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Library News

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Hospital News

The British Homeopathic Library is located within the Glasgow Homeopathic Hospital.

Recently the hospital received news that its inpatient beds were under threat of closure as part of Greater Glasgow Health Board's plans to make £58 million of cuts in Glasgow.

This service in Glasgow has the only remaining homeopathic inpatient ward in the NHS. It offers people from all over Scotland and the UK an otherwise critically missing piece

of the health-care jigsaw: a whole-person care model with a multidisciplinary, multi-modality team of orthodox expert doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and others who partner with patients to tackle their complex problems - often after the best of orthodoxy has failed to relieve their suffering. Excellent results and subsequent cost savings are being achieved.

The staff of the inpatients wards have been working very hard to bring together all the evidence of the hospital's efficacy and efficiency. Current and former patients have been offering tremendous support and testimonials as well as providing real life stories for the media.

The coverage received of the proposed bed closure has been very encouraging, with news articles being carried in local, Scottish and UK press (Evening Times, The Herald, and BBC TV, BBC Radio Scotland and BBC News online).

The hospital has also gathered the support of 70 Ministers of the Scottish Parliament and questions have been raised in Parliament with the Minister for Health and Community Care.

The NHS have proposed a 6 week consultation period, beginning in July. You can assist the hospital by writing to the GGHB Board, or by writing to your MSP or MP. For these addresses please visit the campaign website which has a link from:

<http://www.adhom.com>

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Recent articles, available from the library

Strength of vital force in classical homeopathy: bio-psycho-social-spiritual correlates within a complex systems context.

IR Bell et al

The objective of this study was to explore associations between a global rating for the classical homeopathic construct of vital force and clinician and patient ratings on previously validated bio-psycho-social-spiritual questionnaires.

Sixty-two community-recruited patients with fibromyalgia were assessed at baseline prior to a clinical trial of individualized homeopathy. Two homeopaths jointly performed case-taking interviews. A conventional medical provider independently evaluated patients with a standardized history and physical examination. Homeopaths rated each patient's vital force. Homeopaths and the conventional medical provider rated their Clinical Global Impression (CGI) of the severity of illness. Patients completed self rating scales on pain, global health, mood, quality of life, coping style, health locus of control, multidimensional well-being, spirituality, sense of coherence, positive states of mind, and social desirability.

Homeopathic vital force ratings reflected better perceived mental function, energy, and positive dimensions of the individual, beyond absence of disease.

J Alt and Comp Med, 2004;10(1):113-22

A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of classical homeopathy in generalized anxiety disorder

O Bonne et al

Homeopathy is commonly used for the treatment of medical and psychological conditions. Such prevalent use, however, is not supported by robust, methodologically sound research. This study evaluates the effect of homeopathic treatment in generalized anxiety disorder, a prevalent mental disorder characterized by an enduring pattern of excessive apprehension and distress and by mental and bodily complaints.

The study concludes that the effect of homeopathic treatment on mental symptoms of patients with generalized anxiety disorder did not differ from that of placebo. The improvement in both conditions was substantial. Improvement of such magnitude may account for the current belief in the efficacy of homeopathy and the current increase in the use of this

practice.

J Clin Psychiatry, 2003 March;64(3):282-287

The restoration of health: a physician's high and only mission. Evaluation of a patient presenting with a diagnosis of schizophrenia

TA Hoover

A case of a 35 year old man with diagnosed schizophrenia is presented. While he originally benefited from the prescription of, first, Kali bromatum, then Stramonium, he was not really cured. Once the author recognized the autism traits in this patient, coupled with his savant and self-stimulating qualities, the prescription of *Bufo rana* was made, with much deeper curative effects. The author contrasts palliative effects in a case with those of a truly curative remedy.

Am J of Hom Med, 2004;97(1):9-14

A case of Tourette's Syndrome

J Levatin

This is a case of Tourette's Syndrome in a ten year old girl. The case is presented to illustrate a neurological pathology that was successfully treated with two homeopathic medicines given in succession. The first prescription was based on the symptomatic expression of the disease and the nature of the patient; the second was determined largely by the family history. Materia medica of the two remedies is provided.

Am J of Hom Med, 2004 ;97(1):21-26

Efficacy of homeopathic drugs in dermatitis atopic diathesis: a clinical study

GR Mohan and KS Anandhi

This is an open study of 36 cases of atopic dermatitis in people of various age groups who received only homeopathic treatment during the time frame of June 1995 to June 2001. Cases were divided into two groups: one with skin symptoms only and the other with skin and respiratory symptoms. In these groups, 69.5% had a family history of atopy, 32% with history of asthma, 36% with allergic rhinitis, and 32% with

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eczematous dermatitis were noted. In the treatment history, 86% of the cases received allopathic treatment, 8.3% received homeopathic treatment, and 5.5% received other alternative treatment. Out of the cases with allopathic treatment, 87% were treated with steroids, 13% were treated with non-steroids. In our study group, 66.7% of the cases were dominated by a psorosycotic miasmatic background, 19.5% were psoric and 14.9% were dominated by all the three miasms. Forty one percent of the group with skin and respiratory symptoms and 58% of the group with only skin symptoms got more than 75% relief under homeopathic treatment.

Homoeopathic Links,2003;16(4):257-62

The fundamentalist controversy: an issue that won't go away *R Moskowitz*

The author provides a comprehensive overview of the current controversy between what Dr Moskowitz terms the "fundamentalists" and the "innovators" in homeopathy, flavoured with his own viewpoint on the matter, he acknowledges much of the recent innovations for their value in effective case analysis and remedy selection. Clearly, in Dr Moskowitz's view, the arguments of both sides have merit; thus, rather than attack each other and further divide homeopaths, he recommends that everyone respectfully agree to disagree.

Am J of Hom Med,2004;97(1):27-47

NHS patients' perspective on complementary medicine: a survey *FM Sharples et al*

The objectives were to examine patients' reasons for seeking complementary alternative medicine (CAM) in the NHS, including the nature and duration of the patient's main health problem, the impact of CAM on this, satisfaction with clinical care, and usage of conventional prescription medication. The results from a survey of 499 patients from the out-patient department, of The Royal London Homeopathic Hospital were analysed

Patients' most frequent reason for seeking CAM were that other treatment had not helped and concerns about or experience of adverse treatment reactions. Two hundred and ninety-seven patients (63%) had had

their main problem for more than 5 years. Musculoskeletal system problems were the most frequent diagnostic group (n=151, 32%). Satisfaction with clinical care was high (443/490: 90%). Three hundred and eighty patients (81%) indicated their main problem had improved very much, moderately or slightly. Of the 262 patients who had been taking prescription medicines when they first attended, 76 (29%) had stopped, and 84 (32%) had reduced their intake.

The results suggest that orthodox medicine is not meeting the needs of some patients and that CAM may wholly or partially substitute for conventional medicines. Most patients indicated their problem had improved with CAM.

Comp Therapies in Medicine,2003;11(4):243-248

Providing complementary and alternative medicine in primary care: the primary care workers' perspective. *RA van Haselen et al*

The objectives of this study were to assess primary care health professionals' perceptions of need and of some ways to integrate CAM in primary care.

General Practitioners (GPs) in Northwest London were targeted in a postal survey, other members of the primary care team, such as district and practice nurses, were targeted via colleagues. The questionnaire assessed health care professionals' perspective on complementary medicine, referrals, ways to integrate complementary medicine into primary care and interest in research on CAM.

Responses were obtained from 149 GPs (40% response rate after one reminder) and 24 nurses and 32 other primary care team members. The results showed that there is considerable interest in CAM among primary care professionals, and many are already referring or suggesting referral. Such referrals are driven mainly by patient demand and by dissatisfaction with the results of conventional medicine. Most of the respondents were in favour of integrating at least some types of CAM in mainstream primary care.

Comp Therapies in Medicine,2004;12(1):6-16

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Homeopathy in the News

The **Century Training Centre for Homeopathic Medical Sciences [CTCH]** is the first professional training centre for Homeopathy in the Middle East placed in Knowledge Village in Dubai, UAE. They produce a monthly newsletter which is available free online and is distributed widely in UAE, Iran and other Homeopathic societies.

The contents of the current June issue are:

- New Faculty Member: Prof. Dr Sir Luildo M. de Noronha
- Interview with Julian Winston (Part I)
- CTCH new publication: Practical Key Points of Scientific Homeopath
- Homeopathic articles:
 - Homeopathy and Rehabilitation
 - Information Level of Tehran GPs from Alternative Medicines
 - Selection of the best Homeopathic articles from all around the world
- Case reports

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