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DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF VACCINATION – A HOMOEOPATHIC UNDERSTANDING

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Abstract

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This article is an attempt to explain the ill effects of vaccination by using basic repertories and indication of some commonly prescribed medicine with the teachings of Master Hahnemann from his Organon of Medicine. Vaccination is a process of administering weakened or dead pathogens to a healthy person with the intent of conferring immunity against the pathogen, but sometimes severe infection may occur too. Homoeopathy has a great role in preventing and managing the complications after vaccination with the help of some great remedies along with a reportorial approach which help us in our day to day practice and give amelioration to all.

INTRODUCTION

The issue on ill effects of vaccination has been taken up as there has been a steady rise in several ailments following vaccination. In order to evaluate the mechanism that leads to these ailments,

let's first understand the mechanism of vaccination.

The process of vaccination is used to cause Acquired Immunity against Specific Diseases. A person can be vaccinated by injecting either dead

organism or toxins or live organisms that have been mutated enough to not cause disease.

There are 2 basic types of Acquired Immunity:

1. **Humoral Immunity** where the body develops circulating antibodies which are globulin molecules namely IgM, IgG, IgA, IgD and IgE.
2. **Cell mediated immunity** where there is formation of large number of activated lymphocytes that are specifically designed to destroy the foreign agent.

What is Vaccine?

A vaccine is a preparation of a weakened or killed pathogenic micro-organism, such as a bacterium or virus, or of a portion of the pathogen's structure that upon administration stimulates production of antibody or cellular immunity against the pathogenic micro-organism but is not capable of causing severe infection.

Vaccination

It is a process of administering weakened or dead pathogens to a healthy person with the intent of conferring immunity against the pathogen.

In our Immunization schedule, we have vaccines given to any Indian child are BCG, polio, DPT, Measles, MMR, Tetanus toxoid, Pulse Polio. Recently introduced vaccine which is very popular amongst mothers of school going children

(who have just taken school admission) is a vaccine called HEPATITIS B.

When a person is vaccinated, the body shows Primary response by elevating levels of IgM and T lymphocytes towards that particular antigen. This remains in the memory of the body, so that when that specific antigen attacks, it shows Secondary response which is quicker, more potent and longer lasting than the primary response.

Now, when the IgM and T lymphocytes to that particular antigen are raised, body reduces the levels of other Immunoglobulins, namely IgE and IgG in order to maintain albumin: globulin ratio. This reduction in immunoglobulins makes the person vulnerable to various other stronger diseases and allergens. Hence we generally see the child coming down with either asthma or atopic dermatitis after vaccination.

Secondly, since vaccination excites immunity towards only that particular virus, it will not help if the virus undergoes mutation and attacks us. This has happened in the case of Influenza virus, where the vaccine is no longer effective as the virus has undergone mutation!! Also, every year there is a new virus that is more lethal than a previous one.

To top it all, these vaccines provide protection only for a limited time period. So what happens when this period is over?

We see chicken pox in severe form with complications in adults instead of the milder form that occurs during childhood.

Dr. Hahnemann had envisaged this 250 years back when he discovered the beautiful science of Homoeopathy. He writes in footnote to aphorism 56 of Organon of Medicine, that vaccination is based on Isopathy where the same morbid matter is used to prevent that particular disease. He raises his doubts about this method stating, “But to use a human morbid matter as a remedy for the same human itch of for evils arisen therefrom is -----? Nothing can result from this but trouble and aggravation of the disease.”

With homeopathic constitutional remedies, we increase overall immunity. Hence, there are neither ill effects nor side effects. Any Homoeopathic medicine given to any patient at any point of time and for any kind of illness acts like a VACCINE for that patient for that illness as well as to build up overall immunity towards any kind of sickness.

Repertorial Approach

Here is a small attempt at repertory compilation of vaccination which includes rubrics pertaining to vaccination from Complete Repertory.

- MIND - ANXIETY - vaccination, after **Thuj.**

- HEAD - INFLAMMATION, of - Brain - eruptions, from suppressed - eczema from vaccination, after suppressed **bac.**
- HEAD PAIN - GENERAL - vaccination, from **thuj.**
- EYE - INFLAMMATION - vaccination, after **thuj.**
- EYE - INFLAMMATION - conjunctivae - vaccination, after **Thuj.**
- STOMACH - NAUSEA - vaccination, after **SIL.**
- STOMACH - PAIN - General - vaccination, after **THUJ.**
- RECTUM - DIARRHEA - vaccination, after **ant-t. apis sil. Thuj.**
- RESPIRATION - ASTHMATIC - children - vaccination, after **thuj.**
- RESPIRATION - ASTHMATIC - vaccination, after **thuj.**
- COUGH - VACCINATION, after **Thuj.**
- CHEST - CANCER - Mammae - vaccinosis **thuj.**
- EXTREMITIES - EMACIATION - Upper Limbs - vaccination, after **maland. thuj.**
- EXTREMITIES - ERUPTIONS - pustules - leg - vaccination, after **sulph.**
- EXTREMITIES - ERUPTIONS - varicella, like - vaccination, after **syç.**

- EXTREMITIES - FELON, onychia, paronychia - run-around - vaccination, after **THUJ.**
- EXTREMITIES - PARALYSIS - Lower limbs - vaccination, after **Thuj.**
- EXTREMITIES - SUPPURATION - Fingers - nails - vaccination, after **THUJ.**
- EXTREMITIES - SWELLING - Shoulder - vaccination, after **apis thuj.**
- EXTREMITIES - SWELLING - Upper Arm - vaccination **SIL. Sulph. THUJ.**
- SLEEP - RESTLESS - vaccination, after **Thuj.**
- SLEEP - SLEEPLESSNESS - vaccination, after **mez. thuj.**
- FEVER, HEAT - VACCINATIONS, after **carc.**
- SKIN - ERUPTIONS - General - vaccination, after **crot-h. maland. mez. sars. skook. sulph. vario.**
- SKIN - ERUPTIONS - eczema - vaccination, after **Ammc. kali-m. maland. mez.**
- GENERALITIES - CONVULSIONS - vaccination, after **SIL. thuj.**

From Lilenthal:-

- Vaccination, ailments after Hep., Sil., Thuj., Sulph., Kali mur.

Homoeopathic Therapeutics

1. **Silicea terra** - Abscesses, Nervous affections, even convulsions, as bad effects of vaccination.
2. **Kali mur or Sulphur** - after vaccination may prevent the outbreak of any other disease.
3. **Antim tart-** for bad effects of vaccination when thuja fails and silicea not indicated
4. **Mezereum** - Eczema and itching eruptions after vaccination.
5. **Variolinum** - As a preventive of, or protection against, smallpox, it is far superior to crude vaccination and absolutely safe from the sequelae, especially septic and tubercular infection.
6. **Crotallus horridus** - post vaccination eruptions
7. **Malandrinum** - ill effects of vaccination
8. **Sarsaparilla** - Eruptions following hot weather and vaccinations; boils, and eczema.
9. **Vaccinium** - For diseases caused by vaccination think of after vaccination **Ant-T.** (for bronchial catarrh)
10. **Thuja occidentalis** - A direct antidote to the vaccinal poison. -In acute cases, wipes out the fever and eruption, and causes the pustules to disappear. - In chronic diseases, it may be impossible to cure many conditions without Thuja. Where symptoms

improve to a point, and then always recur, while the disease can be traced back to a vaccination, or vaccinations, Thuja will generally supply the deep stimulus that leads to cure.

11. **Arnica montana** - Must not be forgotten. It does not destroy the vaccination like Thuja and Malandarinum, but it has amazing power of taking away pain, swelling, and general malaise, while the process goes on to completion.

CONCLUSION

We usually see children suffering with deeper illness after vaccinations. Child becomes dull with reduction in appetite after vaccination. So, why allow children to go through this jargon of vaccines when we have such a simple, gentle and permanent solution to sufferings of mankind in Homoeopathy!!!

It is better if the remedy is given on entire totality, we will reach a similimum. This remedy will increase the resistance of the child not only to a specific disease, but it will protect the child from all diseases. Even if the child does get infected, his body resistance will be able to fight the infection by itself without any loss of energy. Hence no need of increasing resistance in bits and parts. Let's collectively say no to unnecessary vaccination and collect evidences of ill effects of vaccination.

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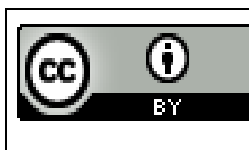
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