

Review Article

In Homoeopathy the Role of Susceptibility and Infantile Diarrhoea

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ABSTRACT

Diarrhoea is major health problem in developing countries. It is defined as passage of loose liquid or watery stool. Diarrhoeal diseases during infancy are usually brief and self limited but it can cause significant morbidity in some infants. An estimated 1.8 billion episodes of diarrhoea occurs each year and 3 million children under the age of 5 year die due to diarrhoea. Homoeopathy being an effective system of medicine for better scope in management of diarrhoea in children based on individual susceptibility.

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INTRODUCTION:

Acute diarrhoea is defined as three or more loose or watery stools per day. Diarrhoea can be caused by infection or other factors

The acute individual totality is directly related to susceptibility, susceptibility is the only basis on which the deleterious effect of diarrhoea can be understood and hence manage in homeopathic perspective.

Susceptibility is only criteria which help us in understanding the immunity, and vitality of child.

Aetiology

1. Virus- rotavirus, adenovirus, enterovirus
2. Bacteria –vibrio cholera, shigella, salmonella, E-coli
3. Dietary-food poisoning, over eating, under eating

Clinical features

1. Fever
 2. Loose stool
 3. Crampy pain in abdomen
 4. Thirst
 5. In extreme cases weak and thread pulse, low blood pressure, quantity of urine pass is reduced
- According to Stuart Close, susceptibility is, by susceptibility is general quality or capability of living organism of receiving impression the power to react to stimuli.

Susceptibility is one of the fundamental attribute of life. Susceptibility greatest in children and

diminishes with age so more susceptibility higher the potency.

Homoeopathic management in the cases of infantile diarrhoea

Arsenicum album, Cinchona officinalis, Veratrum album, Sulphur, Lycopodium etc.

Arsenicum album: This remedy is the leading remedy for diarrhea caused by food poisoning or from viral diseases. The diarrhea is worse after eating or drinking, and is usually accompanied by nausea, vomiting, burning or cramping pains in the abdomen.

Veratrum album: People who experience profuse painful diarrhea that is forcibly evacuated followed by great weakness should consider this remedy. Despite feeling very chilly, these people crave ice and cold drinks.

Cinchona officinalis: This remedy is for diarrhea with great bloating, indigestion, and general weakness. The symptoms are noticeably worse at night, in hot weather, and after nursing.

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