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- ◉ Source :- Mineral Kingdom
- ◉ Common Name :- Potassium hydrate
- ◉ Proved By :- Dr.Hahnemann
- ◉ Duration of Action :- Upto 50 days

Introduction

- ◎ It is a great polychrest , anti-psoric , anti-sycotic , deep and long acting remedy.
- ◎ It is one of the greatest monuments of Hahnemann's work.
- ◎ It is a unique remedy & is one of those ‘ Without which we cannot practice’ .

Sphere Of Action

- ◎ It acts upon Brain , nerves , muscles of bladder , respiration , larynx , face , skin & right side .

Physio-Pathological Action

- ◉ The general keynote of its action is paralysis , slow pulse, low temperature & general paralytic weakness.
- ◉ It acts on mucous membranes of different hollow organs , produces an irritant action with increased secretions.
- ◉ It acts on muscles , tendons & produces contraction of muscles and tendons , is a striking characteristic phenomenon.

- ⊙ It acts on vocal cord & produces paralysis.
- ⊙ It acts on the urinary bladder produces paralysis , leading to retention of urine.

Constitution

- ◉ **Physical Make-up Of The Body :-**
Hydrogenoid constitution with sallow complexion , dark hair and rigid muscular fibres. Physically very weak, emaciated & anaemic. Children slow to learn walking.
- ◉ **Miasm :-** Psora & Sycosis.
- ◉ **Temperament :-** Nervous .
- ◉ **Diathesis :-** Rheumatic diathesis .
- ◉ **Thermal :-** Chilly patient .

Causations

- ⦿ Long lasting grief.
- ⦿ From loss of sleep.
- ⦿ Bad effects of sorrow.
- ⦿ Fright
- ⦿ Suppression of skin eruption.
- ⦿ Exposure to cold .
- ⦿ Burns.

Physical Generals

- ◉ **Appetite** :- Sits down the appetite but a few mouthful causes satiety.
- ◉ **Thirst** :- Great thirst at times & no thirst at time.
- ◉ **Desire** :- Beer , cold drinks , refreshing things , salty things.
- ◉ **Aversion** :- Meat , Sweets.
- ◉ **Sweat** :- Morning , night , 4am , affected parts , in the open air , during anxiety , during coughing , sweat after drinking ameliorates, sour odour , single parts,during sleep aggravate.

◎ **Side** :- Right sided.

◎ **General Modalities : Aggravation** :- In clear fine weather , dry cold wind , while coming from cold air into a warm room.
Amelioration :- In damp weather , warm air , heat of bed.

Mental Generals

- ◉ Weak memory , absent-minded .
- ◉ Child does not want to go to bed alone .
- ◉ Melancholic , apprehensive & anxious.
- ◉ The patient has great sympathy for the sufferings of others .
- ◉ Very sad , hopeless & weeping mood.
- ◉ Sensation of empty space between forehead & brain.
- ◉ Throbbing & stitching pain in vertex.

Characteristic Symptoms

- ⊙ Ptosis – Drooping of upper eyelids , can not keep them open .
- ⊙ Epilepsy at the onset of puberty or from suppressed eruptions.
- ⊙ Hoarseness with rawness , aphonia worse in morning.
- ⊙ Frequent , ineffectual desire for stool , passes better when the person is standing.
- ⊙ Haemorrhoids , tough and shining like grease , in children with nocturnal enuresis.

- ⊙ Cough with rawness & soreness of chest; with inability to expectorate , sputum must be swallowed , relief by swallowing cold water.
- ⊙ Retention or passes urine involuntarily. During first sleep.
- ⊙ Rawness or soreness of scalp , throat , respiratory tract , rectum , anus, urethra , uterus etc..
- ⊙ Disappearance of milk during nursing period due to anxiety .
- ⊙ Vision gradually grows weaker until it is lost.

- ⊙ Paralysis of single parts , usually right sided , with gradual decrease of muscular power , twitching & jerking of muscles .
- ⊙ Children are late in learning to walk due to nervous weakness , unsteady walking and easy falling.
- ⊙ Involuntary urine when coughing , sneezing , blowing the nose .
- ⊙ Cough on expiration , with pain in hips , remaining after pertussis with expectoration chiefly at night.
- ⊙ Great weakness sinking of strength with trembling , drooping of eyelids .

- ⊙ Warts flat or horny , on eye lids , tip of nose , face , tip of fingers .
- ⊙ Stiffness of neck from exposure to cold .
- ⊙ Rheumatic contractions and shortening of muscles .
- ⊙ Sensation of empty space between forehead and brain. Throbbing and stitches pain in vertex.
- ⊙ Chronic middle ear catarrh. Ringing , roaring , pulsating sensation with deafness.