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PRECLUDE AMPUTATION IN SURGICAL CASES -A STUDY ON DIABETIC DRY GANGRENE

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Abstract:

Gangrene is one of the serious complications found mostly in people who have diabetes or blood vessel disease. Multidisciplinary management of gangrene is necessary to avoid complications like amputation and permanent disability. Homoeopathy can prevent amputation in such condition by stimulating the immune response of the body. It helps in healing of wound by increasing the blood circulation of the affected area, it is evident from this case of male with age of 55 years who was suffering from gangrene and treated within 4 months with Homoeopathic similimum which was selected on the basis of individualisation.

Keywords: Homoeopathy, Gangrene, Individualisation, Argentum metallicum.

Introduction:

Definition: Gangrene is a form of necrosis of tissues with superadded putrefaction. Gangrene happens when tissues in body die after a loss of blood supply. ^[1] This potentially life-threatening condition may occur after an injury or infection, or in people suffering from any chronic health problem affecting blood circulation. **Types:** 1. Dry gangrene- In dry gangrene there is a classical line of demarcation between necrotic and normal tissues with little or no discharge or pus. ^[2] 2. Wet gangrene. 3. Gas gangrene 4. Fournier's gangrene. **Causes:** Vascular, Infection, Neoplasm, Trauma, decreased temperature, autoimmune diseases such as lupus erythematosus, scleroderma and rheumatoid arthritis may be associated with Raynaud phenomenon, endocrine gangrene can be associated with diabetes. **Symptoms:** Dry and shrivelled skin that changes colour from blue to black and eventually sloughs off. • Cold and numb skin, pain may or may not be present. Symptoms of wet gangrene may include. Swelling and pain at the site of infection • Change in skin colour from red to brown to black • Blisters or sores that produce a bad smelling discharge. • Fever and feeling unwell. As a system of medicine, Homeopathic treatment can avoid amputation of the limb. Homoeopathy recognizes man as the multi-dimensional composite entity where mind, body and spirit are viewed as an indivisible entity and union. ^[3]

Material and method:

Case: A 55 years old male reported to the outpatient department (OPD) of Solan Homoeopathic medical college and hospital Kumarhatti, (H.P.) on 04/05/2021 came with complaint of pain, numbness and black discolouration of skin on right ring finger since 2 months. He also has pain in the neck region and hoarseness of voice.

History of present complaint: Patient was apparently well before 2 months back. He got an injury on right ring finger with knife while cutting fruits. Firstly he has taken home remedies but there was no improvement. He avoided going to hospitals due to fear of corona epidemic and taken treatment from a quack after that condition becomes worst. There was blackish discolouration of skin and skin was cold to touch. There was no discharge coming from the affected area. Numbness was present along with severe pain. An edge has clear demarcation between healthy & necrotic tissues, so the diagnosis of dry gangrene was confirmed. Allopathic system of medicine has suggested amputation of finger. But he wanted to avoid surgery, So she visited to S.H.M.C. &H. for treatment.

Past history: Patient has history of diabetes mellitus since 9 years and pain in the right shoulder since 4-5 years.

Family history: Family history revealed diabetes mellitus in his father and hypothyroidism in his mother.

Physical generals: He has difficulty in tolerating hot weather. He drinks 3-4 glasses of water per day. His appetite is good. He has desire for sweets. Regular bowel habit. Frequent desire to urinate. Stitching sensation and weakness of body.

Mental generals: He is an irritable and very talkative man. He was works as a typewriter at court since 20 years. He lives with his wife and son. He is very manipulative. He always remain in a hurry. He was in anxiety and stress due to corona epidemic and fear of loosing his job was continuously in his mind.

Diagnosis: Dry gangrene.

Analysis and Evaluation of symptoms:

S.NO.	SYMPTOMS	MG/PG/PARTICULARS	INTENSITY
1.	Always hurry	MG	++
2.	Frequent urging to urinate	Particular	+++
3.	Hoarseness of voice increases during talking	Particular	+++
4.	Desire for sweets	PG	++
5.	Stitching pain	PG	++
6.	Weakness of body	PG	++

Repertorial totality:

S.NO.	SYMPTOMS	CHAPTER/RUBRICS
1.	Always in hurry	MIND-HURRY
2.	Frequent urging to urinate	BLADDER-URGING to urinate-frequent
3.	Hoarseness of voice increases while talking	LARYNX AND TRACHEA-VOICE-hoarseness -talking-agg.
4.	Desire for sweets	GENERALS-FOOD AND DRINKS-sweets -desire
5.	Stitching pain	GENERALS-PAIN-stitching -outward
6.	Weakness of body	GENERALS -WEAKNESS

true experience is the best guide for a physician to know how much small a dose should be in order to bring upon a cure without causing unnecessary aggravation of the disease.

Follow up:

Date	Change in symptomatology	Prescription
20/05/21	Pain in finger better	Placebo 200 1 dose Rubrum 30/BD/15 days
06/06/21	Pain and numbness better	Sac lac 200 1 dose Rubrum 30/BD/ 15 days
20/06/21	Pain and numbness better	Sac lac 200 1dose Rubrum 30/BD/15 days
06/07/21	Pain and numbness better, black discolouration of skin slight better	Sac lac 200 1dose Rubrum 30/BD/15 days
21/07/21	Pain and numbness better, black discolouration of skin slight better	Sac lac 200 1dose Rubrum 30/BD/1month
22/08/21	Pain and numbness better, black discolouration of skin slight better	Sac lac 200 1dose Rubrum 30/BD/15 days

Investigation:



Fig.-1 Before treatment



Fig.-2 During treatment



Fig.-3 After treatment

Result and discussion: The case presented here was selected on the basis of totality of symptoms. Dr. Samuel Hahnemann in aphorism 80 of Organon of Medicine has mentioned

dropsy as secondary manifestation of psora. [8] In this case, patient first visited on date 04/05/2021 with symptoms of pain and numbness in the right ring finger. Patient has taken Homoeopathic treatment because he was fearful during corona epidemic and treatment from a quack has worsen his symptoms. On examination Gangrene was present on the right ring finger. An edge has clear demarcation between healthy & necrotic tissues. There was blackish discolouration of skin and skin was cold to touch. There was no discharge coming from the affected area. Numbness was present along with severe pain, so the diagnosis of dry gangrene was confirmed. Homoeopathic medicine Argentum mettalicum 200 single dose for 7 days was prescribed on the basis symptoms similarity and constitutional basis with reference to Materia Medica. On 05/06/2021 patient has shown more healthy tissue area. Homoeopathic treatment can be thought of primarily as an adjuvant to conventional treatment (Modern System of Medicine) for an early recovery and to save the suffering humanity from such deadly gangrene. As a system of medicine, Homeopathic treatment can avoid amputation of the limb. A few case reports on homoeopathic treatment of Gangrene due to diabetes have been successfully documented. [9] Homoeopathy considers patients as a whole and constitutional medicines are suggested rather than the disease specific remedies. Homoeopathy acts dynamically on the medium of the sentient faculty of the nerves and induces our body to regulate the hormonal imbalance and brings back the perfect equilibrium of health. [10] Homoeopathy considers patients as a whole and constitutional medicines are suggested rather than the disease specific remedies. [11]

Conclusion: Homoeopathy makes for a holistic understanding of the patient's immune system. With the right homoeopathic remedy, the inflammation and wound healing process set in and finally close up the wound. Within a short period, the remedy heals the gangrene, controls infection, and establishes circulation. Homoeopathy can help in treatment of gangrene without amputing the gangrenous part.

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