

IMPORTANCE OF PATHOLOGY IN DISEASE DIAGNOSIS

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PATHOLOGY ??

- **Pathology** is the study of the causes and effects of disease or injury.
- The word *pathology* also refers to the study of disease in general, incorporating a wide range of bioscience research fields and medical practices.

- Human pathology is the science which treats of diseased or abnormal conditions of living human beings.

It is customary to divide the subject into

- General and
- Special pathology.

- *Special Pathology* is divided into *medical pathology*, dealing with internal morbid conditions, and *surgical pathology*, which deals with external conditions.
- *General Pathology* bears the same relation to special pathology that philosophy bears to the special sciences. It is the synthesis of the analyses made by special pathology. It deals with principles, theories, explanations and classifications of facts.

PATHOLOGY & HOMOEOPATHY

- Homoeopathy is based on the law of **Similars**
- Disease is studied as symptoms.

A Symptom has

1. Location – Anatomy
2. Sensation – Derangement of physiology
i.e. pathology. Derangement of anatomical
structure.
3. Abnormal functions – manifest as abnormal
symptoms and structural changes.

- A drug is studied in the following headlines, as we study a case.
- Location,
- Sensation,
- Modality and
- Concomitants

- A drug produces pathogenesis i.e. the effect of pathological manifestations caused by the drug.
- Hence the drug should be capable of producing similar pathological manifestations as found in the patient.
- Hence the homeopath should know the pathology of the particular patient as special pathology.
- While studying the case cured by homeopathic drug it is understood that it has cured the pathological changes. These pathological changes cured by the drugs are

MATERIA MEDICA

- Clinical provings in due course of time enriched the Materia Medica containing the special pathological changes. Cured by these drugs as part and parcel of the homeopathic drug manifestation. This is clinical evolution of the Materia Medica and repertory. The days are not far away to include the X Ray findings, Scan findings cured in the Materia Medica.

PATHOLOGY IN HOMOEOPATHY

- Pathology deals with causes, effects and changes in the living entity.
- Hahnemann explained the causes as partly physical and partly psychical. All the causes whether living or nonliving as physical entities are well known in the present world. Physical agencies, chemicals, living agencies as microbes, parasites etc.

HAHNEMANN – FOUNDER OF MODERN PATHOLOGY

- He stated the causes scientifically and studied the effects as symptoms in non-surgical cases.
- When he distinctly mentioned that in non-surgical diseases no matter has to be removed, he was very careful to understand where the disease tissues should be removed as in surgery.
- Here lies the knowledge of disease both in surgical and non-surgical diseases. Hahnemann thus advocated surgery according to the nature of the disease.

- During Hahnemann's time the interior was invisible. So he considered the activities as vital operations in regard to sensations and functions. Sensations and functions are physiology; when they deranged they denote pathology.
- **Hahnemann did not accept** anything that could not be demonstrated

He says,

- a) Spiritual corporeal organism and it is a highly potentialised entity.
- b) Sensational and functional vital changes are called as diseases.
- c) The changes are produced by dynamic

EXAMPLES

- Cattarrhal inflammation of the stomach – *Abies canadenses*.
- Gastric ulcer – *Abies nigra*.
- Diabetic carbuncle, diabetic Mel, – *Abroma Augusta*
- Menstrual disorders – *Abroma Radix*
- Tubercular Pleurisy with effusion – *Abrothnum*
- Epilepsy – *Absinthium*
- Haemoptysis – *Acalypha Indica*
- Cardiac Dropsy with albuminuria – *Acetanildium*
- Epithelial Cancer – *Acetic Acid*
- Hyper cholhydria – *Acetic Acid*
- Boils carbuncles – *Achyranthes aspera*
- Rheumatoid arthiritis-small joints – *Actaea spicata*
- Congenital syphilis – *aethiops mecurialis mineralis*