

TUBERCULINUM

The Restless Traveller

As stated by J.H. Clarke "when Tuberculinum was first launched, the medical papers were teeming with reports of cases undergoing the injection for various diseases. "Clarke says that Bacillinum and Tuberculinum are practically identical, and that, the one will answer to the indications of the other. Here in this issue we will try and study the material given on Tuberculinum and then in next issue on Bacillinum and then later compare the two.

Tuberculinum is a nosode that represents the Tubercular miasm of homeopathy. Tuberculinum miasm falls between sycotic (where there are structural changes) and syphilitic miasm (where there is destruction).

It's a struggle between when the structural changes have started and the body tries to restrict the further deterioration so as to prevent going towards destruction or death. This isn't a struggle phase, and that's what is reflected in the people having this miasm. As stated by Dr. Sankaran, the feeling in this miasm is that of being shut down, cramped and suffocated and in order to get out of that situation, one has to use all energy and work at an intense and rapid pace.

Tuberculinum patients are people who burn the candle at both ends. They are the ones you will always find to be working and trying to do better and better they are not satisfied with what they have done. There is a general feeling of discontentment found in Tuberculinum patients. Here you see manifestation like seeking

change, shifting jobs, places, changing the house, setting again and again, and you see the rubric, 'Cosmopolitan' – like to travel. This rubric or feeling or desire to travel, also arises from this basic feeling of dissatisfaction of where he is and want of change.

They are always hurried as if they have too less time to do what they want to achieve.

They have a high basic metabolic rate, the internal body also reflects the fast pace, whatever is eaten is digested very fast and the person is hungry again. He needs more fuel or energy than others as his mind and body are constantly working and also exhaust the energies faster than others. There is a desire for food, which are high energy like desire for fat, pork, pungent-tasting meats like salami and smoked meat. They also have a distinct desire for ice-creams.

Arnlyphy considers that Tub. is frequently the remedy for Bronchitis, Catarrhal Pneumonia, Lobular Pneumonia, Tubercular Pleurisy, Parenchymatous Nephritis and Grippe.

Peculiar sensations of Tuberculinum are as if the brain were squeezed with an iron ring. As if teeth were jammed together and were too many for the mouth. Of mucous in the throat; of a tumour in the throat. Pressure in stomach going to throat, as if clothes were too tight. As if the clothes on the back were wet (which is also there in Bacillinum).

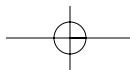
Here is a chart given on next



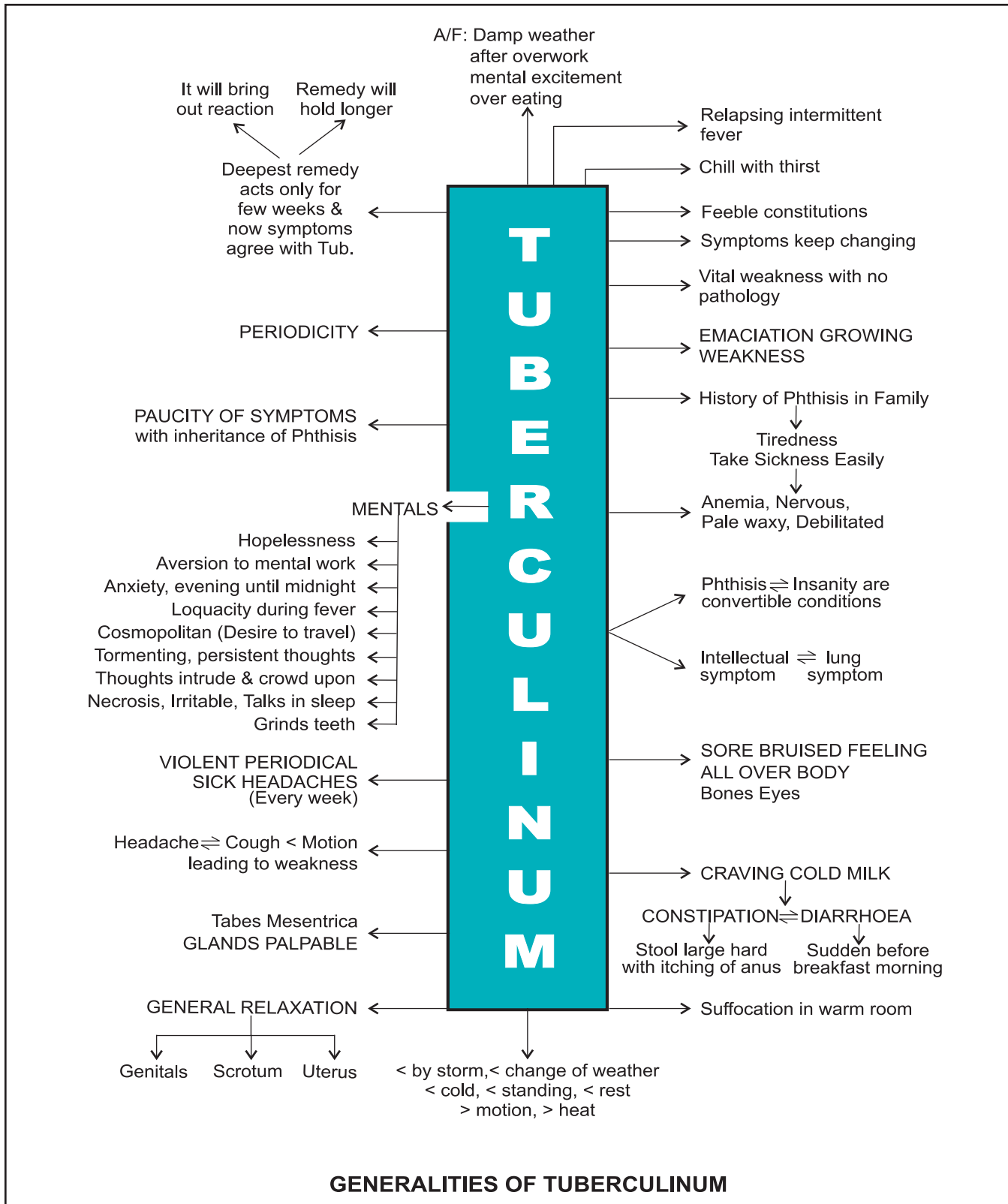
page depicting the general characteristics of the Tuberculinum:

One of the main indication is, when our deepest remedy acts only for a few weeks and they have to be changed, this remedy comes in as one of the remedies, when the symptoms agree (this is the most important thing that a nosode is to be given when the best selected remedy fails to act but the state of the person has to be such that it calls for the nosode or say the symptoms of nosode are present) and brings a better state of reaction, so the remedies hold longer.

This is a brief description of the mental and general aspects of Tuberculinum. Lot of work has been done by authors Clarke, Vithalkaus and Sankaran whose findings help us understand a holistic view of the remedy. It is one remedy which is used very less I believe but has much more scope than being utilized. Go ahead and exercise the utility of Tuberculinum and see the pace with which the people who need this recover.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dr. Geeta Rani Arora
 Editor-in-Chief

