

CANCER DIATHESIS

DIATHESIS – Derived from a greek word..... DIATITHENANI meaning ... to dispose. Constitutional predisposition to certain disease condition.

According to Late DR. M. L. DHAWALE

“Diathesis represents certain deviations in susceptibility which are not sufficiently marked to merit the label disease and in which the responses to environmental stimuli tend to be exaggerated or erratic.”

Diathesis is a state or condition of the body or a combination of attributes in an individual causing a susceptibility to disease. For eg. sycosis or sycosis diathesis is a tendency to retain water in tissues to produce small cutaneous fig like tumors, chronic catarrh of mucous membranes and the slow insidious progressive development of these and other symptoms.

Dorcsi's Defines

Diathesis means the inherited or acquired organic weakness and systemic inferiority which leads to the morbid disposition and specific pathological process in the evolution of disease.

The morbid disposition arising from the constitution is referred to as – Diathesis. Each of the basic chronic diseases related to specific diathesis. Equating chronic disease and diathesis eg. By saying psora equals to lymphatic diathesis would be an over simplification. Hahnemann's chronic diseases are more comprehensive, while diathesis is more limited.

Types of diathesis

Many types are described by different stalwarts, some of them are...

1. **Tubercular diathesis**
2. **Lymphatic diathesis**
3. **Scrophulous diathesis**
4. **Uric- acid Diathesis**
5. **Haemorrhagic diathesis**

Dr. Hahnemann never used the term Diathesis. He use predisposing factor rather than diathesis.

Diathesis. Where the disease manifestations have a fertile soil to grow and manifest particular disease. That soil is irrigated and grown up by miasma. **Basically, diathesis is not a miasm.**

The detailed psychosomatic attributs of diathesis of psora , sycosis, tubercle, and syphilis, enable us to group the individual diathesis in to four broad classes with well-defined characteristics . This in some extent simplifies the process of individualisation.

Cancer diathesis

The homeopathic perception of cancer is based on a vitalistic approach. Hahnemann clearly stated that life is impossible without the vital force, and referred all the phenomena of health, disease and cure under the names of ‘the dynamis’ and ‘the vital force’.

There is hardly any reference in homoeopathy literature regarding cancer diathesis. Hence, it is very difficult to define what cancer miasm is but after treating hundreds of cases of cancer miasm I can say that cancer miasm consists of combination of tubercular and syphilitic together Dr.Henny Heudens-Mast in her book, “The foundation of the chronic miasms in the practice of Homoeopathy” mentions cancer miasms as a combination of Psora + Sycosis+ Tubercular +Syphilitic. But this was an original idea of Dr Roberts, who also shares the same view. Unfortunately, when I tried applying this in many patients I could not see symptoms of Psora in the patient.

The original concept of cancer miasm comes from Dr Donald Foubister, who in early sixties presented his work on Carcinisin.

Unfortunately, even what Foubister mentions about his view on Carcinisin and cancer miasm, I could not demonstrate same in my practice.

E.g. children who showed characteristic symptoms of “Carcinisin” and who were successfully cured with the nosode Carcinisin never had any past history or family history of cancer. The vice versa was also true that people having strong family history of cancer never had characteristic symptoms of the remedy, Carcinisin as observed by Dr Foubister. In fact, what I repeatedly confirmed in my practice was a strong family history and past history of either tuberculosis or diabetes.

Coming back to cancer miasm, I would like to mention the salient features as identified by me in my practice:

MENTAL:

- Creativity
- Adventurous
- Affectionate
- Ailments from - abuse
 - domination
 - prolonged unresolved grief
 - mortification
 - rejection
 - too much responsibility
- Ambitious
- Anger suppressed
- Anxiety anticipatory, family
- Biting fingers and nails
- Cares full of
- Cleanliness mania
- Confidence want of
- Conscientious
- Love for dancing
- Delusion forsaken
- Fear of cancer
- Love for animals
- Humiliation after abuse
- Intellectual
- Love for music
- Love for contemporary art
- Love for reading
- Reserved
- Responsible
- Sensitive to criticism
- Traveling loves

PHYSICAL

- Asthma after fright and wet weather
- Aversion to fat and fruit
- Bones weak and brittle

- Cancer cases in the parents or family
- Chronic allergic disorders

- Chronic hepatic insufficiency
- Constipation worse sea side
- Discharge from nipples in females
- Excessive hair in children

- General state of intoxication
- Hangnails

- Marked weakness, general or localized
- Moon phases aggravates
- Multiple moles
- Never completely recovered from childhood illnesses
- Never well since vaccination

- Past and family history of tuberculosis

- Predisposing to malignancy is when there was syphilis or gonorrhoea
- Profuse perspiration during sleep
- Recurrent inflammation of glands
- Recurrent tendency to catch cold

- Repeated vaccinations and suppressions
- Sensation of lump in throat
- Sleep disturbed by nightmares
- Sleeps on abdomen or knee elbow position
- Strong craving for carbonated drinks, chocolate, eggs, fat, spices, ham, milk.
- Tendency to recurrent infection
- Tendency to suppuration
- Urine granular casts
- Vomiting anger after
- Weakness of thighs

Dr. Eli G. Jones points out the correlation between the increase in cancer and the excessive consumption of meat (animal proteins), tea, coffee, and alcohol (stimulants that weaken the nervous system)

