



DIFFICULTIES
IN
CHRONIC CASE TAKING

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Case Taking -> I step towards direction of cure

Depends on s/m of patient -> Depends on extend upto which a physician is able to ascertain the real problem of the patient

Challenge & Limitation -> Lack or scarcity of s/m

REGARDING PATIENT

- Patients coming from other physicians

- true symptom image of the patient may have altered or have been mixed up with the symptoms of drugs

- Influence of modern medicine upon the people

- Easy procedures
- No long interactions



- Modesty conceals facts

- Due to shame
- Habitual masturbation, increased sexual desire



- Pretension modifies symptom \$ 96

- Exaggerate s/m – hypochondriacs
- Tends to deviate – in vivid colours



• Indolent patients \$ 97

- Narrate only less
- Due to indolence/ mild disposition/ weakness of mind
- Some individuals do not take much interest in describing their ailments. - STOICS



• Lesser Accessory s/m

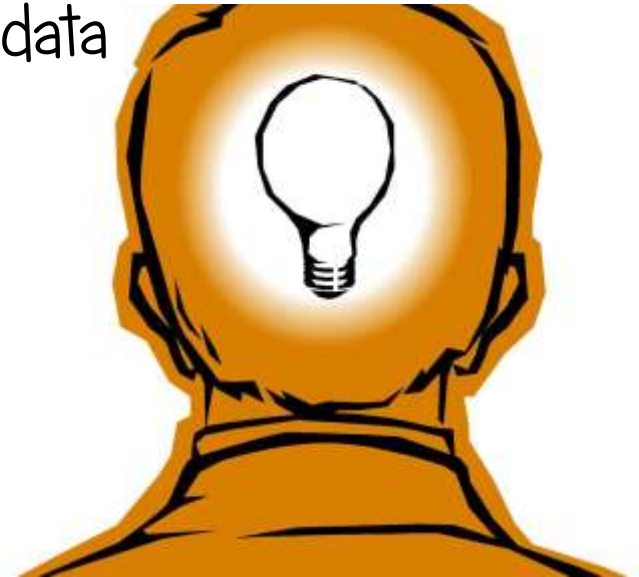
- Long standing s/m – patient used to/ ignore it – Part & parcel
- Lack of awareness of its role in Rx

- Symptoms appearing periodically not narrated
 - May not present during case taking
- Alternating s/m \$ 232
 - Miss this characteristic feature
- Self medication
 - Modified to new s/m picture
 - Cannot elicit true picture



•Intellectuals

- tend to relate to reality - they evaluate or interpret their symptoms in terms of their knowledge and philosophy of life
- They adopt some theories on diet and regimen, keeping aside their desires and aversions - miss valuable data



REGARDING CHRONIC DISEASE

- Gradual Onset

- Difficult to remember the accurate time of onset

- Difficulty in recalling the symptoms

- Gradual onset – evolution of s/m- partial picture of disease available

- Change from real image of s/m

- Allopathic medicine/ illogical homoeopathic medicine



- Development of Complex ds or Artificial chronic ds \$ 74

- Medicine s/m + existing natural ds

- As pathology progress signs & s/m decreases

- Suppression of disease condition

- Suppression by non-homoeopathic medicine

- Remove the obstacle

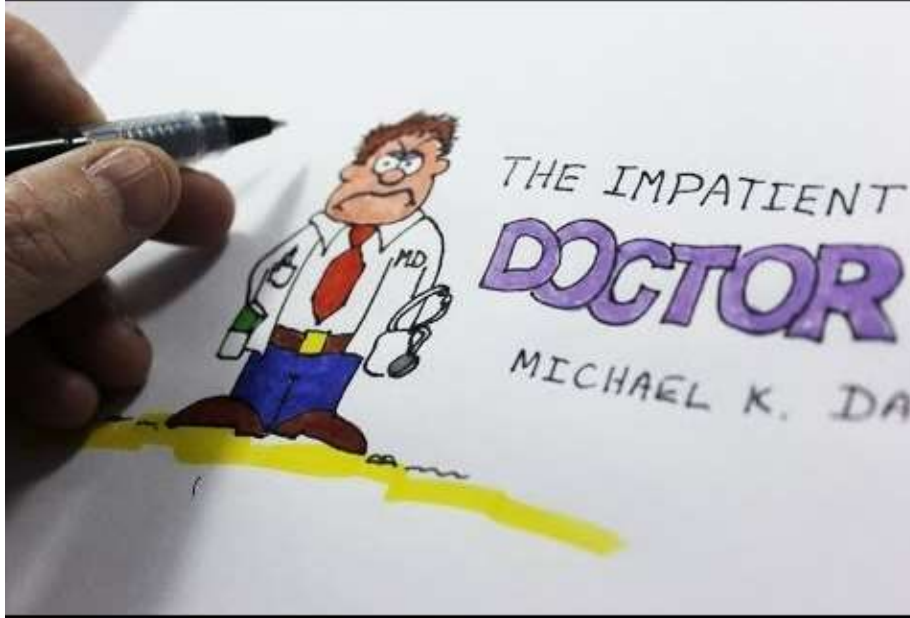
- One sided ds \$ 173

- Few s/m only

- Maze of symptoms



REGARDING HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN



- Impatient physician
- Prejudiced physician
- Lack of rapport with patient
- Physician lacking knowledge about art of case taking
- Un homoeopathic treatment from homoeopathic physicians

REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES

- Paediatric age group
- Old age group
- Deaf and dumb patients
- Unconscious patients:
 - Subjective and characteristic symptoms are not available.
- Mentally ill patients
 - Physician may not get the exact case history.