

Dear Readers,

Cancer is a disease which has the fear factor attached to it. The reason of the fear is to a large extent the mystery attached to the disease, that is, nobody knows why it happens and it's like you don't know when and how it will strike whom. We can only predict if there is family history and keep a check, but that is all, we still cannot prevent it with surety.

The definite etiology of most cancers still remains unknown. According to a WHO finding, more than one in four people will have cancer during their lifetime and after heart disease, cancer is now the most common cause of death in western countries.

Homeopathy has a role in cancer which needs to be defined more precisely. As far as benign growths are concerned, the problem which the patient faces is usually due to the pressure effects. Benign growths can be treated very well by homeopathy and the growth regresses but it's a gradual process. Cases where pressure effects are not life threatening, homeopathy is a very good option.

In case of malignant growths, the spread is fast growing and is usually life threatening. In such cases, patients shall be operated to preserve the life of a patient. Homeopathy has a wide role in post surgery phase. Treatment of cancer is not just surgical but chemotherapy and radiotherapy are a second step to it and the third comes the management of side effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy and recovery of patient from this stage. Homeopathy has tremendous scope in tackling effects of chemo and radiotherapy which should not be limited to specific drugs but should be helped with symptomatic presentation of the case and by constitutional treatment. I have found the symptomatic medicines to be helpful for first few days of chemo and radio and in later stages, constitutional remedies to be helpful in recovery of the patient.

Before writing this editorial, I had a word with few homeopaths who have more experience in cancer cases. Dr Nilesh Mulay explained a case who had post surgery

Glioma and had a life expectancy of 6 months as per the neurologists. The patient was put on constitutional and intercurrent remedies (*Calcarea* and *Tuberculinum* in this case) and lived for 2½ years and that too, an active life where he was continuing his daily routine.

Dr Gosai also talks about helping in tackling the side effects of chemo and radiotherapy and also emphasized the role of homeopathy in improving the life condition and life expectancy of a patient.

I had a word with Dr D P Rastogi early this month and he told me that he had found Iscador therapy to be very useful for cancer cases. He had also sent us two cases which he treated by Iscador therapy. Today at the close of the journal, I called Dr Rastogi for some query but was shocked to know that he passed away this morning. He was one soul, I would always remember for his thorough knowledge and down to earth persona. Whenever he would meet, he would share some of his cases and would tell me things where I can improve myself and would also appreciate me with full heart at many places. I would always remain indebted to him for the path he showed me for growth and inspired me to use a Repertory. I'm sure the entire homeopathic fraternity has lost a great pillar today. May his soul rest in peace.

Before leading you to further pages of this issue I would like to quote from "The scope of Homeopathy" chapter of Dr Stuart Close's book "**The Genius of Homeopathy**" - *'The gross, tangible lesions and products in which disease ultimates are not the primary object of the homeopathic prescription. We do not prescribe for the tumor which affects the patient, nor are we guided by the secondary symptoms which arise from the mere physical presence of the tumor: we prescribe for the patient – selecting and being guided by the symptoms which represent the morbid, vital process which preceeded, accompanied and ultimate in the development of the tumor.'*

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