

# ICR Symposium: Homoeopathic Management of Epileptoid Disorders

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CASE 5

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## **OBJECTIVES:**

1. OBSERVING the phenomenon of disease evolution in a child.
2. UNDERSTANDING the role and importance of "Behavior" in shaping the disease.
3. ANALYSING and DIFFERENTIATING the HMM images based on Clinico-Pathological-Miasmatic correlation.

## **DIRECTIVES:**

1. Read the document carefully and understand the disease progression.
2. Identify the behavior of the child.
3. Understand the miasm and correlate it with HMM images.

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## **Case of Master SRS**

Age: 1.1 years

Sex: Male

DOC: 31/05/2006

Master SRS, 13 months was brought by his parents. Anxiety was written large on father's face while mother, comparatively, appeared in control of her feeling state. Father gave most of the symptoms and they had also brought few files from all the known Pediatricians as well as Neurologists of the city. Since, according to them, these doctors were not able to cure their only child, somebody suggested them to visit either a Child Psychiatrist or try out alternative therapy.

| LOCATION  | SENSATION   | MODALITIES  | ACCOMPANIMENTS |
|---|---|---|----------------|
| Mind<br>Since 6 months  | Obstinacy <sup>2</sup><br>Irritability <sup>2</sup><br>Anger <sup>2</sup><br>Crying → Shrieking<br>→ Breathhold → | < wishes not fulfilled  |                |
| Brain<br>Since 6 months<br>D = 5-10 seconds<br>F = once when wishes are not fulfilled | Convulsions:<br>- Turns blue<br>- Rolling of eyeballs<br>- Stiffening of body<br>- Clenched fist                  | (No medicines now.<br>In past had taken Phenytoin, Carbamazepine and Phenobarbitone for short duration) |                |

Since past 6 months the child is having spells of breath holding spasms. Sometimes, these spells extend to a convulsion. EEG and CT Scan has been done wherein scan is normal while some abnormality is detected on the EEG record which is S/O ? Generalized seizures. Till date, the child has had 9-10 breath holding spasms and 4-5 convulsions, the last of such attack was on the morning of that very day.

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These attacks usually come about when the child's wishes are not fulfilled. He starts by crying which goes on to shrieking followed by holding of the breath and he turns blue. Sometimes, this ends here after his wish is fulfilled, on other occasions it leads to convulsions, despite his wish being fulfilled; and his eyes are rolled upwards, entire body stiffens, fists are clenched and this stays on for about 5-10 seconds before its over. Its never repeated on that very same day and soon after the attack (15-30 mins) the child becomes normal and starts playing, indicating thereby that there are no post-ictal symptoms.

### **Life situation:**

Patient is the only child – first born – of a businessman father and a homemaker mother. Soon after their love cum arrange marriage they passed through a phase of conflict, pertaining to MIL vs DIL both trying to prove their superiority, which lasted for few months. The child was conceived during this time and mother's mental state throughout her pregnancy was that of Vexation<sup>2</sup>.

The child's birth was full term and it was a normal delivery. He had refused mother's milk and so had to be top fed. His milestones till date are all normal and his present complaint date back to the time of his dentition at 7<sup>th</sup> month. Since that time he has fallen sick (fever) almost every next month. While describing in detail the nature of their child, both the parents said that he is absolutely FEARLESS and RESTLESS. He chases cockroaches and lizards and tries to smack them dead with his bare hands or tramples them under his foot, succeeding on few occasions as well. He was and is very ABRUPT and FAST – turning, arching his body, jumping from cradle or arms, crawling and now walking and running. Motion of swing ameliorates and calms him to sleep.

### **CRITERIA:**

1. Obstinacy
2. Breath holding spell
3. Seizure – Frequency
4. Seizure – Intensity
5. Seizure – Duration

### **Follow – up:**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b>     | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>ACTION</b> |
|-------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 31/05/06    |           |          |              |          |          | <b>A</b>      |
| 7/06/06     |           | ++       | 3 times only |          |          | <b>B</b>      |
| 14/06/06    | >1-2      | >1       | 0            | 0        | 0        | <b>C</b>      |
| 29/06/06    | S as last | Once     | Once         |          | 20 mins  | <b>D</b>      |
| 12/07/06    | >2        | Twice    | 0            | 0        | 0        | <b>E</b>      |
| 28/07/06    | >2        | Twice    | 0            | 0        | 0        | <b>F</b>      |
| 12/09/06    | >2        | Twice    | 0            | 0        | 0        | <b>G</b>      |
| 12/11/06    | >2        | Twice    | 0            | 0        | 0        | <b>H</b>      |
| 30/11/06    | >2-3      | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | <b>I</b>      |
| 17/12/06    | >2-3      | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0        | <b>J</b>      |