

Beyond the basics: Exploring lesser-known homoeopathic remedies for cancer

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Abstract

Cancer is a complex and multifaceted disease characterized by uncontrolled cell growth, invasion, and metastasis. It encompasses various types, including carcinoma, sarcoma, leukemia, and lymphoma. Lesser used homeopathic medicines can be effective in the treatment of cancer and improved well being

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1. Introduction

Cancer is a disease in which some of the body's cells grow uncontrollably and spread to other parts of the body. Cancer is the second most common cause of death worldwide. Normally, human cells grow and multiply to form new cells as the body needs them. sometimes this orderly process breaks down, and abnormal or damaged cells grow and multiply when they shouldn't. These cells may form tumors, which are lumps of tissue. Tumors can be cancerous or not cancerous (benign).

2. Types of Cancer

There are more than 100 types of cancer. Types of cancer are usually named for the organs or tissues where the cancers form. For example, lung cancer starts in the lung, and brain cancer starts in the brain. Cancers also may be described by the type of cell that formed them, such as an epithelial cell or a squamous cell.¹ There are three broad cancer classifications

- Solid cancers: This is the most common type of cancer, making up about 80% to 90% of all cases. This includes carcinoma that forms in epithelial tissue (like your skin, breast, colon and lungs) and sarcoma that forms in bone and connective tissues.
- Blood cancers: These are cancers that start in your blood cells or lymphatic system. Examples include leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma.
- Mixed: Cancers that involve two classifications or subtypes. Examples include carcinosarcoma and adeno squamous carcinoma.

3. Clinical features

Symptoms of cancer vary from person to person. They depend on what type of cancer you have and how advanced it is.

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General cancer symptoms may include

- Fatigue.
- Fever that occurs mostly at night.
- Loss of appetite.
- Night sweats.
- Persistent pain.
- Skin changes, particularly moles that change shape and size or new moles.
- Unexplained weight loss.

In some cases, cancer may cause additional organ-specific symptoms. These may include

- Blood in your pee or in your stool.
- Changes in the shape, color or size of a skin mole.
- Coughing up blood.
- New lumps or bumps.

This isn't an exhaustive list. And having these symptoms doesn't necessarily mean you have cancer.²

Homoeopathic remedies may alleviate cancer-related symptoms, improves quality of life, reduce effects of chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. It can also help in emotional distress. This explores the potential role of lesser used homoeopathic medicines in cancer.

- **Aceticum acidum**- Indicated in epithelial cancer, internally and locally. It has power to liquify albuminous and fibrinous deposits. Cancer of stomach with burning pain as of an ulcer and vomit after every kind of food. Cold drinks distress. Violent burning pain in stomach and chest, followed by coldness of skin and cold sweat on forehead.³
- **Asterias rubens**- It has been used for cancer of the breast. Nodes, indurations of mammary gland, dull aching, neuralgic pain in this region. Breast swollen, indurated. Left breast feels as if pulled inward, and pain extends over inner arm to end of little finger. Cancer mammae even in ulcerative stage.³
- **Baryta iodata**- Breast, cancer of. Gland's enlargement of. Tumors.⁴ Acts on lymphatic system, increased leucocytosis.³
- **Bismuthum**- Cancer of stomach. Vomiting of brownish matter with oppressive anxiety, small pulse, vertigo and prostration. Nausea after every meal. Water is vomited as soon as it reaches the stomach.⁴
- **Calcarea oxalica**- It has been found useful in allaying the pains of cancer.⁴
- **Cistus canadensis**- Open bleeding cancer on lower lip. Caries of lower jaw; with suppurating glands on neck. Sharp shooting intolerable itching and thick crusts; with burning on right zygoma.⁴
- **Conium maculatum**- Acts on the glandular system, engorging and indurating it, alternating its structure like scrofulous and cancerous conditions.³ Cancer of the lips, cancer of tongue with sour saliva and distortion of tongue and mouth. Cancer of stomach and vomiting of coffee grounds, Chocolate coloured lumps or clear sour water. Hard tumors in mammae; with stitches or piercing pain. Cancer. Stitches in mammae and in nipples, on taking deep breath or walking. Breast enlarged and become painful before and during menses, aggravate at every step.⁵
- **Cundurango**- Slight nausea arising from right hypochondrium. Cancer of stomach.⁴ Stomach Cancer, with constant burning and vomiting; food seems to stick behind the sternum. Cancer of mammae with retraction of the nipples, with lancinating pains emanating from the tumor over the whole breast.⁵
- **Eosinum**- A remedy for cancer, polyarthritis. Peculiar sensation of being very tall with tendency to vertigo. Burning in various part on skin. Redness, burning and numbness of tongue.³
- **Euphorbium officinarum**- Burning pain in bones. Pains in the limbs and paralytic weakness in the joints. Terrible burning pain. Pains of cancer. Everything appears larger than it really is.³
- **Fuligo ligni**- Act on glandular system, mucous membrane. Chronic irritations of mucous membranes of mouth; pruritic vulvae; uterine haemorrhage. Cancer, especially scrotum- chimney sweeper's cancer; epithelial cancers; cancer of womb with metrorrhagia; sadness, thoughts of suicide.³
- **Galium aparine**- It acts on the urinary organs, is a diuretic and of use in dropsies, gravel and calculi. It has power of suspending or modifying cancerous action and clinical confirmation of its use in cancerous ulcers and nodulated tumors of the tongue.³
- **Hoang nan**- Cancer of glandular structures. Remove fetor and haemorrhage in cancer, revives the healing process.³
- **Hydrastis canadensis**- Ulcer and cancer of stomach. Pulsation in epigastrium. Cannot eat bread and vegetables. Pain as from a hard cornered substance. Cancer and cancerous state, before ulcerations, when pain is principal

symptom.³ Eructation of sour fluid. Vomits all she eats, except milk and water. Chronic gastric catarrh, ulceration and carcinoma with emaciation. Aphthae on the lips. Epithelial cancer of lip. Tongue as if burned or raw, with dark red appearance and raised papillae. Cancer of tongue. Cancer of breast, pains like knives thrust into part.⁴

- **Kalium arsenicosum**- Patient tends towards malignancy and inveterate skin diseases. Skin cancer, where suddenly an alarming malignancy without any external signs set in. Numerous small nodules under skin. Intolerable itching, worse undressing.³
- **Kalium cyanatum**- Cancer of tongue and agonizing neuralgia have been benefitted by this drug. Ulcer of tongue with indurated edges. Speech lost. Power of speech difficult but intelligence intact.³ Cancerous ulceration of right side of tongue and has peculiar darkish ground seen through heavy white coating.⁴
- **Kreosotum**- Haemorrhages, ulcerations, cancerous affections. Rapid decomposition of fluids and secretions, and burning pains. Pulsation all over the body, and profuse bleeding from small wounds.³
- **Lapis albus**- Enlargement and induration of glands, especially cervical. Lipoma, sarcoma, carcinoma.³ Burning, shooting, stinging pains in breasts and uterus. Uterine carcinoma. Painful menses: suddenly taken with pain so severe that she swoons. Faints with pain at menses. Severe pain preceding with flow.⁴
- **Malandrinum**- Efficacious in clearing of the remnants of cancerous deposits.³
- **Ornithogalum umbellatum**- In chronic gastric and other abdominal indurations, possibly cancer of intestinal tract, especially of stomach and caecum. Center of action is the pylorus, causing painful contraction with duodenal distension. Pains increased when food passes pyloric outlet. Vomiting of coffee ground looking matter.³
- **Ruta graveolens**- Constipation, alternating with mucous, frothy stools, discharge of blood with stool. Carcinoma affecting lower bowel. Frequent unsuccessful urging to stool. Protrusion of rectum when stooping.³ Great soreness in rectum as from ulceration. It is useful remedy in piles and stricture of the rectum.⁶
- **Sempervivum tectorum**- It is recommended in cancerous tumors, herpes zoster. Mammary carcinoma. Malignant ulcer of mouth. Cancer of tongue. Tongue has ulcers, bleed easily, especially at night. Whole mouth very tender.³
- **Symphytum officinale**- Malignant tumor of right antrum. Inflammation of inferior maxillary bone; hard, red swelling.⁴
- **Taraxacum officinale**- Cancer of bladder.³ Frequent want to urinate (pressure without pain), with profuse emission. Enuresis somni.⁴ For bilious and gastric attacks, especially gastric headaches. Mapped tongue covered with a white film with sensation of rawness.⁷

4. Conclusion

Cancer is a significant global health challenge, requiring comprehensive approaches to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. It results from genetic mutations, environmental factors, lifestyle choices, and infections. Treatment options include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy, and targeted therapy, often used in combination. But with the help of homoeopathy we can ease the pain, adverse effect after chemotherapies. It enhances overall well-being and provides emotional support during the cancer journey.

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