Cancer in Integrative Medicine from a Homeopath’s Perspective

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II. Most cases seen by physician are of psychosomatic origin

Four stress damage pathways produce 60% - 90% of doctor visits:

1. Cardiovascular *(hypertension, atherosclerotic plaque formations, heart attack, strokes)*
2. Metabolic *(insulin resistant diabetes, obesity)*
3. Immune *(flu, infections, auto-immune, cancer)*
4. Psychological *(anxiety, depression, insomnia, negativity, overwhelm)*

III. Trapped emotions masquerading as bodily disease

IV. Intention to heal - a 'no-limit' perspective which matters

Cancer survivors: 3 million *(1971)* to ~14 million *(2014)* or 4% of population in US

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Tennis ball weighing 7 trillion US tons!

Tennis ball weighing 3 kgs
Cancer – A Conventional Perspectives

• A group of different disease – the second most leading cause of death in North America

100 times more cells and less than 5% die of cancer  
25% die of cancer
Lymphocytes - 40 copies of P53 1 copy of p53  
(JAMA. 2015 Nov; 314(17): 1850-60)

• Metastasis – challenges the seed and soil hypothesis paradigm

• From a killer to a long-term illness and remission

• Early screening, detection and surgery has improved prognosis

• Host immune system - compromised or hijacked by cancer cells and tumors

• Surgery - mainstay with chemotherapy in an adjuvant or neoadjuvant conventional setting.

• Fewer newer drugs have been successful such as Gleevac (Imatinib) use in CML

• Testicular cancer, gestational choriocarcinomas, childhood ALL and some pediatric solid tumors, Hodgkin disease and high grade lymphomas remain curative to chemotherapy

• Colon cancer, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, and prostate cancer - a better prognosis if detected in one of the first two stages (out of 4 total)
Cancer Cases

I. **End of Life Palliation - Case I-III**

II. **Homeopathy Alone – Case IV & V**

III. **Homeopathy with Conventional therapy – Case VI-VIII**
Case I - 69y Woman Breast Ca with adrenal metastasis

CT scan October 2006:
Liver mets, increased soft tissue density in kidney & spleen; abdominal wall nodules

History
F/H 2 brothers dying of bladder & lung ca
Breast ca (1990) undergone left masectomy followed by Tamoxifen and Femara.
Adrenal ca 1999 - surgery and recurrence 5yrs later. Carboplatinum
Sept 2005 - abdominal wall mass showing adrenal metastasis. Mitotane – not tolerated
Hospitalized in 12/05, 03/06, 07/06, 10/06 for pain, retching, loss of appetite, cachexia (lost 30 lbs)
Surgical intervention ruled out as the tumor was on the celiac plexus and there was danger of paralysis
On oxycontin for pain with Dilaudid (hydromorphone)
Progressively sicker with a breakdown – could’t eat or sleep anymore, anxious and restless with fears
On Lexapro, but stooped after 16 days as she was seeing people, doing repeated tasks, talking to people not there
Case I - 69y Woman Breast Ca with adrenal metastasis

Presenting symptoms:
Bundle of nerves, constantly crying, shakes in her legs and even had severe bouts of pain in both arms and legs. Family: ‘We are looking to reduce her anxiety/depression AND stabilize her AND get her vim and vigor back, AND fight the cancer and eliminate the nausea and improve her appetite, if we can throw controlling pain in the mix, we want to do that to so we can get her off as much stuff as possible. AT this point though, we do not want the pain coming back into the mix (Good luck!)’

Started her on Lycopodium LM3 moving onto LM9 as time passed on. Later on Carduus mar MT, Carc, Nux mosch, carbo animalis was given

Improvement was dramatic – Oncologist suggested that she meets with me biweekly!

Passed away peacefully at her home in late 2009 – 3 additional years of a wonderful life of quality!!
Case II June 2012 – 67y Male

Collecting duct cancer of the left Kidney which was removed. Metastasis in pleural cavity plus disease recurrence in kidney. Failed Gemcitabine and cisplatin.

Presenting Symptoms:

Hot sharp burning pain lasting 15-20 mins at a stretch

Rubrics:  KIDNEYS - CANCER
GENERALS - METASTASIS
GENERALS - PAIN - burning
GENERALS - PAIN - cancerous affections, in
BACK - PAIN - Coccyx
GENERALS - CANCEROUS affections - cachectic emaciation; with
MIND - AILMENTS FROM - anger
MIND - AILMENTS FROM - indignation
SLEEP - POSITION - side; on - impossible
SLEEP - POSITION - back; on
SLEEP – INTERRUPTED

Carcinosinum 30C bid, Solidago 30C bid & Euphorbium 30C in water for pain

In 20 days reported to be sleeping better and pains also better

Started Taxol + and antibiotics for pneumonia

Sambuccus nigra MT 15 drops in water bid since was waking up with breathing issues and perspiration

August 2012 passed away peacefully at home – wife writes a wonderful thank you memo!
Cases III - 65y Woman with breast cancer 15 years earlier

ER Positive, PR and HER-2 negative multifocal multicentric node – invasive ductal carcinoma NOS, Nuclear grade 3/3

MRI April 2014 - Locally advanced disease 4.7 x 4.7 x 3.5 AP extent of the disease is up to 7.5 cm

H/O sexual abuse and psoriasis on scalp and ears Detected with breast cancer 15y back.

No F/H of breast cancer and no P/H of HRT use

Presenting Symptoms:

Lost 10 lbs last year (cachexia) due to cancer

Left axilla biopsy (April, 2014) showed metastatic carcinoma. The right breast is unremarkable

Conium 3c tid, Nat mur 6x tissue salt bid. Euphorbium 30C for pain. An intercurrent dose of Malandrinum 10M

Thought was dying as that is what her friends and relatives told her and so off the radar for 3 months

Appeared with full fungating tumor, pain & lymphedema.

On Carbo animalis 30C and Condurango 12C followed by Bufo rana 30C which has improved the lymphatic swelling
Case IV April 2014 - 43y Woman with Thyroid Cancer CT scan March 2014 - 3.1 x 1.7 x 2.5 cm

FNAS of papillary carcinoma of thyroid which has >95% adults surviving past 10y

**Presenting Symptoms:**

Iodine depleted. Thyroid normal range except thyroglobulin 69.7 (2 – 23 normal range)

- Rubrics:
  - MIND - AILMENTS FROM - abused; after being
  - MIND - AILMENTS FROM - fear
  - MIND - AILMENTS FROM - abused; after being - sexually
  - GENERALS - CANCEROUS affections - Glands
  - EXTERNAL THROAT - LUMPS - Thyroid gland
  - SLEEP - POSITION - abdomen, on
  - SLEEP - POSITION - side; on - left side; on
  - EXTREMITIES - COLDNESS - Feet
  - GENERALS - SEASONS - winter - agg.
  - MIND - HELPLESSNESS; feeling of
  - GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - salt - desire
  - GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - sugar - desire
  - MIND - AILMENTS FROM - bad news
  - EYE - DISCOLORATION - red - Lids – Lower

Nat mur 200C split dose at night and 1M next day morning. 5 days later start CF 6X tid and Conium mac 3C bid.

Also advised iodine supplement (Swanson). Swelling improved by 25% in 30 days

Tuberculinum bov 1M split dose, 2 d later CF6X +NM12X and Vaccinum vitis idea D1 15 drops bid

45 d later significant (~75% as per patient) regression - CT scan on July 2014: 2.7 x 1.7 x 2.2 cm

She is in remission as confirmed by successive scan results
Case V – 43y Divorcee with breast cancer

Diagnosed 2y prior with Breast ca runs in the family with one niece and one aunt deceased of breast ca

Decided not to pursue any conventional approach including surgery

• Rubrics:
  - CHEST - CANCER - Mammae - right
  - CHEST - CANCER - Mammae
  - MIND - FORSAKEN feeling
  - MIND - REMORSE
  - MIND - REPROACHING oneself
  - MIND - AILMENTS FROM - love; disappointed
  - SLEEP - POSITION - back; on
  - SLEEP - POSITION - knees - chest position; knee
  - MIND - FEAR - death, of
  - MIND - FEAR - responsibility
  - MIND - FEAR - alone, of being
  - MIND - CONSOLATION - agg.
  - GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - sweets - desire
  - GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - spices - desire
  - GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - fish - aversion
  - GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - salt - desire

Carcinosium, conium, Calc flour 6X tissue salts. Other remedies – Tuberculinum bov, phytolocca, Thuja

Current status - cancer possibly grown a bit and is also in the other breast – but not medically correlated

Survival >5 years!!
Case VI – 34y Teacher Anaplastic Oligodenroglioma Grade III diagnosed in 2011 (3.5 y survival)

Clinical Diagnosis and History
The patient is a 33-year-old female who was diagnosed with a left frontal anaplastic oligodendroglioma, WHO in October 2011 (SB-11-30514/NO-11-1147). This tumor had a co-deletion for chromosome 1p and 19q, and the MGMT promoter gene was methylated.

The patient underwent further surgery on May 5th, 2012 for a recurrent tumor (SS-12-16630).

Family history of Ca on both sides – uterine and lung ca with mets. Emotional stress leading to mental breakdown at 17y. Used to be mean and frustrated. Could not stop thoughts. Low energy – not herself in 2010.

Seen in July 2012

- SLEEP - POSITION - abdomen, on
- EXTREMITIES - COLDNESS - Hands - Feet, and
- MIND - FEAR - narrow place, in
- MIND - SPEECH - hasty
- STOMACH - THIRSTLESS
- GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - sweets - desire
- GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - fish - aversion
- GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - fat - desire
- EXTREMITIES - UNCOVER, inclination to - Feet
- MIND - TRAVELLING - desire for
- GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - sausages - desire
- HEAD - TUMORS – Brain

On Temodal maintenance dose in 2012 – Cadmium met 200C tid for 10 days after Temodal Carcinosinum 30C once every 3 days, Ruta 6C bid and CP3X tissue salts (Banerji Protocol)

MRI Sept 2014 and CT scan May 2015 confirm no disease – continues to be in remission
Case VII – 46y woman with non small cell lung cancer with metastasis to the brain

July 2005 - inoperable stage IIIB, NSCLC involving the primary left lung (5 cm x 4.5 cm) and with right-sided mediastinal adenopathy that extended through the left supraclavicular area to her left neck

> 30 y smoking history & no family history. Nature vs Nurture vs level of health issue

**Presenting Symptoms October 2007** –

Cisplatinum/Gemcitabine concurrent with radical radiotherapy of 6,000 cGy in 30 fractions

CT scans October 2007 and Feb 2008 - no tumour in the neck area, possible remnant scar tissues in lung

Developed progressive speech difficulty with motor deficits and weakness in right arm

**Brain MRI of Feb 2008** - a 13 mm lesion in the grey/white junction high in the left frontal lobe

Potentially resectable metastases with significant concern for post-operative motor deficits with an estimated 20% risk of brain damage from surgery – no Rx option provided
**Case VII – 46y woman with non small cell lung cancer with metastasis to the brain**

Suggested gamma knife - radiosurgery with whole brain radiotherapy, followed with 3000 cGy in 10 fractions completed in Mar 2008 followed later by a single boost radiotherapy treatment with a gamma knife unit in April 2008.

A post radiotherapy MRI in April, 2008 showed a single small foci admeasuring 7 mm.

Rubrics:
- Sleep; waking; night; midnight; after; 3 h
- Rectum; inactivity of rectum
- Stool; sheep dung, like
- Teeth; grinding; sleep agg, during
- Mind; *proper; too*
- Mind; cares, full of
- Mind; *ailments from; bad news*
- Mind; fear; alone, of being
- Mind; fear; snakes, of
- Mind; talking; sleep, in
- Generals; food and drinks; cheese; desire
- Generals; family history of; alcoholism
- Generals; history, personal; bronchitis, of recurrent
- Generals; history, personal; tonsillitis, of recurrent

Kali c 200C thrice a week along with Ferrum phos 6x initially and later Ruta 6C with Calc phos 6X. In remission since spring 2009 confirmed by brain MRI (Feb 2010), a chest CT (Aug 2012) and a chest x-ray (October 2012)
Surgical resection without proper removal of margins and surrounding lymph nodes was done followed by 24h chemo and daily radiation

10 months later PET scan shows metabolic activity and 12 months later confirmed metastatic mucinous adenocarcinoma into right lower lobe of lungs

Normal survival in best case scenarios – 3 to 5 yrs.

Rectal area – surgery again to remove the cancer. Paeonia off when the active rectal cancer had shrunk and biopsy showed no cancer tissues

Later on Lycopodium in LM potencies while being on various cycles of Xeloda/avastin or FOLFURI. Cadmium met was used for counter the side-effects of the chemo

FDG PET scan shows minimal or no change in lungs mets.

Carc 1M intercurrently and then Kali carb 200C once every 5 days and Ruta 6c bid with Calc phos 6X tissue salt bid
Case VIII – 47y female college team coach and sports medicine rectal cancer 11 months back

Almost 5.5 y later CEA levels showed increase from 28 to 111 with PET scan showing:

‘Minimal Disease progression – numerous cavitary pulmonary metastasis have minimally enlarged, recurrent tumor at the site of rectal resection and tumor in the lower anterior abdominal wall, in the right adnexa has also slightly increased in volume and metabolic intensity’

Despite assurance from me and her oncologist she decided to go on experimental drugs and passed away due to drug induced embolism in the lungs roughly 6 y from her first diagnosis
Case IX – Feb 2015 a Case of bone cancer in a 7y boy

Biopsy report – Dec 2014: Rearrangement involving the EWS gene at 22q12 was evaluated with FISH – frequent split signals >4% of the neoplastic cells. Shows rearrangement as in Ewing sarcoma, Extraskeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma, desmoplastic small round cell tumor, clear cell sarcoma and rare types of myxoid liposarcoma.

Was variously on Cytoxin + Vincristine and Doxorubicin, Cyclophosphamide, Mesna, Ifosfamide, Etoposide

Surgery in March 2015 followed by Toposide + Phosphamide for 5 days in Jun 2015

With homeopathy, the surgeon and the oncologists pleased to see him rebound so quickly!!
Case IX – Feb 2015 a Case of E-wing’s Sarcoma in a 7y boy

Rubrics:
- GENERALS - CANCEROUS affections - sarcoma - Kaposi sarcoma
- MIND - OBSTINATE - children
- GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - bacon - desire
- GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - ham - desire
- GENERALS - FOOD and DRINKS - sugar - desire
- GENERALS - CANCEROUS affections - Bones, of
- MIND - ANGER - children; in
- SLEEP - POSITION - side; on

Patient was prescribed Sympytum 200C bid & Carc 30c once every 3-4 days

Intermittently Syphilinum was given for the genetic translocation/changes

NM+FP6X tissue salts were given for counteracting the blood toxicity with China 30C added when needed.

Intermittently, when his WBC was low, he received few doses of Crotalus horr 200C

Cadmium sulph 200C was regularly given during and after chemo
Counteracting Chemotoxicity

I. Cadmium metallica/sulph

II. Selenium as Methyl Seleno cysteine

III. Other remedies
• Cadmium (Cd) mimics Calcium in humans and is one of the most toxic elements to which humans could be exposed at work or in the environment
• The outbreak of itai-itai disease, a most severe stage of chronic Cd poisoning, occurred in the Cd-polluted Jinzu River basin in Toyama, Japan
• The river was contaminated by cadmium rich slag from a mine upstream that was mining zinc
• The soil in rice paddies was polluted with heavy metals including Cd through irrigation water from around 1910 to the 1960s
• The government of Toyama prefecture carried out an extensive survey on Cd concentration in rice and soil of the paddy fields and declared that the upper layer of a total of 1500 ha of paddy fields should be replaced by nonpolluted soil
• Then, an intervention program of soil replacement in the polluted paddy fields was continually carried out from 1980 to 2011. As a result, Cd concentration in rice markedly decreased
• Cadmium masquerades as Calcium in the body and gets integrated leading to the brittle bone ‘itai- itai’ syndrome
CADMIUM SULPHURATUM

Mind
Wants to be perfectly quiet, av. being disturbed (Bry).
Desires company but is to tired to communicate or react.
No or little fear of death.

Other Symptoms
Yellow fever. Cholera.
PROSTRATION, agg. vomiting.
Great COLDNESS, NOT amel. WHEN NEAR FIRE.
One-sided paralysis. Paralysis of a part. Pain and formication in paralyzed parts.
Numbness of parts.
Headache with restlessness, epistaxis, coldness of body.
Chronic eye conditions with inflammations, disappearing when gastro-intestinal complaints start.
Conjunctivitis.
SEVERE GASTRITIS WITH INTENSE VOMITING. Exhausted after vomiting. Vomiting brown or BLACK ("coffee ground"). Nausea and vomiting from least touching of lips; must lie perfectly quiet. Burning pains. Cancer.
SEVERE GASTROENTERITIS. Black stool.
CADMIUM METALLICUM

Mind
- Impulsive irritability alt. with deep depression,
- Loathing of life, hopeless. Apathy, all joy has gone.
- Aversion to people; to certain kinds of music, to noise.
- Concentration difficult; mistakes in speaking; mistakes in actions, e.g. does salt in the tea instead of sugar.
- Worries after waking, because of vivid unhappy dreams of sickness.
- Insanity.

Other symptoms
Chilly. Poisoning with aluminum. Maddening headache; constant neuralgic; pressing, ext. to eyes and ears.
Neuralgia with obstruction of sinuses. Facial Paralysis.
Nausea from odors, unpleasant things, agg. thinking of them.
Violent vomiting with headache; bile and acid. Alt. heat and coldness in stomach.
Sore, pressing pain in liver and spleen. Constipation. - Clay colored stool.
Frequent urination with hematuria. Urine brownish, deep lemon yellow; hard to wash off the vessel.
Squeezing pain in region of heart, with sense of weakness.
Severe pains in joints
Numbness feet and hands, agg. sitting.
**Selenium supplementation during chemotherapy**

Methylselenocysteine, an amino acid, when used in high doses starting 5-7 days prior to start of chemo and continuing during and after chemo has the following benefits:

- Makes the cancer cells more sensitive while protecting the normal cells from chemotoxicity;
- Increases tumor specific increase in drug delivery and concentration due to antiangiogenic and tumor vascular maturation.

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**Expert Opinion**

1. Introduction
2. Strategies to enhance chemotherapeutic efficacy
3. Selenium as an anticancer agent
4. Conclusions
5. Expert opinion

**Methylselenocysteine – a promising antiangiogenic agent for overcoming drug delivery barriers in solid malignancies for therapeutic synergy with anticancer drugs**

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**Introduction:** Despite progress, chemotherapeutic response in solid malignancies has remained limited. Although initial results of the use of antiangiogenic agents in combination chemotherapy indicated an enhanced therapeutic response, recent data indicate that the surviving cancer is not only able to surmount therapy, but also actually able to adapt a more aggressive metastatic phenotype. Thus, selecting an antiangiogenic agent that is less likely to lead to tumor resurgence is a key to future therapeutic success of antiangiogenic agents in a combinatorial setting.
Mustard Seed Powder (MSP) for preventing bladder cancer recurrence

Allyl isothiocyanate is in Wasabi and MSP and studies have shown that it can possibly retard re-growth after transurethral resection of the primary cancer. It also may prevent muscle invasive phenotype and thus help in bladder cancer patients.
Perspective of a Homeopathic Healer

• Nature vs Nurture

• Nutritional deficiency (iodine, vit D) and a common sense approach

• Cancer / viral miasm complexed with the sycotic miasm

• Level of health / younger patients vs. older patients

• Poorly differentiated vs. Moderately or well differentiated tumors

• Early stages vs. late stage vs. metastasis

• Alone vs. in combination with radiation and or chemotherapy

• Efficacy with chemotherapy (cytotoxic therapy) - Precautions

• Reduction of chemotherapeutic and Radiation Side effects

• Palliative care leading to improved survival and quality of life
And then there is that.....!!

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