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Materia medica approach towards cancer

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Cancer, a multimiasmatic disease, is the end- result, the end products to the disease that has begun far back in years at the dynamic and functional levels. As the disease advances, the constitutional symptoms pointing to the constitutional remedy progressively regress, to the stage of pathology which advances further to the stage of irreversible nature, so as to become incurable. At this stage, Palliation alone is possible. Cure is impossible.

The problem in cases of cancer is to find the symptoms in the patient before the cancer develops with gross pathology. Besides, patients come to the homoeopathic physicians after they have undergone the usual rounds of oncologists with their battery of surgery, irradiation, or chemotherapy. These hamper natural evolution of the disease picture on account of tampering with susceptibility, thus spoiling the picture of the disease.

Still, Homoeopathy can serve great relief to the cancer patients, affecting the subjective relief of symptoms & occasional regression of the tumor. Sometimes, the constitutional symptoms are still available in the case, despite advanced irreversible pathology, the susceptibility is strong enough to throw up the constitutional symptoms, and a clear remedy may emerge. Homoeopathy has a very important role to play in cases of cancer, by using the "synergistic approach", integrating the sensation & symptoms of a particular indication to select the similimum remedy.

While undergoing homoeopathic treatment, chemotherapy is unfavorable because it weakens the vital force & undermines the body's self healing powers, which the homoeopathic remedies try to strengthen. Moreover, the homoeopathic remedies are often antidote by chemotherapy. If at all, a patient seeking homoeopathy treatment must remain on chemotherapy, it is given intermittently in short- term courses, along with the homoeopathic medicine.

There exists a great number of "Cancer" remedies of tried & proven effectiveness. Although, the better known & more widely used polychrest medicines, such as, Sulphur, Calcarea carbonica, Natrium muriaticum, Silicea, Medorrhinum, etc are regularly employed when treating cancer, there are various specific remedies too for doing so. The two sovereign nosodes, prepared from cancer cells, i.e. Carcinosis and Scirrhinum, have been remarkably versatile in action in many cases, especially when there is a family history of cancer, in cancers of breast, lungs, liver, rectum, prostate, uterus, and leukemia. These can be prescribed alternately with the constitutional remedy to combat & heal the existing cancer & prevent relapses or recurrences. Other remedies that figure prominently in a large number of cancer cases are Conium, Thuja and Arsenicum album, particularly those of the stomach, colon, rectum, bladder, ovaries, uterus, prostate, esophagus, breast, liver, etc. W. Boericke says, 'Arsenicum album maintains the system under the stress of malignancy regardless of location.' Arsenicum album is one of the best remedy for relief of pain or discomfort, especially during the terminal stage. Aurum muriaticum natronatum, Pulsatilla, Sepia and Lilium tigrinum are also helpful and principal remedies for cervical cancer.

Two years ago, a female of 58yrs, presented with extreme, intolerable pain with stony, hard, nodular swelling in left breast. Pain was aggravated at night. The breast was sore to touch and sensitive to clothes even. The investigations said that she was suffering with 2nd stage Breast carcinoma. Based on the totality of symptoms, the patient was prescribed Conium Mac 200/1 dose. Within 3weeks, her pain and tenderness reduced by 30%. Waiting for 2months, the patient was prescribed Conium mac 1M/1 dose, after seeing the improvement of the case. Since 2 years, the patient is living happily with no such symptoms.

MASTER KENT HAS SAID,"MAIN REASON FOR FAILURE OF CANCER IS LACK OF INFORMATION". AS PATIENT BECOME TOO OLD AND FORGET ALL HIS PREVIOUS SYMPTOMS. IN SUCH CASE, WE SHOULD TRY TO EXPLORE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND IF WE DONT GET IT, THEN PRESCRIBE ON PRESENT TOTALITY. MANY TIME THIS WILL HELP AS THIS WILL OPEN DEEPER LAYERS HIDDEN INSIDE AND BRING OUT NEW SYMPTOMS, WHICH PATIENT WILL RECOGNIZE AS HIS OLD SYMPTOMS.

Thus, Homoeopathic drugs have proven biological action in cancer; in vitro & in vivo; in animals & humans; in the lower,

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as well as in the higher potencies. Homoeopathy has offered the exceptional safety of the treatment & the relatively frequent observation of beneficial clinical effects, in innumerable cases of cancer.

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