



TITLE: HISTORY OF DUAL MEDICINE IN HOMOEOPATHY

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ABSTRACT: Two highly potentized medicinal substances or one substance of high potency and another substance of low potency administered at the same time each from a different side, if used, can be equally effective compared to single medicines. Dr. Julian Aegidi and Dr. Boenninghausen used dual medicine in their clinical practice. Dr. Hahnemann also used dual medicine at a few points.

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INTRODUCTION:

Dr. Aegidi's letter to Dr. Hahnemann was the formal beginning of the History of Dual medicine in Homeoeopathy, The Origin of it can be further a year back. According to Dr.Boenninghausen Dr.Stoll had suggested dividing the remedies into two classes, one is for the body and another is for the soul. So he said that two kinds of prescription should be combined to give good results.^[2]

Dr. Julian Aegidi was an Italian doctor. He converted to Homoeopathy because his psoric disease was cured by Dr. Hahnemann. After this, Dr. Aegidi soon became a confident homoeopath and subsequently close friend of Dr. Hahnemann. Perhaps, the closet Next to Dr. Boenninghausen. In that closeness letter was exchanged between him and Dr. Hahnemann. Dr. Aegidi was working in Dusseldorf, Germany at that time.

On 15th May 1833, Dr. Aegidi wrote to Dr. Hanhemann that he had cured 233 cases by using two highly potentized medicinal substances at the same time, each from a different side. Dr.Hahnemann Welcomed his approach by replying to it on the 15th of June 1833. He said-

“No doubt having carefully considered it and the cases, that he welcomed the approach and considered it entirely consistent with his previous teachings. Don't think I'm capable of rejecting a good thing just because I'm prejudiced, or because I might change my doctrine. Only in cases where both appear to be homoeopathically appropriate, but each from different sides, should two medicinal products be administered at the lowest dose or orally,just as we take Sulphur and Calcarea together when we cause our patients to take or smell Heparsulph, or Sulphur and Mercury when they take or smell Cinnabar.”



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Hahnemann sent a letter to Dr. Boenninghausen on 17 June 1833, describing his new method of practice in which he smelled two complementary medicinal products and hoped it would bring the desired results. ^[1] He said that I began by smelling two suitable synergistic remedies, and hoped to achieve some positive results. I have dedicated a specific paragraph to this method for the 5th edition of the Organon and it is now available all over the world.

Dr. Hahnemann wrote a comment on dual medicine in the fifth edition of Organon. He said: In many cases, the administration of two medicines is absolutely homoeopathy and rational; such as if each medicine appears especially appropriate for treating this kind of disease. but from distinct perspectives; or when the illness is dependent on more than one of the three major causes of chronic illness that I have identified, such as when we also need to address syphilis or sycosis in addition to psora. In the same way that I alternately administer two or three of the best remedies in extremely rapid acute diseases (for example, Cuprum and Veratrum in cholera), I may administer two well-chosen homoeopathic medicines that act from separate sides in the smallest possible dose in chronic diseases. Which is similar to the Allopathic polypharmacy. Only the most potentized and attenuated doses should be used for homoeopathic double remedies. ^[2]

A letter from Dr. Boenninghausen to Dr. Hahnemann, in which he says that: A certain Dr. Stoll of Cologne suggested that the remedy be divided into two classes, one acting on the body and another on the soul. It occurred to him that in a prescription, these two types of medicine should be mixed together so as to complement each other. His method making some noise in Cologne, and Dr Aegidi, then at Dsseldorf, having in vain endeavoured to discover the essential secret of this novelty, the latter induced me to endeavour to find out. I was able to do that. ^{“[2]}

Both Dr Hahnemann and Dr Boennighausen were aware that Dr Aegidi was doing well before he wrote a letter to Dr Hahnemann. On 28 April 1833, Dr. Hahnemann sent a letter to Dr.



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Aegidi which showed his knowledge of this matter. He wrote- Don't stop telling your work at the Dsselthal Institute in detail. Don't worry about Dr. Stolls' mixtures, though, otherwise, I'm afraid you're not yet convinced of the need to treat patients with simple, unmedicated remedies. I have occasionally witnessed even hangmen and shepherds perform amazing feats. Do we regard luck and chance in the same manner? [3]

Dr Hahnemann was critical of the mixture of medicines and his view against polypharmacy. In the same letter, he requested to maintain the purity and put the fact how struggling it was to develop this system. He wrote further-

The world's attention must be drawn to real values through the purification and separation of the truth from the lies I've committed with the highest motives and with the unmitigated approval of the best and most reliable of my students. If homoeopathy is permitted to continue marketing itself as authentic and subtly implying allopathy once more—a really useful tool for the lazy—what have you got to fear from a candid and sincere separation of pure homoeopathy from that humbugging, which must be the death of homoeopathy? The science and I need fewer but truer adherents, I do not wish to see my colleagues increased by a large number of those false coiners. Only a few good men and true men I would like to count as my own. “[3]

Dr. Hahnemann during his later years of life, in the Paris clinical practice had prescribed medicines in the alteration or dual remedies. A patient M. de Simencourt came with his sight badly affected following a cerebral fever caused by a fall from a horse, Dr. Hahnemann treated him with Sulphur in a high centesimal potency and Arnica in a low centesimal potency on alternate days, until his eyesight and other after-effects of the cerebral fever improved. Another case of M. Musard, while taking Sulphur orally daily in a centesimal potency was to inhale Nux Vomica and later Opium, when needed. When Mme Chueleher consulted Dr Hahnemann about her palpitation, she was prescribed Sulphur in the high centesimal potency by inhalation route in



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the evenings and Aconite orally in low centesimal potency in the mornings. Another case of Mme de Chousy had a fever caused by the sun. He was prescribed Sulphur for over two a half months. Then Arsenic 30 c for three days, followed by Ipecac and Nux vomica 30 c on alternate days. In the later part of the treatment on the recurrence of treatment, Dr Hahnemann prescribed Ipecac and Nux Vomica 30c in alteration, followed by Arnica and Antimonium Crudum 30c in alteration.

CONCLUSION: By the Above Histological Facts, we have various ideas about dual medicines. Now the Question arises in our mind What is the Dual Medicines? When two highly potentized medicinal substances at the same time or prescription one substance of high potency and another substance of low potency.

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