# How homeopathy can be used in the clinical setting



Homeopathy can be used as adjunctive therapy

· with a limited amount of knowledge homeopathy can be used to augment, or supplement conventional medical treatment in almost all specialities. E.g Calendula to promote healing in surgery,

Can be given by an MD fully trained in homeopathy

· international bodies like the European Council for Classical Homeopathy recommend a minimum 700 hours of theory, and 200 hours of clinical training.

An MD can refer to a homeopathic consultant

· consultant should have a minimum training of 700 hours of theory and 200 hours of clinical training, and about 150 hours in anatomy and physiology

#### Clinical conditions that respond particularly well to homeopathy



- those for whom there is no known diagnosis, where tests disclose nothing abnormal, but the patient is suffering (functional disease)
- · those with chronic diseases, especially where there may be a poor prognosis without an alternative approach
- · those for whom drug treatments are poorly tolerated or contra-indicated, for example, in pregnancy
- those who need to cope with the side effects from conventional treatments
- · those who suffer from repeated episodes of acute illness

## Homeopathy can treat the following conditions in particular



#### Psychological illness

(which may require additional psychological support)

**Anxiety** Depression

Psychological effects of PMS Panic Attacks

After effects of grief Fears and phobias

Bereavement Nightmares

Obsessive disorders Poor concentration

Post traumatic stress Memory loss

Conditions often thought to have a significant psychosomatic element or aetiology:

Migraine Impotence

Chronic headache Insomnia

Dyspeptic syndromes Colitis

Irritable Bowel Syndrome

## Homeopathy can treat the following conditions in particular (cont'd)



#### Hormonal Imbalances

PMS Candidiasis

Menstrual irregularities and sequalae

Dysmenorrhea Prostatic hypertrophy

Menopausal complaints

Pregnancy problems - e.g. morning sickness

Labour - e.g. to prevent costly interventions

Post partum - e.g. mastitis, lack of breast milk post-natal depression, labour injuries and wounds

<u>Illnesses for which conventional therapies have little or nothing</u> to offer: For example,

Glandular fever

Multiple sclerosis

Chronic fatigue syndrome

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Chronic conditions in which recurrent episodes are common and repeat prescribing (anti-biotics, steroidal creams, non-steroidal and steroidal inhalers) are undesirable: For example,

Asthma Eczema

Crohn's disease Gout

Urinary tract infections (UTI's)

Chronic dermatoses (psoriasis)

Allergic reactions (hayfever, urticaria)

Respiratory infections and otitis media in children

Recent occupational or recreational injury, often in conjunction with physical therapy: For example,

Repetitive strain injury

Sports injuries

Tennis elbow

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Progressive disorders in which conventional treatments are usually stepped up, often to unacceptably high dosages incurring unpleasant and dangerous side effects: For example,

Osteo-arthritis (OA)
Multiple sclerosis (MS)
Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

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