

Dear Readers,

The history of surgery goes back to 6,500 B.C.E. - some skulls found in France show signs of a rudimentary surgery called trepanation, which involves drilling a hole in the skull. It seems the surgeries were done while the person was still alive and conscious. We read that in 1540 C.E - English barbers and surgeons formed a The United Barber-Surgeons Company. The members of this association used to perform tooth extractions and blood-letting. In those times, physicians were considered an entirely different profession, treating illness with medications. With time all fields like pathology, surgery have become to be a part of the conventional medicine which was not so in the earlier times. Today, surgery represents the tremendous technical achievements of orthodox medicine on one side but the drawback is that it still cannot cure the prevailing illnesses many times. Homeopathy is a medical science which stands in comparison to the basic medicine but what we see from literature and case records that homeopathy can correct many conditions which are called surgical or known to be needing a surgical intervention. Examples of these are adenoids, recurrent tonsillitis, chalazion, first and second grade piles, renal stones, polyps, fibroadenoma, fibroids, hydrocele, carpal tunnel syndrome, varicose veins and many such illness. The issue of this month is full of examples of such cases. But there are certain conditions which fall into the realm of surgery only and we as homeopaths should accept that limitation and also be well aware of it. Homeopathy also has scope to stand as a supportive medicine for various

stages of surgery. There are medicines which can be used before the surgery, for anxiety and fear before (*Gelsemium sempervirens* and *Aconitum napellus* are examples for such cases), for prevention of fibrous tissue formation post surgery (Dr P Sankaran suggests that one dose of *Calcium fluoricum* 1M before surgery can prevent this). There are wonderful medicines for pains after surgery, hiccups after surgery, delirium after surgery. I had the opportunity to work in a cardiac speciality hospital for initial period after my study of homeopathy and there we were called to give homeopathic medicines to such patients where patients were much troubled with these complaints and we received wonderful results with homeopathy. Repertory also mentions many such rubrics like pains after surgery, ailments after surgery, cerebrovascular accidents, haemorrhoids, coronary artery diseases, condylomata.

Let's have the scope and limitation of our science defined well and then take cases which can be treated by homeopathy and maintain records so as to present an evidence based treatments. Research in the field should not be a limited work for academicians and scholars. It's the responsibility of each and every homeopath to become as part of it. With documentation only we can prove many so called surgical conditions to be brought to the category of treatable by Homeopathy.

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