

Homeopathic treatment for MUMPS

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Mumps, a childhood disease caused by the Mumps virus, mainly affects the parotid glands and sometimes the pancreas and the meninges. It is feared for the possible testicular complications that could lead to a future sterility and however this complication is very rare and mainly occurs in post puberty cases. The allopathic treatment is based on a MMR vaccine in a way to avoid getting the disease but the lasting of the immunity is not known what means that adults who got vaccinated during childhood might catch the disease anyway. And it is a live vaccine what means that it can be reactivated at any time and in the vaccination leaflet one of the possible side effects listed is orchitis.

Symbolic meaning of the disease:

This is a disease which mainly targets the oral sphere and is therefore linked to the relationship between mother and child. The French expression “ça me gonfle” (literally meaning that makes me swell up) means that there is no desire to do something restrictive and that the person is angry. And in FREUD’s oral stage the child doesn’t want any limitation or constraints.

Allopathic treatment

In allopathic medicine the treatment are symptomatic treatments of the fever and the pain: antipyretics and anti-inflammatories.

Homeopathic treatment

Preventive treatment:

We can suggest taking the nosode **PAROTIDINUM IN 15C or 24X**

Curative treatment:

At the beginning the fever is rarely very high and there is a swelling of the parotid gland which is quite often one sided and responds very quickly to three remedies:

BELLADONA 6C or 6X 3 pills 4 times a day if **the child is thirsty**: this is the remedy for the sadistic oral stage, with the fear of being eaten, fear of dogs, clowns, masks. It comes on at 8am or 8 pm.

APIS 6C or 6X, 3 pills 4 times a day if the child is not thirsty. This is the remedy of the refusal of the community life which is felt to be a noisy and dangerous hive.

MECURIUS SOLUBILIS: the onset is gradual and less acute and the noticeable things are the bad breath and the abundant saliva. The patient perspires a lot. This is often a precocious child who is restless and loves to touch everything.

Upon the action of these remedies the disease will fade quickly in one to two days.

Complications

The acute pancreatitis caused by mumps: the child vomits and has stomach ache, he drinks a lot. The right remedy is **PHOSPHORUS 12C or 12X**, 3 pills 4 times a day. Everything will quickly go back to normal.

Mumps meningitis:

The child complains of head ache, vomits and has photophobia and a stiff neck. This is very often benign meningitis that will not require a hospitalization and that will quickly resolve itself under the action of those two homeopathic remedies:

APIS 6C or 6X, 3 pills 4 times a day **if the child is not thirsty**.

BRYONIA 6C or 6X if the child has great thirst and stays still in his bed.

Mumps orchitis:

The child and especially the adult complain of a swollen and painful testicle: the great remedy is **PULSATILLA 6C or 6X** 3 pills 4 times a day. This is the remedy for patients who are abnormally attached to their mother and the world of childhood, like those adults who ring their mother every day and find it hard to become independent. If this remedy is not enough then look at the Kent' s repertory rubric "**swelling, testes, from mumps**" where there are the additional following remedies : ABROTANUM, ARSENICUM ALBUM, CARBOLICUM ACIDUM, JABORANDI, MERCURIUS SOLUBILIS, NATRUM MURIATICUM, NUX VOMICA, PHOSPHORUS, RHUS TOXICODENDRON, STAPHYSAGRIA.

Conclusion

Mumps is a childhood disease easily manageable with homeopathy and therefore we don't advise to get vaccinated (this vaccine is not compulsory in France). If there is still a state of low immunity with a persistent fatigue after the acute episode one should think of giving one dose of **CARBO VEGETALIS 30C or 60X**.