

Essentials of Homeopathic Medicine Case Taking, Case Analysis, Case Management and 13 Polychrests by Timothy Fior, MD, DHT & Francine Burke, DC

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Homeopathic medicine is one of the hardest disciplines/specialties within medicine to study and harder still to master. Being an excellent homeopath requires extensive knowledge of: diseases and pathology (to help distinguish that which is common from what is uncommon); how to perform a homeopathic history and physical; how to analyze the data that one obtains; and finally, a good knowledge of the repertory and the homeopathic materia medica so that one can find the simillimum. That's a tall order.

One of the problems with homeopathy is finding homeopathic books which are up to date and comprehensive and yet are true to the teachings of Samuel Hahnemann in the Organon. This book is an attempt to remedy this problem for a class I have been teaching on homeopathy to naturopathic students at the National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Illinois since 2008. At first, I made a course pack in outline form from notes I took while taking André Sainé's 500 hour course on Advanced Chronic Prescribing. These notes dealt with the intricacies of homeopathic case taking, case analysis and case management. Then Dr. Francine Burke helped to compile the materia medica of 13 major polychrests from lecture notes by Dr. Sainé and other reliable sources. However, after teaching with this outline for a few years, we were not satisfied. So I took the step to flesh out the notes and create and self-publish an ibook with color pictures and videos. I've included many examples from my own practice where pertinent. The materia medica section was also enhanced with color pictures of each remedy. The Lachesis pictures I took personally on a visit to see the original Lachesis snake captured by Dr. Hering. It is on display at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia. We had to make arrangements to see it. Needless to say, it was quite an honor to catch a glimpse of homeopathic history and it was amazing at how well preserved the original specimen was.

Each remedy then has a summary or genius page, a list of keynote symptoms, graphs from MacRepertory of the genius and other features of each remedy, the actual materia medica section, and finally a few cases garnered from the homeopathic literature. The book was a labor of love and once writing began, I could hardly stop until it was finished during one three to four week winter break from classes.

This book is meant especially for beginners in homeopathy, but will be a useful reference for students at all levels of homeopathic mastery who are trying to perfect their case taking, case analysis, and case management skills.

It is our wish and prayer that modern and complete books like this will help to bring good homeopathy to a new generation of interested professional students and the public at large.

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