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History of homeopathy

- 1796: publication about a new system of medicine in Hufelands journal
- 1805: publication of 'Heikunde der Erfahrung' ('cure by experience')
- 1810: publication of the first edition of the Organon
- 1818: publication of the second edition of the Organon
- 1824: publication of the fourth edition of the Organon
- 1828: **publication of the first edition of the Chronic Diseases.**



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History of homeopathy

- 1829: Publication of the Fourth edition of the Organon
- Most used Organon
- Centesimal potencies (Known as the Kentian wait and watch method)
- Interval in between remedy repetition 30 to 90 days.
- Students are taught homeopathy according these guidelines.



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History of homeopathy

1833: Publication of the *Fifth edition* of the Organon
Repetition of the remedy on a weekly basis

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History of homeopathy

1838: Publication of the Chronic diseases

Repetition of the remedy on a daily basis:

... 'In chronic diseases I have found it best to give a dose (e. g., a spoonful) of a solution medicine a least every two days, more usually every day'....

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Hahnemann writes to his publisher:

Dear Mr. Schaub,

After 18 month of work I have just now finished the 6th edition of my Organon which, if possible, is perfect.

Your dedicated,

Samuel Hahnemann.
Paris, Rue de Milan 1.
20th of February 1842.

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According to Hahnemann *disease* is the starting point for the homeopathic approach and treatment, not the *patient*



Dynamic disease (cause)

Organon 6th edition § 11:

...“When a person falls ill, *it is only this spiritual, self acting (automatic) vital force, everywhere present in his organism, that is primarily deranged by the dynamic (2) influence upon it of a morbid agent inimical to life*; it is only the vital force, deranged to such an abnormal state, that can furnish the organism with its disagreeable sensations, and incline it to the irregular processes which we call *disease*; for, as a power invisible in itself and only cognizable by its effects on the organism, its morbid derangement only makes itself known by the manifestation of *disease* in the sensations and functions of those parts of the organism exposed to the senses of the observer and physician, that is, by morbid symptoms, and in no other way can it make itself known”...



Disease

Organon 6th edition §72...

“With respect to the first point, the following will serve as a general preliminary view. The diseases to which man is liable are *either rapid morbid processes* of the abnormally deranged vital force, which have a tendency to finish their course *more or less quickly*, but always in a moderate time - these are termed *acute diseases*; - or they are diseases of such a character that, *with small, often imperceptible beginnings*, dynamically derange the living organism, each in its own peculiar manner,



Disease

...and cause it *gradually to deviate from the healthy condition*, in such a way that the automatic life energy, called vital force, whose office is to preserve the health, only opposes to them at the commencement and during their progress imperfect, unsuitable, useless resistance, but is unable of itself to extinguish them, but must helplessly suffer (them to spread and) itself to be ever more and more abnormally deranged, until at length the organism is destroyed; *these are termed chronic diseases*.

They are caused by infection with a chronic miasm'.

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Incidents and acute miasmatics

...'As regards *acute diseases*, they are either of such a kind as attack human beings *individually*, the exciting cause being *injurious influences* to which they were particularly exposed. *Excesses in food, or an insufficient supply of it, severe physical impressions, chills, overheatings, dissipation, strains, ..etc., or physical irritations, mental emotions, and the like, are exciting causes* of such *acute febrile affections*; in reality, however, they are *generally only a transient explosion of latent psora*, which spontaneously returns to its dormant state if the acute diseases were not of too violent a character and were soon quelled'...

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Epidemic diseases

Organon: § 73.

...'Or they are of such a kind as attack several persons at the same time, here and there (sporadically), by means of meteoric or telluric influences and injurious agents, the susceptibility for being morbidly affected by which is possessed by only *a few persons at one time*...

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Epidemic diseases

Allied to these are **those diseases** in which many persons are attacked with very similar sufferings from the same cause (**epidemically**); these diseases generally become **infectious (contagious)** when they prevail among thickly congregated masses of human beings. Thence arise fevers, (1) in each instance of a peculiar nature, and, because the cases of disease have an **identical origin**, they set up in all those they affect an identical morbid process, which when left to itself terminates in a moderate period of time in death or recovery'...

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Epidemic diseases

Organon 6th edition § 73

'...The calamities of war, inundations and famine are not infrequently their exciting causes and produces - sometimes they are **peculiar acute miasms** which recur in the same manner (hence known by some traditional name), which either attack persons but once in a lifetime, as the **small-pox, measles, whooping-cough**, the ancient, smooth, bright red **scarlet fever** (2) of Sydenham, **the mumps**, etc. or such as recur frequently in pretty much the same manner, the plague of the Levant, the yellow fever of the sea-coast, the Asiatic cholera, etc...'

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Acute miasmatic diseases

Organon 6th edition § 73

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Iatrogenic disease

Organon 6th edition § 75

'...These inroads on human health effected by the allopathic non-healing art (more particularly in recent times) are of all chronic diseases the **most deplorable, the most incurable**; and I regret to add that it is apparently impossible to discover or to hit upon any remedies for their cure when they have reached anv considerable height...'

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The Chronic Miasms

Organon 6th edition § 78

'.....The true natural chronic diseases are those **that arise from a chronic miasm**, which when left to themselves, and unchecked by the employment of those remedies that are specific for them, **always go on increasing and growing worse**, notwithstanding the best mental and corporeal regimen, and torment the patient to the end of his life with ever aggravated sufferings.....

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The Chronic Miasms

...These, excepting those produced by medical malpractice, are the most numerous and greatest scourges of the human race; for the most robust constitution, the best regulated mode of living and the most vigorous energy of the vital force are insufficient for their eradication'...

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The Chronic Miasms, Syphilis

Organon 6th edition § 79

'...Hitherto **Syphilis** alone has been to some extent known as such a chronic miasmatic disease, which when uncured ceases only with the termination of life. **Sycosis** (the condylomatous disease), equally ineradicable by the vital force without proper medicinal treatment, was not recognized as a chronic miasmatic disease of a peculiar character, which it nevertheless undoubtedly is, and physicians imagined they had cured it when they had destroyed the growths upon the skin, but the persisting dyscrasia occasioned by it escaped their Observation...'

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The Chronic Miasms, Psora ,history of

Organon 6th edition § 80

...'Incalculably greater and more important than the two chronic miasms just named, however, is the chronic miasm of psora, which, whilst those two reveal their specific internal dyscrasia, the one by the venereal chancre, the other by the cauliflower-like growths, does also, after the completion of the internal infection of the whole organism, announce by a peculiar cutaneous eruption, sometimes consisting only of a few vesicles accompanied by intolerable voluptuous tickling itching (and a peculiar odour), the monstrous internal chronic miasm - **the psora, the only real fundamental cause and producer of all the other numerous, I may say innumerable, forms of disease**'...

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The Chronic Miasms, Psora ,history of

Organon 6th edition § 81

'... The fact that this extremely **ancient infecting agent** has gradually passed, in **some hundreds of generations**, through many millions of human organisms and has thus attained an incredible development, renders it in some measure conceivable how it can now display such innumerable morbid forms in the great family of mankind, particularly when we consider **what a number of circumstances** contribute to the production of these **great varieties of chronic diseases** (secondary symptoms of psora),.....

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The Chronic Miasms, Psora ,*history of*

... besides the indescribable diversity of men in respect of their congenital corporeal constitutions, so that it is no wonder if such a *variety of injurious agencies, acting from within and from without* and sometimes continually, on such a variety of organisms permeated with the psoric miasm, should produce an innumerable variety of defects, injuries, derangements and sufferings, which have hitherto been treated of in the old pathological works, (2) under a number of special names, as diseases of an independent character'...

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Disease forms mentioned by Hahnemann

- Acute *diseases en Chronic diseases*
- Psoric *diseases* -Sycotic *diseases* -Syphilitic *diseases*
- Inherited *diseases*
- Intercurrent *diseases* (*epidemic of collective diseases*)
- Mishaps or Incidents
- Iatrogenic *diseases*
- Acute miasmatic *diseases*
- Psychic *diseases*
- Affective en hallucinatory *diseases*, mental *diseases* and *diseases of the soul*,

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Disease forms mentioned by Hahnemann

- Emotional *diseases*
- Periodic- and intermittent *diseases*
- Onesided *diseases*
- Alternating *diseases*
- Peculiar acute miasma's
- Deficiency *diseases*
- Degenerative *organdiseases* (physical *diseases*)
- secondary *diseases*
- Inflammatory *diseases*

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Resumé:

Hahnemann treated different disease forms

- The **acute disease** forms are to be treated with remedies taken from the **vegetable** and **animal kingdom**.
- The **chronic diseases** based on a former **sycotic** infection is primarily to be treated with the remedies **Thuja** and **Nitric acid (Medorrhinum)**
- The **chronic diseases** based on a former **syphilitic** infected is primarily to be treated with remedies of **mercurial origin (Syphilinum)**

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Resumé:

- The **chronic diseases** based on the **inherited of acute tuberculous** disease tendency are primarily to be treated with **tuberculous nosodes**
- The **chronic diseases** based on the **inherited carcinogenic** disease tendency are primarily to be treated with **carcinogenic nosodes**.
- The **chronic disease** forms based on **Psora** can only permanently be cured by and are therefore to be treated with **antipsoric e.g. mineral remedies (Psorinum)**
- The **inherited disease** tendencies are to be cured by the **nosodes**.

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