

Review Article

Nosodes With Special Emphasis on Tuberculinum, Medorrhinum Psorinum in Homoeopathic Practice

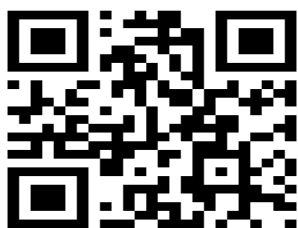
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ABSTRACT

Nosodes are a type of homeopathic remedy made from diseased human, animal, or plant materials. Nosodes have been a special source of drug to medicine. They have been employed since ages in treating several disorders empirically. Nosodes have gained much name under the isopathic mode of treatment. It is here that they need to be studied more critically with homoeopathic point of view to enhance the possibility of their use. So far nosodes have been known mostly to be of help under special circumstance only which is just the half part of the truth. Nosodes can well be used as any other homoeopathic remedy upon symptom similarity. Valuable works from pioneers need to be reviewed, studied and employed in practice with this regard. Therefore, the present study had been taken up to understand their nature, and uses in clinical practice for better and effective results.

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INTRODUCTION

Nosodes form an existing part of our Materia Medica although nosodes have several uses, we hardly ever see them given in our day-to-day work. It functions as an intercurrent treatment even when applied, in the anti-miasmatic approach. We rarely see a well proved, verified drug being used as constitutional or as an acute remedy. The Greek word, *Noso* is a prefix indicating a morbid root. It is also connected with the Latin word "noxa", meaning noxious or damaging. Nosodes are made with poisonous materials as a reason for a potentized solution to treat sickness.

Dr Constantine Hering (an understudy of Hahnemann) was the first to review and to test nosodes in people. It is crucial to keep in mind a few things:

- Nosodes have a tendency to produce strong aggravations when misused.

- Nosodes are utilized to forestall illness just during a plague.

- Nosodes must never be administered after an immunization to "antidote" the vaccine

DEFINITION: Nosodes are homeopathic remedies prepared from pathological specimens such as bacteria, viruses, diseased tissues, or bodily secretions. They are highly diluted and used in homeopathy with the belief that they can encourage the body's own healing process response, similar to the concept of vaccines in conventional medicine.

CLASSIFICATION OF NOSODES

- Basic nosodes

- Exanthem nosodes

- Isopathic nosodes
- Autogenous Nosodes
- Intestinal nosodes

The advent of Dr Hahnemann's hypothesis of the miasms caused extraordinary interest in the constant sicknesses and their enemy of -miasmatic cures. One of the immediate results of the distribution of the persistent sickness was the improvement of the utilization of miasmatic creatures as potentized Homeopathic cures.¹

It appears to be that soon after Dr Hahnemann distributed his constant infection hypothesis, Dr Hering played out the first demonstrating of Psorinum on himself. Dr Hering started the technique for utilizing miasmatic specialist as a reason for a cure and it was, he who instituted the expression "Nosode". Dr Hering is liable for extraordinarily extending the homeopathic materia medica and adding the seven new classifications of potentized remedies. Simultaneously, he was among the genuine safeguards of the four foundational guidelines of Homeopathy: similar cures similar, the single cure, the insignificant portion and the potentized cure.

Dr Hering kept on trying different things with nosodes of intense and persistent miasms and welcomed others to lead proving's. He suggested the utilization of potentized watery fertilizers of cholera, the dark regurgitation psorine (Psorinum), gleet-matter (Medorrhinum), pthisin (Tuberculinum), syphiline (Syphilinum), the desquamated skin of threatening red fever, the use of leucorrhoeal matter, the tying of bags of milk sugar in contact with the skin of typhus patients, and so on. Numerous antiquated isopathic cures were brought into the Homeopathic Materia Medica by devoted homeopaths of the 19th century.

PREPARATION OF NOSODES:

Homoeopathic preparation from Nosodes or biotherapeutic preparations are pure microbial cultures that are extracted from dead tissue and clinical materials (secretions, discharges, etc.). These infected tissues and clinical materials from which the essential stocks are ready. Contingent on the idea of material utilized, these might be partitioned into following gatherings:¹

N - I: Arrangements from lysates of miniature life forms fit for creating bacterial endotoxins. E.g.: typhoidinum, paratyphoidinum and so on.

N - II: Items produced using miniature life forms fit for creating exotoxin. E.g.: diphtherinum

N - III: Arrangements produced using cleaned poisons. E.g.: Lachesis, Naja

N- IV: Preparation produced using miniature life forms/ infections/ clinical materials from Convalescents in humans or unhealthy subjects. For example, Variolinum, Influenzinum.

THE HOMOEOPATHIC USES OF NOSODES:

When a nosode is controlled by the entirety of the side effects it is a protected simillimum very much like the mineral, plant and creature cures One's consideration might be called to the utilization of a nosode when the patient no longer advances affected by a protected cure since very much picked cures don't act, hold or just change the side effects. One more significant sign for the nosodes is a 'never well since condition' when it tends to be followed to a constant miasm, for example, smothered gonorrhoea or a stifled skin problem, and so on. A miasmatic block for the situation can likewise deliver uneven states with an absence of side effects yet the overall history or sign of the miasms is behind the scenes¹⁰

The nosode bunch qualities are a sign to explore the persistent miasms and guide their signs and side effects as well as looking carefully for the side effects of the major nosodes and hostile to miasmatic cures. Regularly one will find objective signs and abstract side effects that will individualize the cure assuming it is shown. Throughout the long term the utilization of nosodes as ongoing intercurrents has demonstrated of help to protected treatment whenever utilized accurately.¹⁶

PSORINUM: Anorexia and general asthenia are the primary indications for Psorinum. The patient's resistance to acute illnesses is extremely low, and in the chronic situation, vitality has been steadily declining. The patient is extremely sensitive to cold, has weak circulation, and low vitality. The

patient's skin seems extremely unhealthy, with a greasy face, or a propensity for severe acne and other skin outbreaks of a similar nature. They have a distinctive look. They are often ectomorphic and slender. They always appear dirty because of their extremely dry, frigid, and rough skin. They are especially vulnerable to wind and water conditions.

Psorinum in Boericke Materia medica states:

The so-called psoric symptoms are the therapeutic field of this therapy. Psorinum is a cold remedy that promotes warmth in the head and warm clothes, even during the summer. extreme cold sensitivity. Debility, particularly the weakness that persists after an acute illness, regardless of any organic pathology. Absence of response, i.e., phagocytes malfunctioning; when carefully selected treatments do not work. Scrofulous patients. The smell of secretions is soiled. excessive perspiration. heart weakness. Skin symptoms are quite noticeable. frequently confers immunity against colds. Sweating is easy when walking. Tertiary and hereditary syphilis. offensive outbursts

MEDORRHINUM: The indications for Medorrhinum fall into two categories. Patients with chronic tracheobronchitis, with or without asthma attacks, are the most common. Soft tissue rheumatism, often known as fibrositis, is the next most prevalent. Patients with Thuja occidentalis and Medorrhinum have very similar personalities, behaviours, and symptoms, making it difficult to tell them apart. Medorrhinum is likely to help someone who does not react to Thuja occidentalis while having all the symptoms. Relief from lying on the abdomen, relief from sea air, and a 5 a.m. aggravation are the defining modalities for Medorrhinum.

Medorrhinum in Allen Keynotes states:

For the constitutional effects of suppressed and mistreated gonorrhoea, when the best treatment option is ineffective in relieving or improving the condition over time. For people with gout, rheumatism, neuralgia, and conditions affecting the spinal cord and its membranes, including organic lesions that cause paralysis and have a sycotic origin. For women with fibroids, cysts, pelvic

cellulitis, chronic ovaritis, salpingitis, and other abnormal growths of the ovaries and uterus, particularly if symptoms suggest malignancy, whether or not it has a sycotic origin.

When the symptoms match and a history of sycosis can be established, the condition may be either acute or chronic in development. is related to deep-seated sycotic chronic affections of the sympathetic nervous system and spinal cord in the same way that psorinum is related to deep-seated affections of the skin and mucous membranes. Children are rachitic and pallid; their growth is stunted and dwarfed (Bar. c.); their minds are weak and dull. Extreme heat and pain, along with enlarged lymphatic glands throughout the body. Lethargy, exhaustion, and a severe overall decline in energy. The following pains are described: rheumatic, arthritic, a result of suppressed gonorrhoea (Daph. od., Clem.); constricting, as if the entire body were constricted (Cac.); aching all over, as if bruised (Arn., Eup.

Subjective *trembling throughout, extreme anxiety, and extreme fatigue.* In a state of collapse, they desire to be constantly fanned (Carbo v.); they are cold but throw off the covers (Camph., Sec.); they are cold and covered in cold sweat (Ver.).¹⁶

SYPHILLINUM The next common nosode used is Syphilinum. Aside from a clear history of syphilis, there are certain cases that have symptoms of syphilinum. However, a dose will very certainly be required throughout therapy if there is a history of syphilis, especially in the patient's medical history. Syphilinum may also be prescribed for rheumatic conditions like rheumatoid arthritis. After responding to Phytolacca decandra, rheumatism patients frequently move on to Mercurius and finally Syphilinum. Syphilinum is effective in treating certain leg ulcers that resemble Carbo vegetabilis, such as chronic, atrophic ulcers.

Syphilinum in Clarkes Dictionary of practical materia medica states:

Abscess; succession of abscesses. Alcoholism; hereditary craving for alcohol. Anus, fissure of. Aphasia. Asthma. Breasts; sensitive. Bubo. Constipation. Crying of infants. Deafness. Deltoid rheumatism. Dentition. Diplopia. Dysmenorrhoea. Epilepsy. Headache; syphilitic. Hoarseness; before menses. Iritis. Leucorrhoea; infantile. Mouth, ulcerated. Myopia. Neuralgia. Night-sweats. Ophthalmia. Otorrhoea. Ovaries, affections of. *Ozaena*. Pemphigus. Psoas abscess. Ptosis. Rectum, stricture of. Rheumatism. Sciatica. Sleeplessness. Spine, caries of. Strabismus. Stricture. Sunstroke. Syphilis. Teeth, carious. Throat, ulcerated. Tibia, pains in. Tongue, cracked, ulcerated. Ulcers. Whitlow.¹⁶

Bowel nosodes Bowel nosodes are the next most often used. The type of case where a bowel nosode is likely to be necessary is one in which persistent headaches, persistent gastrointestinal problems, and low-grade toxemia are present. A polyvalent bowel nosode may be employed in such a circumstance if treatment with one of the four usual nosodes is ineffective.

MIASMS AND NOSODES: " However, with chronic miasms, the external local symptom may be removed from the skin or may go away on its own, but the interior ailment, if left untreated, never completely or partially leaves the body; on the contrary, it keeps becoming worse over time until it is treated artistically."

In the early days of his practice when Dr. Hahnemann began applying the rule of similia, and while he was successful in treating acute and epidemic illnesses, he was a complete failure in treating many chronic illnesses. "Their beginning was promising, the continuation less favorable, and the outcome hopeless," he stated himself. These incidents prompted Dr. Hahnemann to delve thoroughly into the idea of illness and how chronic diseases arise. After years of meticulous case collection and analysis, he discovered that almost all of the chronic disease patients had a history of gonorrhoea, syphilis, or scabies, and the majority of them had been ill since the infection. He referred to these

infections and the resulting propensity for disease as miasms. The non-venereal miasm, or psora, was the one caused by scabies. Because they resulted from sexual behavior, the other two were referred to as venereal miasms. Syphilitic miasma was the name given to the one resulting from syphilis, and sycotic miasm was the name given to the one resulting from gonorrhoea. When Hahnemann announced his miasm theory in 1828 it was greeted with shock, disbelief, uproar and derision by the entire medical world. Many homoeopaths even reddened in embarrassment and dismissed the notion as absurd. It was difficult to understand Hahnemann's perspective. The miasms' grand scheme, which felt so familiar today, appeared to be words from a foreign language. You can almost get to the even broader idea of a miasm as a clustered entity derived from hundreds of cases if you start with symptom totality. But if you start from the familiar allopathic terrain of a 'disease' affecting whole populations, then the idea of miasms as *internalized and inherited dyscrasias* seems very hard to grasp. The conceptual challenge is simply one of breadth of view. Each individual case, upon which homeopathy is based, was henceforth to be viewed in the light of another totality - the family legacy of Psora, Syphilis and Sycosis.¹⁹

Hahnemann's book *The Chronic Diseases* is where the hypothesis of miasms first appeared. He said that the hypothesis was the outcome of his own research into the historical ailments of man as well as 12 years of the most meticulous work on challenging cases of a chronic nature.

It is believed that the three miasms listed in that work are the root cause of all chronic diseases and serve as the basis for all diseases in general. Kent would later go on to greatly emphasize this last point. Additionally, Kent was better able to pinpoint the cures associated with each miasm. At the time, the theory was often met with scorn and derision from all but the most ardent supporters, even though it is today widely accepted by most homoeopaths without hesitation. The

rudimentary state of medical research at the time, which was not particularly open to accepting any hypothesis on the cause of illness, much less one so expansive and all-encompassing, helps to explain this.²⁰

NOSODES On the subject of miasms' application in therapy. For example, they could want to administer Syphilinum rather than the simillimum, say Mercury, to a child who was brought into the treatment with fine syphilitic skin vesicles. Since the patient needs the simillimum, not the nosode, this would typically be seen as an inappropriate use of the miasm concept..

Such standard utilization of Psorinum, Medorrhinum and Syphilinum is along these lines disliked.

Positively, the nosode can accomplish great work, however it ought to be involved more as an infrequent between current cure, or when it turns into the simillimum - not simply regularly.

About the course of treatment Dr Allen says: "Our cures manage miasms, as opposed to names of sicknesses. The law of similars is just co-employable with those which upsets life, not the living being as a section, and we have discovered that the miasms are the determined disturbers of life.

WAYS TO ADMINISTER NOSODES:

1. When the mental, bodily, and specific symptoms are typical of the remedy's proof, it is the first sign that the nosodes are working. This makes the nosode a CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDY.

2. When well-chosen remedies fail to act, hold, or just alter symptoms, that is the second requirement for utilising a nosode. Chronic miasms like psora, sycosis, pseudopsora, and syphilis are typically the source of this. This is among the reasons it's critical to understand the miasms that underlie a constitutional condition.

3. When symptoms are absent, a nosode might be used in a third situation. In certain cases, there aren't many symptoms to prescribe. These are frequently one-sided situations in which the constitution's capacity to exhibit symptoms has been suppressed by a powerful hereditary or acquired miasm.

4. When a person has not fully recovered from a miasmatic infection and its suppression,

that is the fourth reason to use a nosode. We refer to this condition as "THE NEVER WELLSINCESYNDROME" (NWS). Medorrhinum use in a person with a history of sycosis from which they have never fully recovered is an example of this disease..

5. The fifth technique to apply a nosodes is when no single remedy fully fits the case because to partial pictures of the constitutional remedies. Although this case appears to be fractured and disorganized, the miasms and nosode group actually exhibits this pattern.

6. WHEN A MIASMIC LAYER OBSTRUCTS THE PROGRESS OF A CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDY that was improving the patient is the sixth instance of utilising a nosode. We refer to this nosode use as a miasmatic intercurrent

7. When the remedy is RELATED TO THE DISEASE GENUS, it is the seventh approach to use a nosode. Clark's use of Pertussin (Coqueluchinum) to treat whooping cough is an illustration of this technique.

8. HOMOEOPATHIC PROPHYLAXIS is the eighth method of nosode use for the prevention of particular infectious diseases. Boenninghausen's effective use of Variolinum to prevent smallpox is an early example of this.

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A CASE REPORT

Age: 14 Sex: Male

Address:

Religion: Hindu

Occupation: Student

Marital Status:

Chief Complaints- Persistent offensive otorrhoea-1 month

History of Chief Complaint:

LOCA TION	SENSA TION	MODAL ITIES	CONCOMI TANT
Ear	Offensiv e Otorrho ea Perforati on in tympani c memb	Worse music, standing	--

Associated Complaints: Perforation in tympanic membrane

Past History: NAP

Family History: No major illness

Physical Generals

- 1) Appearance: Lean complexion
- 2) Taste: NAP
- 3) Diet: Veg
- 4) Appetite: Good
- 5) Thirst: S/L
- 6) Desire: tea
- 7) Craving: -
- 8) Aversion: Meat
- 9) Intolerance: NAP
- 10) Food/Drinks: Hot food & Cold Drink
- 11) Sleep: Poor
- 12) Dreams: Unremembered
- 13) Habit: NAP
- 14) General Modality: worse from motion & better in open Air

Natural Elimination

- 1) Urine: No Complaints
- 2) Stool: Satisfactory
- 3) Perspiration: Seasonal

Menstrual History:

Age of menarche: ----
Duration: --
Character of blood: --
Complaints:

Before menses	During menses	After menses

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Leucorrhoea: ---

Obstetric History: G0 P0 A0 L0

Thermals: Chilly Patient

Life Space Investigation-: He is the eldest Child in his family,
Depressed,
Melancholic,

General Physical examination

1. Height: 65 inches
2. Built: Good
3. Pallor: Ab
4. Icterus: Ab
5. Cyanosis: Ab
6. Lymph nodes: Not Palpable
7. Oedema: Ab
8. Clubbing: Ab
9. Tongue: Clean & Moist

Vitals Data

Pulse: 88b/min
120/80mmhg
R.R:18/min
97.6F
B.P:
Temperature:

Systemic examination

RS – Clear
CVS- S1S2+
CNS- Conscious/oriented
GIT: Soft

Probable diagnosis: Acute otitis media

Laboratory Investigation (if required) – NAP

Final diagnosis: Acute Otitis Media

Analysis & Evaluation of symptoms:

<i>Physical Generals</i>	Desire: Tea; Aversion: Meat
<i>Mentals</i>	Depressed, Melancholic,
<i>Particular</i>	Persistent offensive otorrhoea-1 months

Totality of symptoms: General-Food & Drinks-desire-Milk
General-Food & Drinks-aversion-meat
Mind-Depression
Mind-Sadness
Mind-melancholy
Ear-Discharges-Offensive

Repertorization Sheet

1 MIND - CUNNING				⊗
2 MIND - SADNESS				⊗
EAR				
3 EAR - DISCHARGES - offensive				⊗
GENERALS				
4 GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS aversion				⊗
5 GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS cold				⊗
Remedies	ΣSym	ΣDeg	Symptoms	
sulph.	4	9	2, 3, 4, 5	
tub.	4	8	2, 3, 4, 5	
thuj.	4	7	1, 2, 3, 4	
bell.	4	6	1, 2, 3, 4	
aur.	3	8	2, 3, 4	
calc.	3	8	2, 3, 4	
carbn-s.	3	8	2, 3, 4	

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Remedy selected: Tuberculinum Bovinum

Potency selected: 1M

First Prescription:

R_x
Tub Bov 1M
*2 pills BD*5 days*
*S.L *2 Pills*

*BD*2 days*

General management including Auxiliary measures: Gargle with lukewarm water

Follow up- After 7 Days

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