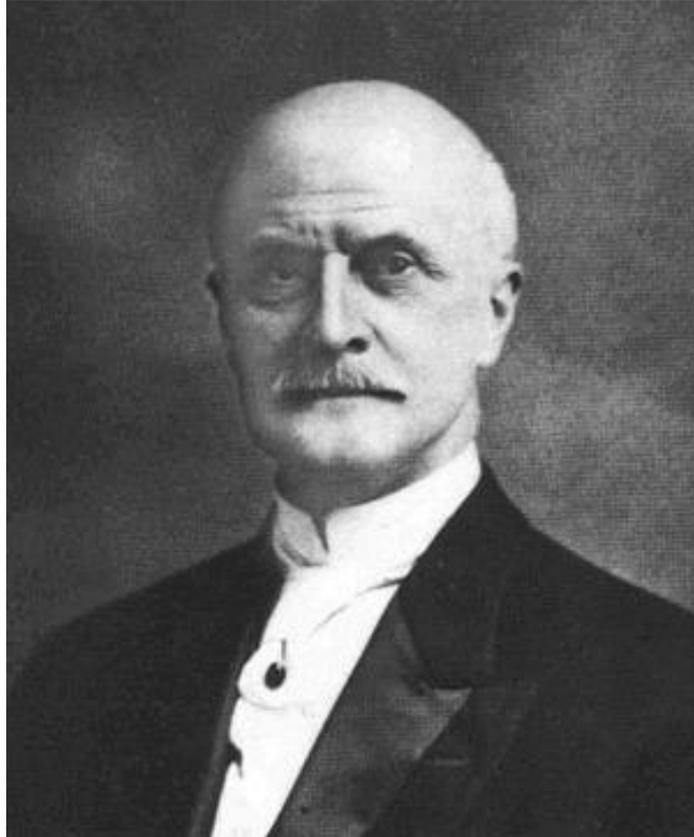


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## 1920 - Tumors of the Breast

"A year ago the few remaining copies of my book, "Cancer, Its Causes, Symptoms and Treatment," were destroyed by a fire in New York City. It is not very likely that another edition of the book will be published by me.

In my experience cancer of the female breast is the most frequent form of cancer that I have met with.

From this it will be seen that any physician who would claim to treat cancer by medicine must know the definite indications of remedies that are curative in tumors of the breast. I have at different times urged our doctors who attempt to treat cancer to study carefully the *Materia Medica* to learn the indications of the remedies that do have a curative effect upon cancer. The better a physician knows his *Materia Medica*, the more successful will he be in the treatment of cancer. It is not enough for us to know that a certain remedy is "good for cancer," but we must know a definite indication for the use of it. To learn how to treat cancer of the breast successfully, a doctor must know the *Materia Medica*, not of one school of medicine, but of all. Then we will have all those resources the draw upon.

I want to impress the fact upon the minds of my readers that four fifths of the cases of cancer of breast, are rooted in the ovaries and uterus. Therefore no matter what your treatment may be, you cannot cure your patient until you overcome the ovarian and uterine trouble.

I have learned the above fact by bitter experience of fifty years on the medical treatment of cancer.

In most cases of cancer of the breast we will have some form of indigestion. This must be treated, for it is absolutely necessary that your patient should digest and assimilate her food in order for her to make good blood and increase her vitality. In most cases of cancer we find weakened vitality. If the vitality of the victim from cancer had been at par, she probably never would have had cancer.

Weakened vitality lets down the bars for the inroads of cancer. Every surgical operation is a shock to the system; it weakens the vitality of the victim of cancer, and thus enables the cancer to get a firmer hold upon the patient. From this it will be seen that as we build up the vitality of our patient we are fortifying the system against the invasion of cancer! It has happened very many times in my practice that as the vitality of a patient goes down, the cancer springs up - grows so much faster.

The above are very important facts, for they lie at the very foundation of the successful treatment of cancer. Great care should be taken in examining the breast. Never squeeze it or pinch it for bear in mind the fact "that cancer is a sleeping lion," and you don't want to irritate it in any way. A good physician should have his eyes at his fingers' ends and be able by gentle manipulations to detect the difference between enlargement of the breast, enlargement of milk glands, fibroid tumors, and the different forms of cancer of the breast.

The female breast is often subjected to injury by a blow or fall. The breast feels sore, lame and bruised. A good local application is

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Mix, Sig. Rub it well in the injured breast three times a day - and give Tr. Arnica 3<sup>rd</sup> x internally.

Ladies sometimes have swollen breasts at the monthly periods, with lumps in the breasts. The breasts are sore and very sensitive to the touch. For this condition I have found Kali mur. 3<sup>rd</sup> x the best remedy to cure it - three tablets every two hours.

**Asterias rubens** is the remedy indicated in cancer of the breast when the patient is fleshy, the breast feels drawn inward. The breasts are swollen before the monthly period, with red face. A very red spot appears on the breast, which ulcerates and discharges foul odor. There are acute lancinating pains that extend to the scapula. The axillary glands are swollen hard and knotted. The above remedy may be given in the 3<sup>rd</sup> x dil., 5 drops every three hours.

**Arsenicum** is indicated in cancer of breast when there is a sharp, burning lancinating pain, relieved by warm applications, and if the pain is worse after midnight. The 6<sup>th</sup> x may be used.

At the very beginning of a cancerous tumor of the breast, the breast will be tender to the touch and quite soft. The patient cannot bear even the clothes to touch it. The tongue may have a white coating. The remedy indicated is **Kalium muriaticum**, 3<sup>rd</sup> x, three tablets every two hours.

**Conium maculatum**. - In tumors of the breast that swell up more at the monthly period, of stony hardness, with flying stitches, in them worse at night. The breast may have been bruised. It is especially indicated when the glands in axilla are very hard. Give conium 30<sup>th</sup> x three times a day.

**Condurango**. - The above remedy is indicated in cancerous tumors of the breast, when there are sores at the angle of the mouth and that form of indigestion that causes cramping pains in the stomach. Tr. Condurango 1<sup>st</sup> x.

**Iodide Arsenic**. - The above remedy is indicated in cancer of breast, when there is threatened ulceration of the tumor, the patient is thin and anxious, there is a puckering of the skin over the growth, and it looks red and angry. Iodide Arsenic 3<sup>rd</sup> x, after each meal.

**Belladonna**. - If you have a patient with tumor in the breast and she is worse when lying down or if there is erysipelatous inflammation with stitching pains, the above remedy will be indicated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> x dil.

**Bromine**. - If you find after the extirpation of a hard tumor in the left breast there appears a hard, uneven tumor in the right breast, which has grown tight to its surroundings, if there are periodical pains, worse at night, emaciation, suppression of the menses and depression of spirits, Bromine 6<sup>th</sup> x is indicated three times a day.

**Calcarea carbonica**. - The above remedy is indicated in hard tumors of the breast with too early and too profuse menstruation, Calcarea Carb. 30<sup>th</sup> x, three times a day.

**Calcarea Iodide** is indicated in tumors of the breast when the growth is tender, with sharp, darting pains, inability to use the arm of the affected side, for it causes pain. Calcarea Iodide 3<sup>rd</sup> x three times a day.

**Calcarea fluorica**. - The above remedy is indicated in cancerous tumors of the breast, when there are hard kernels or knots in the breast. When a growth has been removed from the breast and there remains some induration around the edge of sore, with the above symptoms, Calcarea Fluorica 3<sup>rd</sup> x, three tablets every three hours.

**Iodide Baryta**. - I have found the above remedy indicated in hard tumors of the breast of long standing; it is especially indicated in adenoid tumors of the breast in the 3<sup>rd</sup> x four times a day.

**Apis Mellifica** is indicated in cancer of the breast when there is a stinging, burning pain, whether in scirrhus or open cancer. The skin appears a dark purple color, the discharge is a light yellow color, pain in ovarian region, oedema of lower extremities. Tr. Apis Mel. 3<sup>rd</sup> x.

**Carbo animalis**. - When in scirrhus cancer of the breast the gland is indurated in little nodes, the parts being hard as stone. The skin over the growth is loose, it has a dirty blue-red appearance; there are burning pains, drawing towards the axilla. There is difficulty of breathing with perspiration of the thighs. Carbo Animals 3<sup>rd</sup> x.

**Hydrastis Canadensis.** - The above remedy is indicated when indigestion is a prominent symptom, which yellow coating down the center of tongue and clean sides and tip. Also when pain in growth is well marked. In scirrhus cancer the growth feels hard, heavy and adherent to the skin. It looks dark, mottled and puckered, with nipples retracted. The pain is like knives thrust into the part. The more pain in the growth the stronger the indication for above remedy. Tr. Hydrastis 1<sup>st</sup> x, 10 drops four times a day.

**Phytolacca Decandra.** - The above remedy is indicated when the breast is hard, like old cheese, of a purple color. It is especially indicated in patients with a tendency to fat, sluggish circulation, lazy disposition, and glandular enlargement. Tr. Phytolacca 1<sup>st</sup> x, 10 drops three times a day.

**Clematis Erecta** is the remedy indicated when there are hard nodular tumors in the breast, painful and sensitive to touch. Worse at night and during growing moon. Give Tr. Clematis 3<sup>rd</sup> x.

**Lachesis** is the remedy called for when the cancer is open (ulcerated); it has a dark purple appearance, with blackish streaks of coagulated and decomposed blood. There is lancinating pain when pressure is made upon the tumor the pain extends into the left shoulder and down the arm. There is a constant feeling of weakness and lameness in the left shoulder and arm. Lachesis 30<sup>th</sup> x, 10 drops every three hours.

**Cicuta Virosa.** - The above remedy is indicated when the patient is irritable, nervous, tumor not very sensitive to pressure, great pain with rigidity and loss of power in the arm. Tr. Cicuta 3<sup>rd</sup> x, 5 drops every three hours.

**Kreosotum.** - When the whole breast is hard bluish-red with burning pains and covered with protuberances, Kreosotum 3<sup>rd</sup> x should be given, three tablets every three hours.

**Silicea** is indicated when there are hard lumps in the breast, nipples very sore and drawn in, or with fistulous ulcers of breast. Such patients are very sensitive to cold, and warm, moist applications agree with them the best. Silicea 6<sup>th</sup> x, every three hours.

**Lapis Albus.** - When a tumor in the breast is pliable - not hard - with a certain amount of elasticity to it, and a burning pain in breast, then the above remedy will be indicated. Lapis Albus 6<sup>th</sup> x, three times a day.

**Bellis Perennis** (English daisy). - When the tumor in the breast has been caused by a blow, a bite or any injury, the above remedy will be indicated. Tr. Bellis Perennis, 10 drops three times a day.

When a cancer of the breast has been removed by pastes or plasters, when in the healing process the skin is drawn tight as the head of a drum across the seat of the original cancer, **Kali Phos**, 3<sup>rd</sup> x, should be given in alternation, every three hours, with **Silicea** 6<sup>th</sup> x every three hours.

**Graphites** - The above remedy is indicated in women who had gathered breasts, and there are scars of old abscesses that have taken on a cancerous form. It is the best remedy to absorb the scar tissue. Graphites 6<sup>th</sup> x, three tablets three times a day.

**Hoang Nan** is the remedy to remove the fetor, stop hemorrhage, and promote healing. When cancer has ulcerated, Hoang Nan 1<sup>st</sup> x, three tablets every four hours.

The pulse that goes with cancer has a weak, discouraged feeling to it, and is faster than normal. The further advanced the cancer, the more rapid the pulse. When cancer is open and discharging, either outside or inside the body, there will be a pearly tint to the whites of the eyes, showing a drain upon the system. In the last stage of cancer, the pulse will be rapid, the eyes having a watery, transparent appearance, with well-marked pearly tint to whites of eyes.

The tongue will be dark red like beefsteak. The above symptoms indicate that death is very near your patient.

A bloody, watery discharge from the nipple of the affected side, with difficulty of breathing, shows you that the cancer has fastened on to the bone. If the arm is swelled down to the ends of the fingers it is a good case to let severely alone, because it is in the last stage of cancer and past cure. It is just important to know what cases of cancer to let alone as it is to know what cases can be cured."

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