

A postgraduate in M.D. (Homoeopathy) - Homoeopathic Materia Medica shall:

- 1) Have the high degree of proficiency both in theoretical and practical aspects of Homoeopathic Materia Medica backed by scientific knowledge and philosophy.
- 2) Have the confidence to assess and manage the patients who are sick and in cases of paucity of symptoms ability to overcome it by the knowledge of Homoeopathic Materia Medica.
- 3) Have the caring attitude and sympathy towards sick and maintain high moral and ethical standards.
- 4) Have the knowledge regarding latest happenings and issues pertaining to the prevention of disease and promotion of health and the epidemiology underlying the common health problems with special relevance to India.

Aims:

- 1) To recognize the need of physical, social mental and spiritual health care of the sick in the spirit of Organon of Medicine.
- 2) Shall obtain competency in providing complete health care (physical, mental, social and spiritual) to the needy, so as to achieve a permanent restoration of health in gentle manner as quoted in Organon of Medicine.
- 3) To investigate what is to be cured in disease and what is curative in the various medicines in order to understand the scope and limitations of Homoeopathy.
- 4) Shall obtain the communicative and interpersonal skills to communicate and interact with health care teams.
- 5) Shall have a profound knowledge in Homoeopathic Materia Medica including rare and uncommon remedies in order to achieve restoration of health at any levels of sickness.

6) Shall adopt a scientific temper and unbiased approach to augment self-knowledge to improve the quality of treatment throughout his/ her professional life.

7) Shall be able to coordinate the recent advances in science with his/ her knowledge of Homoeopathy, so as to reflect better art of healing.

8) To develop an open mind to update him/ her by self-study, attending courses, conferences and seminars relevant to the specialty.

General Objectives:

1) To develop high standards in approach and management of sick, in order to fulfill his/ her only mission.

2) To develop excellent teaching skills, different techniques and educational methods in teaching homoeopathic students and its practitioners.

3) To practice medicine ethically and in step with principles of health care and the philosophy of Homoeopathy.

4) To demonstrate empathy and holistic approach towards sick and exhibit interpersonal behaviour in accordance with expectations of the society.

5) To play important role in implementing national health programmes.

6) To educate the people and promote preventive measures for common health problems by Homoeopathy, in order to achieve better health standards.

7) Undertake common health problems, use information technology, and carry out research both basic and clinical with the objective of publishing his/ her work and presenting of various scientific for a by which our fellow Homoeopathy can be Benefited.

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Program Specific Outcome

To inculcate following competencies in the candidate and improve their ability for the following

1. To observe and document the artificial disease and natural disease
2. To analyse the data from data obtained from artificial diseases, natural diseases and from literature
3. To inculcate the capacity to integrate and synthesize the data thus obtained based on the general rule of classification and through Boger, Boeninghausen and Kent approaches
4. To understand different philosophies and logic behind different Materia Medicas
5. To apply different knowledges in order to construct the Materia Medica portrait
6. To generalize and individualize different concepts through inductive and deductive logic
7. To take up different research projects and drug proving
8. To communicate orally and in writing, the experiences as well as conclusions of different studies
9. To transfer knowledge through appropriate teaching skills to fellow student, to juniors, during seminar and workshops
10. To participate in team for different projects like literature search, constructing Materia Medica, drug proving and aptitude for new knowledge
11. To assess own progress and receive feedback for own and others good

Knowledge:

1. Know to determine what is to be cured in disease and what is curative in the various medicines in order to understand the scope and limitations of Homoeopathy.
2. Possess profound knowledge of Homoeopathic Materia Medica including of rare and uncommon remedies in order to achieve restoration of health at any levels of sickness.
3. Able to coordinate the recent advances in science with his/ her knowledge of Homoeopathy, so as to reflect better art of healing through improving depth of MM knowledge
4. Possess a sound understanding of the Bio-Psycho-Social concept of etiopathogenesis and evolution of the disease phenomena to integrate with the study of Materia Medica
5. Understand different eras & concepts of the earlier times & their influence on the construction of Materia Medica.

Skill:

1. Shall obtain communicative and interpersonal skills to communicate and interact with health care teams.
2. Evolving an approach to the Definition of the Clinical Problem

3. Document scientific understanding of the clinical state and artificial disease phenomena
4. Evolve clinico-pathological correlations to grasp the essence of the disease phenomena and integrate in terms of the structural, functional and formal correlations of disease and Materia Medica
5. Learn the basics of Classification of Disease and integrating these principles with the Hahnemannian approach to understand the depth and extent of Homoeopathic remedies
6. Integrate all of the above in the erection and appropriate processing of the Hahnemannian Totality
7. Evolve suitable Materia Medica portraits and utilize of the drug force in a correct manner to complete the 'Operation Cure' as per Hahnemann's directions in Aphorism 2.
8. Possess scope & limitation of the current state of knowledge of Homoeopathic Materia Medica with the demands of Clinical Practice and Education
9. Skill of observation and interview to obtain information from prover and patient

Attitude:

1. Competency in providing complete health care (physical, mental, social and spiritual) to the needy, so as to achieve a permanent restoration of health in gentle manner as quoted in Organon of Medicine
2. Adopt a scientific temper and unbiased approach to augment self-knowledge to improve the quality of treatment throughout his/ her professional life.
3. Develop an open mind to update himself/herself by self-study, attending courses, conferences and seminars relevant to the specialty.
4. Readiness to take on the role of the 'Unprejudiced Observer' (Aphorism 5 while carrying out all of the above actions.
5. Readiness to understand, learn and adhere to the discipline in the study of Materia medica in the OPD, IPD and Community
6. Have empathetic approach towards patient and relatives
7. Have discipline and sincerity for the work undertaken by self or in a team
8. Should have cooperative attitude while working in team with open mind and ability to receive others
9. To recognize the need of physical, social mental and spiritual health care of the sick in the spirit of Organon of Medicine.

Communication:

1. Communication written, oral
2. In the clinical setup
3. With prover
4. With fellow student

Course Outcome & Course Specific Outcome

Following areas at general and particular level needs to be studied in order to be a competent Post graduate of Homoeopathic Materia medica

(1) Science & Philosophy of Materia Medica:

Concept, understanding & philosophy of Materia Medica & its evolution

This is based on a clear grasp of the following concepts and principles:

- a. Concept of Man \longleftrightarrow Universe
- b. Principles of Logic-Analysis and Synthesis
- c. Law of Similars
- d. Concept of Natural and Artificial Disease
- e. Principle of Evolution, Causation and Concomitance
- f. Concepts of Structure, Form and Function
- g. Principles of classification of Data and categorization into Generals and particulars
- h. Concept of Totality
- i. Concept of Relationships

(2) Source of Materia Medica, Drug proving and Collection of symptoms:

a. Source of Materia Medica:

Understanding the concept of the different sources of Materia Medica, their scope & limitations and their utilisation & importance in building up of totalities of drugs.

Sources – Toxicological, Drug Proving, Clinical, Chemical, Physical, Biological properties.

b. Drug proving

Method, Recording, Reporting as laid down by Hahnemann and developed and modified by the

later workers with the advantages and limitations of their work.

c. Collection and Classification of Symptoms

Classifying the symptoms based on general principles of analysis and synthesis:

Classification & giving a meaning to data collected from proving & different sources.

Systematic application of these concepts to the study of a well-proved polychrests in the Homoeopathic Materia Medica requires us to examine our source books in a critical manner. The following method is found to be advantageous if observed meticulously:

- (i) Each symptom is broken up and re-arranged under the Standard Headings as under:
 - (A) Cause: This is identified and studied in great detail to bring out the Characteristic Expression (effects) by establishing horizontal correlates in a clear manner;

- (B) Sphere & Scope of Effects: Sensations & Complaints in General, Mental State, Regional Effects: Tissues, Organs & Pathology;
 - (C) Circumstances of Aggravation & Amelioration: General as well as Particular (Regional) with special emphasis on those which run counter to the general modalities and thus serve us well as important differential modalities;
 - (D) Characteristic particulars: Along with the modalities and strict concomitants
- (ii) The data in the source books, which is normally arranged as per Locations is re-arranged in 4 Columns – Psora, Sycosis, Tubercle, and Syphilis.

These evolutionary aspects of the 'Artificial Drug Disease' can be studied in an effective manner only when we examine this re-classified (as per (i) & (ii) above) data in the light of our present knowledge of clinical pathology of diseases. When we do this, we are able to establish rational horizontal cross-connections between the data arranged and classified in the vertical columns representing Psora, Sycosis, Tubercle and Syphilis.

A characteristic and distinctive pattern emerges in our mind, which is derived from the data in the source books of the Homoeopathic Materia Medica. This is the Hahnemannian Totality, which we should endeavour to create and store in our mind. It should guide us to examine the Source Books in greater detail in search of specific characteristics when we are confronted with a patient who reminds us in a general way of the portrait of the disease of the drug in question. No attempt should be made to remember or memorize these specific symptoms in the Homoeopathic Materia Medica, which is vast and proves to be a maze to the uninitiated.

Hahnemann's Concept of the '*Portrait of Disease*' (Aphorism 6, Organon of Medicine) and its miasmatic evolution from the symptoms recorded in the Homoeopathic Materia Medica. Miasmatic evolution of disease follows the following pattern:

Psora → Sycosis → Tubercle → Syphilis

d. Types of Materia Medica

The various types of Materia Medicas available viz. Drug provings, Key notes, Commentaries, Compendiums, Synopses etc.-their evolution and their place in the current study needs to be highlighted.

(3) Study of Materia Medica:**Different approaches to study of Materia Medica:**

Different approaches of study of Materia Medica i.e. Psycho-clinico-Pathological, Synthetic, Comparative, Analytic and Remedy relationship

(a) Concept of Drug Picture:

Kent, Boger, Pulford, Harvey Farrington, Margaret Tyler, Borland.

(b) Reportorial Techniques for the evolution of the Drug Pictures from Symptom**(c) Chemical Approach to the Study of Homoeopathic Materia**

1. General Validity: Relationship to Pathogenesis
2. Anion & Kation Groupings: Relationship to the Periodic table & Reflections in the Pathogenesis.
3. Physiologic, Pharmacologic & Toxicologic Role: Importance and Derivations in respect of Sphere and Scope in the Pathogenesis.
4. Concept of the 'Group': Its Identification & Differentiation.
5. 'Members' of the 'Group': Identification – Specific General Expression.
6. 'Salts' in the 'Members': Specific Expression: Individuality.
7. Relationship of Pathogenesis of Drugs from the Plant and Animal Kingdom to the Chemical Constituents.
8. **Anion Groups:** They are derivations from the Pathogenesis of the Element and its impact on the Pathogenesis of the Kation.

(d) Approach to study of Materia Medica through kingdom

Mineral, Animal, Plant, Nosodes, Sarcodes etc.

(4) Relationship of Remedies (Boenninghausen & Hering):

Concept of Related Totalities: This has been stated in a most complete form by Boenninghausen in his Section on Relationship in the **Therapeutic Pocket Book**. The idea has been also developed by Hering, Clark, Boger, Miller and many others. The concept relates similar pictures to each other, relates the main picture to splinter groups (Sector-wise or Miasm-wise), projects sequential changes likely to occur in the future under the influence of the selected remedy, relates the main picture to the partial expressions of Nosodes as anti-Miasmatic Drugs (Inter-currents) and also stresses anti-dotal as well as inimical relationships

derived purely from clinical experience. Since this aspect of the Homoeopathic Materia Medica is found to be extremely useful in efficient Homoeopathic prescribing, training must provide a through grounding in this.

Acute, Chronic, Complementary, Antidotes, Remedies that Follow well, Inimicals, Sequences, Remedies that Precede well, Inter-currents, Nosodes, Constitutional Remedy and its spectrum of Acute Remedies.

1. Identification of these Categories with suitable Examples;
2. Programming of Treatment based on these Concepts;
3. Technique of employing the Section in Boenninghausen's Therapeutic Pocket Book;
4. Follow-through of a Case on these lines;

Resolution of a mixed-up and complicated Case by adopting the Technique of Splitting of the Totality into homogenous components

(5) Construction of Materia Medica – Classified Symptoms when arranged with a certain philosophical background gives rise to different types of Materia Medica. Some Materia Medica sources keep the symptom of prover as narrated; others go on constructing Materia Medica from clinicopathological point of view, utilize the principle of generalization or emphasize the mental state & evolution of symptoms. Some are based on comparison of remedy action, remedy relationships, are presented in the commentary form or in the form of keynotes, some carry a mixture of clinical experience and proving depending upon the philosophy & experiences.

Some keep the evolutionary as well as the disease angle in focus and attempt to relate the phenomena with the events in the life of the individual. This gives a richly documented data comprising of symptom-patterns to work upon and observe our remedies as live people interacting with their world whilst going about their business of living their lives. Such a unique mode of study (termed as Living Materia Medica) has a lot in store for us.

(6) Scope & Limitation of Materia Medica: Scope and Limitations of different Materia

Medicas as developed by the different authors listed below:

1. Hahnemann
2. T. F. Allen
3. J. T. Kent
4. Hering
5. Farrington
6. C. M. Boger
7. John Clarke

8. M. L. Dhawale
9. George Vithoulkas
10. R. Shankaran
11. S. R. Phatak
12. Whitmont
13. Catherine Coulter

(7) COMPARATIVE MATERIA MEDICA:

From symptomatic, regional location, closely coming drug picture and group symptoms.

Comparisons: General Principles & Applications:

- (a) Therapeutic Groupings with Reportorial Correlations and Differentiations
- (b) Reportorial Syndromes: Concept and Differentiation
- (c) "Ailments from" Rubrics from the Repertory:
Identification of the State Responsible and its Clinical Evaluation, Effects
Produced: Evolution, Identification and Differentiation

Determination of the Prescribing Totality with the help of the Concomitants (Associated Symptoms and Characteristics of the Person).

(8) Applied Materia Medica**(i) PRACTICE OF HOMOEOPATHY IN MEDICINE:**

Detailed application of the knowledge of Materia Medica to different clinical condition from clinico-pathologico-miasmatic point of view. All general & systematic diseases keeping causation in view viz Infection, Immunological & Nutritional. The application aspect of knowledge of Organon & Philosophy along with repertory also needs to be integrated to attain the philosophical foundation of Homoeopathic practice and education. Here candidate will be tested on his knowledge of applied Materia Medica along with other basic concepts in Homoeopathic philosophy & practice

(ii) PRACTICE OF HOMOEOPATHY IN SURGERY, OBS & GYNAEC –

application of Materia Medica its scope & limitation along with clinico-pathologico-immunological-miasmatic to different condition. Stress should be placed on surgery as a supportive system in case of emergency. Pre & Post operative Homoeopathic care from Materia

Medica point of view needs stress. The application aspect of knowledge of Organon & Philosophy along with repertory also needs to be integrated to attain the philosophical foundation of Homoeopathic practice and education. Here candidate will be tested on his knowledge of applied Materia Medica along with other basic concepts in Homoeopathic philosophy & practice.



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