Salicylic Acid: -

- Knees swollen and painful
- Shifting pain < night

Limulus: -

- Pain in right hip joint, sore heel.

Formica Rufa: -

- Rheumatic stiffness and contraction of joints.
- Right side
- Nodules around joints
- >-Warmth; pressure; rubbing <-Cold washing ; dampness.

RHEUMATIC NODULE

Lithium Carb: -

- Nodular swelling of finger and toe joints with itching about joints >- hot water

Ammon Phos (3x): -

- Nodosties of the joints of the fingers and back of hands.

Formica Rufa: - described earlier

Urtica Urens: -

- Rheumatism associated with Urticaria like eruption

CERVICAL SPONDYLITIS: -

Common symptoms of this disease: -

- Pain in cervical region
- Stiffness of cervical region
- Pain in Rt. Scapular region
- Pain in left scapular region

I) PAIN IN CERVICAL REGION

Chinum Sulph: -

- Great sensitiveness of dorsal vertebra and last cervical vertebra.
- Pain extends to head and neck

Fagopyrum: -

- Stiffness of muscles of neck with sensation as if neck could not support head
- Pain in shoulder with pain along fingers

Granatum: -

- Pain around shoulder as if heavy lead had been carried with pain in all finger joints

Ferrum Pic: -

- Pain in right side of neck and down the arm.

Lachnantes: -

- Stiffness of neck
- Pain in nape as if dislocated
- Torticollis
- Neck drawn over to oneside in sore throat

Radium: -

- Pain and lameness in cervical vertebrae
- Drooping the head.
- Standing and sitting erect.



Stellaria Media: -

- Shifting pain in chronic Rheumatism
- Rheumatic pain in shoulders arms and calves of legs.

X-ray: -

- Stiffneck
- Sudden cracks in neck
- Pain more severe behind ears
- Pain more severe when lifting head from pillow

Zincum Valerian: -

- Pain in neck and spine
- Cannot sit still
- Must keep legs in constant motion

Guaicum: -

- Stiffness and sore shoulder
- Contractive pain between scapula
- Stitches between scapula to occiput

II) STIFFNESS:

Juglans Cinerea: -

- Muscles of neck rigid lame
- Pain between scapula and specially under right scapula

Menthol: -

- Muscular pain in cervical region with catarrh of nose, pharynx, larynx.

Niccolum Sulphuricum: -

- Neck region stiff and numb
- Spinal pains with legs and arms heavy and weak
- < - Lying on back

Rhodium: -

- Stiffness and rheumatic pains down left shoulder and arm.

Trifolium Pratense: -

- Neck stiff
- Cramp in sternocleidomastoid muscle
- Tingling in palms
- Hands and feet cold
- >-By heat and irritation

III) PAIN IN RIGHT SCAPULAR REGION

Chenopodium Anthelminticum: -

- Intense pain between angle of right shoulder blade near spine and through the chest

Guaco: -

- Pain between scapula extending to forearm.
- Burning in nape of shoulders
- Pain along spine
- < -Binding
- Weariness through tips and lumbar region

Ichthyolum: -

- Lameness in right shoulder and right lower extremities.

Ipomoea: -

- Acting in top of right shoulder
- Renal colic.

Juglans C : -Described

Palladium: -

- Rheumatic pain in right shoulder with tired feeling.



Solonum Lycopersicum: -

- Sharp pain in right deltoid and pectoralis muscles.
- Pain deep in middle of right arm.
- Rheumatic pain in right elbow, right wrist and hands of both sides.

Sticta: -

- Rheumatic pain in right shoulder joints, deltoid and biceps.
- Swelling, heat, redness of joints.

Strontium: -

- Rheumatism pain in right shoulder.
- Rheumatism with diarrhoea
- Ice cold feet.

Urtica Urens: -

- Rheumatism with urticaria
- Pain in right deltoid, ankle and wrist

IV) PAIN IN LEFT SCAPULAR REGION:

Asparagus: -

- Rheumatic pain in back specially near shoulder and limbs.
- Pain at Acromion process of left scapula under clavicle and down arm with feeble pulse.

Chenopodi Glauci Aphis: -

- Severe pain in region of lower inner angle of left scapular blade running into chest.

Onosmodium: -

- Pain in left scapular region with tired and numb feeling in Legs, popliteal spaces and below knees.

Rhodium -:

- Dull headache.
- Stiffneck and rheumatic pain down left shoulder and arm.

- Lips dry.
- Nausea especially from sweets.

OSTEOARTHRISIS

Mostly weight bearing the joints particularly shoulder joints and knee joints are affected.

Some rare drugs affecting shoulder joints are given below.

I) AFFECTION OF RIGHT SHOULDER:

Kalmia.lat: -

- Deltoid rheumatism especially right.
- Pain with numbness, shifting, descending down in character

Mag-Carb: -

- Tearing in right shoulder as if dislocated
- Right shoulder painful
- Can't raise it (Sangunaria)

Palladium: -

- Rheumatic pain in right shoulder, right hip and sciatica with peculiar mental symptoms.

Sang. Can: -

- Rheumatism of right shoulder joints.
- Burning of soles and palms.

Cedron: -

- Lancinating pain in joints particularly ball of right thumb extending upto arm and shoulder
- Pain in ball of right foot extending to knee.

Sticta: -

- Rheumatic pain in right shoulder joints, deltoid and biceps with swelling, heat, redness of joints.
- Rheumatic pain with obstructed nose or preceding catarrhal symptoms.



Urtica Urens :-

- Acute deltoid pain (externally-Q)
- Acts as palliative

II) AFFECTION OF LEFT SHOULDER:

Cinnabaris: -

- Pain in upper arm and forearm, from elbows down including hands.
- Coldness of joints
- Pain when barometer lowers.

Guaiacum: - Described

Morgan Mur: -

- Pain in left shoulder with painful ankles.

Indium: -

- Stiffness in neck and shoulder.
- Pain especially in left arm with restless and weary legs.

Asparagus: Described

Paris Quadrifolia: -

- Pain in left shoulder jt. with pain in left intercostal region with stiff arm.

Nux Moschata: -

- Pain left deltoid.
- > - Warmth; dry weather.
- < - Cold moist; wind.

GOUT

- There are number of drugs for gout in Homoeopathy
- However few drugs which are very useful and commonly used in practice are given below.

Arbutus Andrachne :-

- Eczema associated with gout
- Symptoms shift from skin to joints

Ammonium Benzoicum :-

- Gout with albuminaria
- With urinary incontinence in the aged.

Colchicine (3x): -

- For intense pain of gout and rheumatism
- With intestinal catarrh.

Daphne Indica: -

- Right toe swollen
- Painful
- Pains shoots upwards into abdomen and heart
- Craving for tobacco.

Formica Rufa: -

- Gout (Right sided)
- Acute outburst of gouty persons especially when assuming the neuralgic form
- >- Pressure; <- Motion

Piper Methysticum: (Kava -Kava)

- Pain in thumb joint, Right side.
- Drowsy.
- Loss of muscular power.

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