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A Difficult Wisdom Tooth Eruption

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Dr. Rajiv Peres shares a case of difficult wisdom tooth eruption. A careful comparison of two similar remedies led to the simillimum.

On 12th June 2023, a 23-year-old boy presented with complaints of pain in left lower wisdom tooth for the last four days. He was unable to eat anything on the left side. Touch aggravated.

He felt better by holding cold water in his mouth. A lot of saliva accumulates in region of left lower jaw and when he tries to swallow it creates pain in left aspect of throat radiating downwards. Difficult to even swallow saliva.

Face swelling present on left side with a pinkish hue. When he moves the jaw, some crackling sound is produced at left angle of mandible. For last three days he was on pain killers as well as antibiotics without relief. Pain and uneasiness are usually during daytime.

time. No peculiar taste of the saliva observed.

Patient is aggravated by slightest touch. Pains fling upwards to the ears is absent in this case, so Staphysagria can be ruled out. Patient is not going crazy with the pain so he can't be Nux vomica.

I look for what is most peculiar and then later match it with the materia medica. This is an acute case, sporadic type. I search for concomitant, ailments from, characteristics, modality, sensation, and lastly location. What are characteristic and common symptoms in terms of intensity.

Patient is active despite pain but it's not very intense, onset is sudden, progress is fast, redness++, gum swelling. There is no characteristic mental concomitant in this case but physical concomitant is present of excessive salivation. Is there anything in the pain that makes it peculiar? What is the peculiarity of sensitivity? Nothing!

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In this case I also have characteristic uncommon peculiar modality, amelioration holding cold water in mouth. Some would argue here that in an inflammatory state holding cold water in mouth is a common relief, but do all patients having toothache hold cold water in mouth and feel better by it?

This phenomena of holding cold water in mouth and feeling better is individualistic. If you refer to sensodyne toothpaste advertisement from television "lab Thanda piti

No characteristic peculiar sensations are available. Here location is available of left side. According to Kent and Boericke materia medica, Merc-sol is predominantly right sided.

Enormous salivation is present along with modality of cold water ameliorates. This symptom stands out as per the intensity of relief that it offered to him and also restlessness.

I find Boger- Boenninghauson repertory (BBCR) ameliorated by holding cold water in mouth. Hence Merc-cor 30 was selected as the simillimum. 30c potency was chosen as the susceptibility seems low as he was unable to describe the type of pains or sensations, no presence of any mental symptoms.

Modality of better by cold water is a syphilitic expression and to avoid any unwarranted aggravation in an already suffering patient, low potency seems wise. Mer-cor also has aggravation by swallowing and worse during daytime unlike its counterpart Merc-sol which aggravated at night and more right sided. Salivation increased you shall find in both. Salivation brought me to Merc group, BBCR guided me to Merc-cor and Materia medica helped me confirm it.

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Follow up on same day after two doses of remedy on same day. First dose given was dry. Pain while swallowing eased within 8 minutes of first dose. Patient was insisting for another dose as he was in a hurry to feel better. Second dry dose was

Follow up on Next day 13th June 2023. After taking the remedy he could eat dinner the same night of 12th June. Overall 30% relieved. The remedy was repeated twice mixed in water.

Follow up on third day: Overall 60% relieved. Seemed happy and relaxed. No remedy given.

Follow up on fourth day: Overall 80% relieved. No trouble while eating nor while swallowing.

Photo's below————

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Follow up on Fifth Day 16th June 2023: 100% okay. No complaint.

The photo taken for follow up is on 22nd June 2023. Patient has not had the need any remedy till date.

14th November 2023: No recurrence of complaint nor any new complaint to this day.

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Very nicely presented case – made for good learning – also you reinforced that the OLD is GOLD book of BBCR needs a look through once in a while surely.

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September 4, 2024 at 6:40 am

did the cavity in the biting surface really healed? or the tooth moved and further tilted and the clean picture we saw is actually not the biting area as in eariler picture but the side of the tooth. Meaning, it has to be pulled eventually in some not distant future, anyway... and this is just the acute relief?

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