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APPROACH AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT MIASMS AMONG HOMOEOPATHIC PRACTITIONERS OF AHMEDNAGAR CITY

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ABSTRACT- This study was conducted to assess miasmatic approach and knowledge among homoeopathic practitioners of Ahmednagar City It has been evaluated previously on the larger scale on national level. India has the largest number of homoeopathic practitioners with different approaches of treating the patients. Homoeopathy is the widely accepted system by Indian community. Miasm is the controversial topic among the practitioners. In the area, there are approximately 2000 homoeopathic physician. Randomly 850 physician were selected for the study to whom the miasmatic approach is the base of their practice. Others are either in controversy or not applying the concept of miasms always. It presents 2 main problems- 1. Whether it is real or not, 2 how it is interpreted with clinical situation for the treatment. If all the diseases are miasmatic then all remedies should be miasmatic².

1. INTRODUCTION – Hahnemann was the first to perceive and teach the chronic diseases in general, other than occupational diseases. According to him, syphilis, gonorrhoea, leprosy, are the chronic diseases or contagious diseases known as miasms¹. Three miasms are held to be responsible for all diseases chronic in nature. The theory suggests that if 100% of all disease is miasmatic, 85% is due to Psora. Though this concept is accepted by most of the physicians without questions, but great disbelief is also there. So, it is needed to study because to how Miasm can be used in practice and what they actually are is controversial². Nobody can become a classical homoeopath without a proper perception of the miasms. Hahnemannian doctrine of Miasm has been misunderstood, and misinterpreted by some physicians and created controversy and confusion amongst all. Unscientific and mode of thinking is responsible for limitations³. Initially there was failure in some cases to Dr. Hahnemann. As some cases were not cured, some were recurred. So, after investigating the cases, he declared the concept of miasms in 1818. He declared that this is the rebirth of homoeopathy and discovery of miasms is more superior than the discovery of homoeopathy. From that period permanent cure was possible to all the physicians in all cases. He found that 7/8th part of the diseases are caused by Psora. And remaining is syphilis and sycosis Miasm. So, he advocated the miasmatic theory for permanent cure. In 6th edition of Organon of medicine, in section 74, he described the pathological



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correlation all 3 miasms⁴. Miasm is a dynamic energy which cannot be seen. Everybody has its own Miasm. The basic pre condition of a miasmatic infection is susceptibility. Miasmatic force dynamically deranges the vital force and that results in disease⁵. We shall not enter into controversy. But we should make an attempt to understand it. Because it is helpful in the management of chronic diseases in homoeopathy⁶. After Dr. Hahnemann, Dr. Allen introduced Tubercular Miasm. Dr. Rajan Sankaran contributed some more miasms like typhoid, malaria, cancer etc⁷. This approach made controversy. Psora is the mother of all chronic diseases. So, the study was an opportunity to understand the trends of physicians of using miasmatic concepts in the practice.

2. Methodology-

2.1. Objectives-

- To acquire the information of advanced knowledge of physicians about miasmatic theory.
- To study the controversy among the physicians.
- To aware and educate physicians about the miasmatic approach.

2.2. Study Design- Ahmednagar City was selected as our study was focused to study the utility miasmatic approach of by the physicians of homoeopathy. The present study was conducted with private practitioners. A cross sectional study was done with randomly selected sample. Total 324 physicians were interviewed out of 850 physicians. Ethical clearance was obtained from institutional ethical committee. After taking consent of involved physicians in study, they were explained the purpose of the study. Rapport was built and study conducted.

2.3. Selection of study sample –

Inclusion Criteria- Homoeopathic practitioners, applying miasmatic theory in their practice, irrespective of sex of a particular area with written consent and random selection.

Exclusion Criteria- Homoeopathic practitioners, not applying miasmatic theory in their practice were excluded.

2.4. Questionnaire- A structured interview was conducted to collect the data.

3. Result and Discussion

Chart no1.

Miasms	No	%
Applying	850	42.50
Not applying	1150	57.50
Total	2000	100

Chart No 2.

Knowledge	No	%
Having Knowledge	1260	63
Partial or no knowledge	740	37



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Total	2000	100
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Chart No 3 Controversy

Controversy	No	%
Controversy	320	16
Accepted theory	1680	84
Total	2000	100

- 4. Conclusion** -Miasms are the primitive or primary disorders of human race. They lay foundation for all types of diseases⁸. Theory of miasms is the rebirth of homoeopathy. It is always significant. It presents 2 main problems- 1. Whether it is real or not, 2 how it is interpreted with clinical situation for the treatment. If all the diseases are miasmatic then all remedies should be miasmatic. Somewhere it is written as acute, superficial, Psoric, then question arises that is theory is wrong or remedies are wrong²? Hahnemann's 6th edition of Organon throws light of the concept of miasms⁹. This is the fundamental cause or the response of an individual to the particular disease condition. It is nothing but the pathology of homoeopathy. So the knowledge is must for curative practice.¹⁰ Further study is required on a large scale.

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