

"Homeopathy -- Use It Or Lose It"

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Samuel Hahnemann was a German scholar who lived in the 18th century. He had quite a reputation as a translator of texts and also enjoyed some distinction as a physician.

The story goes that one day Dr. Hahnemann made the mistake of inoculating himself with some quinine. He then experienced all the symptoms of malaria -- the symptoms it was supposed to control. Most, probably would have shrugged off the symptoms as nothing more than a coincidence. Hahnemann, however, was not most men. Why, he wondered, did he get the very thing he would never want by taking the very thing that was supposed to control it?

Sitting by the lamp at night, he tried to concentrate on the text he was translating. His mind, however, kept going back to the symptoms he had experienced. He knew that quinine was effective in the treatment of malaria. Could it be that a substance that would give symptoms to a healthy person, would be the cure for the sick individual who already had them? He had to find out.

To do this, he had to have healthy volunteers to prove his theory. They became the "provers" upon which an entire body of medicine was built. Over the years, Hahnemann and other researchers experimented with the provers until thousands of remedies were cataloged for just about every conceivable pathological process.

Kent, in his final repertory, almost gets to the point of prescribing remedies for pain in the little finger of the left hand after three o'clock.

The wonderful thing about homeopathic remedies is that they are made from naturally occurring substances and diluted to the degree that they do no harm. From the beginning, however, the medical establishment didn't like homeopathy. Why? Oh, just 'cause! They never really researched it -- any more than they researched chiropractic. All that mattered was that the homeopathic physician did something they hadn't been taught and, therefore, couldn't understand. The result has been a dichotomy between the allopaths and the homeopaths, with the allopaths winning in the USA by the sheer weight of numbers.

For years the allopaths have maintained that homeopathy is quackery -- but then, what's new? For me, an AMA condemnation is the best endorsement you can get. In spite of the harassment of organized medicine, homeopathy has continued to grow because it is natural, safe, inexpensive, and effective. Also, because of this, it is the natural synergist to chiropractic. Homeopathic remedies offer the natural healer a non-prescription pharmacopoeia of extraordinary dimension.

In homeopathy, the more a substance is diluted, the more potent it becomes due to the release of energy indigent to the process of dilution.

Meanwhile, back at the medical ranch, the allopaths have become aware of the increasing popularity of homeopathy, so they are now moving to restrict its administration to -- you guessed it -- themselves.

If we, as a profession, allow this to happen, we could lose a wonderful service to humanity.

Chiropractic is probably the only profession large enough to do battle with the AMA and rescue homeopathy. This will take a concerted effort. Not only will we have to overcome medicine, but the incredible apathy of our associations and educators as well.

Even if you're not interested in the use of homeopathy in your practice, you never know about the future, so now is the time to protect it by agitating to have homeopathy included in the curriculum of our schools and on our political agenda.

With innate wisdom, the Texas College of Chiropractic has recently started a postgraduate course in homeopathy and chiropractic/homeopathic associations are beginning to be started around the country.

Even some of the homeopathic companies are beginning to recognize the importance of the chiropractic/homeopathic connection as two natural professional synergists. I know of one company that even includes references to the importance of chiropractic in their texts and advertisements and gives numerous seminars around the country in an exercise in interdisciplinary cooperation.

Sources of homeopathic information are:

*Homeopathic Educational Services
2124 Kittredge Street
Berkeley, California 94704*

and

*National Center for Homeopathy
1500 Massachusetts NW
Washington, D.C. 20005*

Remember -- adding homeopathy to your therapeutic regimen does not dilute its power but increases its potency as a dimensional practice in service to your patients.

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