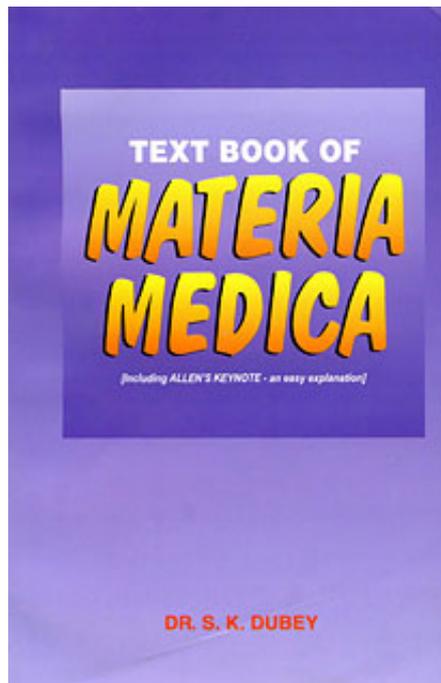


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CARBOLIC ACID

Glacial Carbolic Acid HAHNEMANN C6 H5 OH

INTRODUCTION. Carbolic acid is a great *antiseptic and powerful irritant*. In its crude form, it is capable of poisoning. This property had led Hahnemann to potentise this drug for the cure of various ailments. The potencies of Carbolic acid are made with alcohol, an exception to the rule for preparation of acids.

Clinical. *Abdominal affection, Burns, Carbuncles, Cholera, Constipation, Diabetes, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Dyspepsia, Flatulence, Fever, Gangrene, Headache, Leucorrhoea, Skin affection, Small-pox, Uraemia, Urinary affection, [fleers, Vomiting, etc.*

Spheres of action. It acts on nervous system, skin, ail mucous membranes, especially of mouth, throat, gastro-intestinal tract and urinary organs.

Pathogenesis. It acts primarily on nervous system and produces deadly paralysis of respiratory centres and various consequent reflex symptoms. It causes much *debility and weakness*. It also produces inflammation of the skin resulting in ulceration and malignant manifestations of all mucous membranes and gastro-intestinal tract, in addition to vomiting, dysentery, etc.

Constitution. *Physical make-up:* There is no particular constitution for this drug. Persons of any and every constitution are susceptible to this remedy. The patient is however, VERY CHILLY, having SYPHILITIC AND PSORIC BACKGROUND and is of irritable temperament.

Guiding Symptoms.

1. As in the case of all acids. DEBILITY AND WEAKNESS ARE very

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common symptoms; hence in Carbolic acid too, these symptoms are persistently present throughout.

2. Pains come *suddenly, last for a short time and disappear suddenly* (Bell, Mag. phos.). Pains are burning, pricking and stitching.
3. The whole surface of the body is bathed in cold sweat with *prostration and cotiaspe*.
4. Sensation of *band around the forehead, with dull and heavy fronta headache*.
5. *liberation* all over the body and in internal parts, such as mouth nose, throat, nostrils, rectum, vagina, from which a discharge comes out which is *very offensive and putrid*.
6. Great longing for whisky and tobacco.
7. It has cured cases of cancer of stomach and has apparently cured epithelioma of cheeks and nose with haemorrhage (Allen).
8. Constipation with HORRIBLY OFFENSIVE BREATH.
9. In dysentery, stool contains scraping of intestine (Cantharides, Colchicum).
10. Carbolic acid 30 is of great help in uterine displacement with or without discharge (Deschere). Cooper regards it specific in influenza in 3x potency for attack and 30 potency for resulting debility.

Particulars.

Headache. Location: There is dull and heavy frontal headache.

Sensation: During headache, the patient feels that there is a rubber band *stretched tightly over the forehead from temple to temple* (Anac., Sulphur).

Character. The headache is dull and heavy.

Concomitants: Along with the headache, the patient is very much prostrated, weak and debilitated.

Gastro-intestinal tract.

Mouth. *Ulcerated putrid mouth* is often found in Carbolic acid patients. THE BREATH IS VERY OFFENSIVE with bad taste in mouth, due to constipation.

Vomiting. Of drunkards or in pregnancy, in sea sickness or in cancerous condition of stomach.

The character of the vomitus is dark or *olive-green and very offensive*.

Dysentery. The stool contains fluid mucus, like the scraping of intestinal mucosa. There will also be great tenesmus. The stool is very thin, involuntary; black and offensive.

Constipation. Along with the general character of constipation, in Carbolic acid, THERE IS HORRIBLY OFFENSIVE BREATH during constipation.

Leucorrhoea. Is very copious, acrid, offensive and greenish.

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Urine. Very dark, black or blackish olive-green.

Ulcers. There is great tendency to ulceration anywhere and everywhere, such as in skin, mouth, nose, nostrils, throat, rectum, vagina, etc.

From the ulcer, putrid and a *very offensive discharge comes out continuously*.

Burns lead to ulceration with ichorous discharge. There may be malignant scarlatina and variola. Various abscesses appear on different parts of the body consequent upon physical exertion, even by much walking, but generally on the right ear. The ulcers are very painful. The pain comes *suddenly, lasts for a short time and disappears* suddenly. Carbolic acid is also an excellent remedy for lacerated wounds with blunt instruments. Bones may be bare or crushed with much sloughing of soft parts.

The patient craves both whisky (Syph.) and tobacco (Staphisagria).

General Modalities.

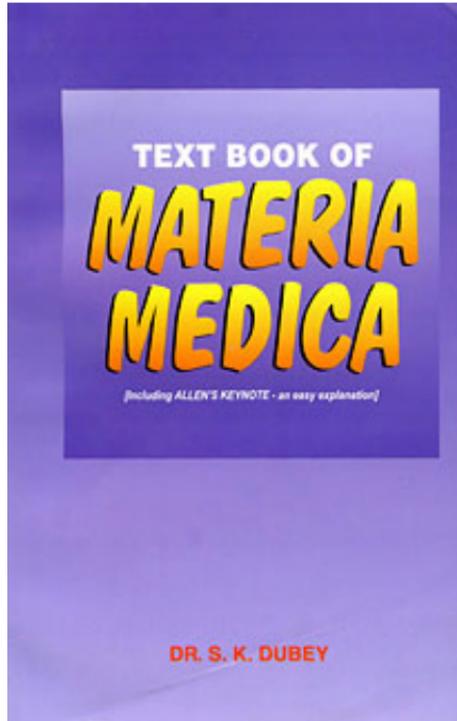
Aggravation: From cold in general.

Relations. *Compare:* In burns with Arsenic and Kreosote.

In ulcers with unhealthy offensive discharge with Merc. Sol., and Sulphur.

Carbolic acid is antidoted by dilute cider vinegar either externally or internally, when acid has been swallowed accidentally or taken for suicidal purposes.

Dr. R.K. Ghosh finds it admirable in cases of Cholera where Veratrum album seems indicated but fails (Clarke).



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