IPECACUANHA
Ipecac-root
(IPECA)

The chief action is on the ramifications of the pneumogastric nerve, producing spasmodic irritation in chest and stomach. Morphia habit. The principal feature of Ipecacuanha is its persistent nausea and vomiting, which form the chief guiding symptoms. Indicated after indigestible food, raisins, cakes, etc. Especially indicated in fat children and adults, who are feeble and catch cold in relaxing atmosphere; warm, moist weather. Spasmodic affections. Hæmorrhages bright-red and profuse.

Mind.--Irritable; holds everything in contempt. Full of desires, for what they know not.

Head.--Bones of skull feel crushed or bruised. Pain extends to teeth and root of tongue.


Face.--Blue rings around eyes. Periodical orbital neuralgia, with lachrymation, photophobia, and smarting eyelids.

Nose.--Coryza, with stoppage of nose and nausea. Epistaxis.

Stomach.--Tongue usually clean. Mouth, moist; much saliva. Constant nausea and vomiting, with pale, twitching of face. Vomits food, bile, blood, mucus. Stomach feels relaxed, as if hanging down. Hiccough.

Abdomen.--Amebic dysentery with tenesmus; while straining pain so great that it nauseates; little thirst. Cutting, clutching; worse, around the navel. Body rigid; stretched out stiff.

Stools.--Pitch-like green as grass, like frothy molasses, with griping at navel. Dysenteric, slimy.

Female.--Uterine hæmorrhage, profuse, bright, gushing, with nausea. Vomiting during pregnancy. Pain from navel to uterus. Menses too early and

Fever.--Intermittent fever, irregular cases, after Quinine. Slightest chill with much heat, nausea, vomiting, and dyspnœa. Relapses from improper diet.

Sleep.--With eyes half open. Shocks in all limbs on going to sleep (Ign).

Extremities.--Body stretched stiff, followed by spasmodic jerking of arms towards each other.

Skin.--Pale, lax. Blue around eyes. Miliary rash.

Modalities.--Worse, periodically; from veal, moist warm wind, lying down.

Relationship.--Compare: Emetine-principal alkaloid of Ipecac (A powerful amebicide, but is not a bactericide. Specific for amæbiasis; of remarkable value in treatment of amæbic dysentery; also as a remedy in pyorrhea, 1/2 gr daily for three days, then less. Emetin, 1/2 gr hypodermically, in Psoriasis. Emetin hydroch. 2x, diarrhœa with colicky, abdominal pains and nausea. Emetin for endamoebic dysentery. In physiological doses must be carefully watched. May produce hepatisation of lungs, rapid heart action, tendency for the head to fall forward and lobar pneumonia. In hæmatemesis and other hæmorrhages, compare: Gelatin which has a marked effect on the coagulability of the blood. Hypodermically; or if by mouth, a 10 per cent jelly, about 4 oz, three times a day) Arsenic; Cham; Puls; Tart em; Squill. Convulvulus (colic and diarrhœa). Typha latifolia-Cat-tail flag (dysentery, diarrhœa) and summer complaint. Euphorbia hypericifolia--Garden Spurge--(Very similar to Ipecac. Irritation of the respiratory and gastro-intestinal tracts and female organs). Lippia mexicana--(Persistent dry, hard, bronchial cough--asthma and chronic bronchitis).

In Asthma, compare: Blatta orientalis.

Antidotes: Arsenic; China; Tabac.

Complementary: Cuprum; Arn.

Dose.--Third to 200th potency.