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MAJOR PLANT AND ANIMAL

REMEDIES

Aconitum, Apis, Arnica



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ACONITE Aconitum napellus



– Acute remedy ► rapid reaction

(acute drugs are mostly poisons ► cause severe reactions)

Source:

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- -Wet, shady, mountainous regions of Europe and Central Asia - Ornamental plant
- Used externally (not on broken skin) ▶ relieving joint pain and treating bruises
- X rarely used internally
 toxic (alkaloids aconitine, napelin,
 biogenic amines dopamine and tyramine) MUNI

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History:

- the deadly juices were used as an arrow poison
- a popular alternative to the blood-letting for the treatment of acute fevers and inflammations

Remedy profile:

Physical symptoms often develop as a result of shock, fear, or exposure to cold and dry winds (skiing), but strong heat as well. Acute infections, such as colds and coughs, can be treated with this remedy. Aconite may also be prescribed for anxiety states, and for mothers and infants during or immediately after the childbirth.

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Cardiovascular system:

- Tachycardia, arterial hypertension
- Bleeding out of period

Fever:

- Sharp onset
- Red, dry skin
- Intense thirst
- Agitation

APIS: without thirst BELLADONNA: variable thirst ACONITUM: intense thirst

Febrile conditions:

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Toxicology

- -Feeling of tingling, stiff lips, anxiety, dizziness

- Paralysis of RS, nausea, voniting
 Local anesthetic, erythema on the skin
 CV system malfunction (rhythm disorders, sudden HT)
- ↑ secretion of saliva and sweat (all glands)
- -Death by cardiac arrest and respiratory damage

Nervous system:

- Intense neuralgia trigeminal nerve
- -Feeling afraid of death, anxiety

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Feelings:

- Unbearable pain - Stiffening or tingling (peripheral microspasms)

Modalities:

DETERIORATION: sharp cold around midnight

IMPROVEMENT: sweating, menstruation, urination

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Accompanying symptoms:

- -Dry, reddish skin
- -Great thirst for cold water
- -Hot palms, hypersensitivity to light, sounds and smells
- -Anxiety caused by the intensity of the symptoms

Etiological relationships:

- -Severe reaction symptoms due to:
 - · Sudden temperature changes (cold)
 - Sudden fear
 - · Hypertensive seizures

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Acute respiratory infections:

- -Cold or flu (↑ occurs rapidly)
- -Katarrh, inflammation and severe tonsilitis
- Dry irritating cough
- -Restless sleep
- -Hot face
- -Persistent headaches
- -Hypersensitive skin
- -Intense thirst

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Basic clinical indications

- -Neuralgia
- -Fear, panic
- -Sudden hypertension
- -Paroxysmal tachycardia
- -Attack angina pectoris
- -Hemorrhage (9-15 CH)
- -Acute pyrexia
- -Sunburn, sunburn (9 CH)

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Sensitive type:

- -A young, stenotic person in good health, reacts violently to a strong, sudden and unexpected event
- -Fear of death



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Eye & ear infections:

- Inflamed eyes with burning pain (injury or conjunctivitis)
- -Hypersensitivity to light
- -Ear infections occur very quickly and suddenly (pain, red ears and hypersensitivity to noise)
- -Tinnitus

GIT:

- Severe stomach pain, vomiting, summer diarrhea

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