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California Acupuncturists Seek Homeopathic Community Support in Senate Bill 466

The history of acupuncture in California has been relatively smooth. Acceptance, even from the established medical community and the insurance industry, has been moving ahead and gaining wide acceptance and popularity over the last twenty years. Most acupuncturists and consumers are very happy with this acceptance except for those California acupuncturists who also practice homeopathy. It has been an uphill battle for them to get an Acupuncture State Law, called the Scope of Practice, which clearly specifies that homeopathy is within their Scope.

The legal climate in California has not been friendly towards the acupuncturist who also routinely prescribes homeopathic remedies to his or her patients. This is in spite of the fact that much, if not a majority, of the homeopathic Materia Medica is identical to the Chinese medical

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Materia Medica. Also, almost all acupuncturists routinely prescribe herbal formulas from this Chinese Materia Medica

The State law has been hazy and many acupuncturists run the risk of potentially losing their license when they prescribe a homeopathic remedy to their patients. Although there [Continued Page 2]

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is no accurate statistics, a huge number of California] acupuncturists do, in fact, prescribe homeopathics when treating the majority of their patients.

Repeated attempts have been made in the State Legislature to amend the acupuncture Scope of Practice to make clear the use of homeopathics, but each attempt has failed. Failed, that is, until now! Senate Bill (SB) 466 is now before the California legislature and State Senate waiting to be passed. SB466 was written and sponsored by Senator Perata to help clarify the acupuncture Scope of Practice. The inclusion of homeopathy is just one portion of the Scope being amended, but it is one very important part; especially, if you are a patient who wants to utilize your acupuncturist's expertise in prescribing a homeopathic remedy. Acupuncture laws in some states have already been amended to include homeopathy, but the California law has unfortunately lagged behind. Other professions in California, namely the Podiatrists and Chiropractors have already gained the acceptance needed to practice homeopathy.

The acupuncture/homeopathic community **NEEDS** your help. You can write a letter in support of SB 466. Please state that you support the inclusion of homeopathy in SB 466 Homeopathy should be clearly added to the Scope of Practice of acupuncturists in California.

Since the vote is getting very close, please do this **NOW**. Your letters will definitely make a big difference in the outcome of this important legislation. Address your letters to:

Senator Don Perata
State Capitol. Room 313
Sacramento, Ca 95814

At the top of your letter write:

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 466

You can also write letters to your Local State legislators and Senator. Thanks very much for taking the time to support this milestone legislation which will strengthen our homeopathic community and make homeopathy more assessable to the community.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Spring, 2000. A beautiful time for growth and optimism. It is an honor and a privilege for the **California Homeopathic Medical Society [CHMS]** to co-sponsor this outstanding **National Center for Homeopathy** conference on the Art, Science and Mystery of Homeopathy. Much credit must be given to the Conference Organizer, **Dana Ullman, MPH**, for the excellent job and tremendous amount of energy and time to make it all come together. **Sharon Stevens** must also be singled out for her wonderful and friendly contribution. There are, of course, many others behind the scene as well as the very qualified speakers.

Please visit the CHMS table at the exhibitor area. Registered Nurses need to sign in for Continuing Education Units. Also, new Active and Associate members can obtain application forms to take advantage of the Free Standard Homeopathic Kit [a \$70.00 value].

The Society will be sponsoring two conferences on Chronic Miasmatic Illnesses in the next 13 months. On November 11-12, 2000 a Case Conference at the **American University of Complementary Medicine** in Los Angeles. And on May 12-13, 2001 **Luc De Schepper, MD, PhD** will conduct a seminar in San Diego on his extensive knowledge in miasms.

The **Western Homeopathic Journal** is on hold because of financial difficulties. I hope you like this **NEWS** publication. It is much less expensive and will hopefully keep the members informed of all the necessary news. It will be published periodically.

Oh! Please do not forget to send your E mail addresses to the [*Continued Page 3*].

Society main office. It really saves a lot of time and money. THANKS. Wishing you well.

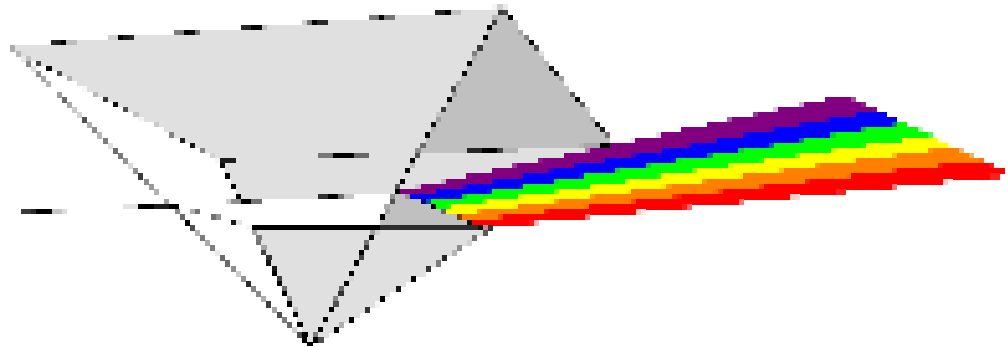
New CHMS Publication

I hope you like this new Society publication. The *California Homeopathic Medical Society NEWS* replaces the *Western Homeopathic Journal*. Unfortunately, finances do not allow us to continue the Journal. Perhaps, it may return. It is very important that the Society members pay their dues to continue the work of this historic medical society. The *NEWS* will be published periodically to keep members informed of the latest info. There will be less emphasis on papers.



Who Are These Beautiful Ladies?

handle most of the California Homeopathic Medical Society E-mail, typing, answering phones, etc. They have to deal with the infamous boss [name need not be mentioned] whose moods are like an April day [i.e., in the East or Mid-West]. **MUCHAS GRATIAS, SENORITAS Y SENORA!!**



ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE-An Objective Assessment

One of the significant USA publications in the year 2000 was the *Journal of the American Medical Association* [AMA] and *Archives Journals: ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE—An Objective Assessment*. This is the official response from the largest conventional medical organization to alternative and, specifically, to Homeopathic medicine in the USA. In 1998 the editors of the AMA *Archives Journals* ranked alternative medicine among the top 3 subjects for their journals to address. Alternative medicine was selected as the subject for theme issues of these scientific journals, which were published concurrently in November of that year.

This book includes four articles on homeopathy:

- 1] “Patient Characteristics and Practice of Physicians Using Homeopathy” by **Jennifer Jacobs, MD, MPH; Edward Chapman, MD, DHT; and Dean Crothers, MD**. This article essentially demonstrated that homeopathic physicians prescribe less conventional medication, ordered less laboratory tests and spend more time with their patients.
- 2] “A Double-blind, Controlled Clinical Trial of Homeopathy and an Analysis of Lunar Phases and Postoperative Outcome” by **Josef Smolle, MD; Gerhard Prause, MD; and Helmut Kerl, MD**. The design of this study was to do a placebo-controlled, double-blind study of homeopathy in children with warts, and a cohort study of the influence of lunar phases on postoperative outcome in surgical patients. Conclusions no significant improvement of homeopathic treatment of warts was seen in comparison with placebo. Likewise there appeared no significant difference of mortality in patients operated on during waxing or waning phases of the moon.
- 3] “Homeopathic Versus Conventional Treatment of Vertigo” by **Michael Weiser, MBChB; Wolfgang Strösser, MD, MBChB; and Peter Klein, MSc**. The objective was to compare the efficacy and safety of a homeopathic remedy [Vertigoheel, Heel Inc, Albuquerque, NM] versus betahistine hydrochloride in the treatment of patients with vertigo of various origins in a confirmative equivalence trail. The conclusions were that both remedies reduced significantly the frequency, duration, and intensity of vertigo attacks.
- 4] “Efficacy of Homeopathic Arnica” by **E. Ernst, MD, PhD, FRCP [Edin]; M. H. Pittler, MD**. The objective of the study was to systematically review the clinical efficacy of homeopathic Arnica. Computerized literature searches were performed to retrieve all by placebo-controlled studies on the subject. The conclusion was that homeopathic Arnica is efficacious beyond a placebo effect is not supported by rigorous clinical trials.

One wonders about the objectiveness of conventional medicine. I would suggest that more emphasis and energy could obtain more positive information by referring to such texts as: *HOMEOPATHY, A Frontier In Medical Science* by **Paolo Bellavite, MD** and **Andrea Signorini, MD** and, also, *ULTRA HIGH DILUTION, Physiology and Physics* edited by **P. C. Endler** and **J. Schulte**. These give much information about research that looks very professional and in many ways positive to homeopathy.

The Society to Sponsor Two Conferences on Chronic, Miasmatic Cases

On November 11-12, 2000, the Californian Homeopathic Medical Society will sponsor a Case Conference specifically targeting Chronic, Miasmatic patients. This will be [*Continue Page 5*] held at the American University of Complementary Medicine in Los Angeles. Another Seminar takes place in San Diego on May 12-13, 2001 and will, also, concentrate on Miasmatic chronic illness. This will be conducted by Luc De Schepper, MD, PhD, who is well known for his expertise in dealing with Miasms. Dr. De Schepper will not only present information from his excellent

book, *HAHNEMANN REVISTED, A Textbook of Classical Homeopathy for the Professional*, but will, also, endow us with his extensive clinical experience.

The November 2000 Conference in Los Angeles will include Luc De Schepper, MD as well as Premananda Childs; Stuart Garber, DC, PhD; Richard Hiltner, MD, DHt; Ifeoma Ikenze, MD, FAAP; Barbara Landeg, MD, FAAP; Kirk Mann, LAc and others.

**CHMS
Provides
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Continuing Education Units**

The California Homeopathic Medical Society [CHMS] is happy to announce that it has become a provider of Continuing Education Units for Registered Nurses. It is important that all RNs' sign in at conferences and give their license number, address, phone, fax, and if possible E MAIL . It is, also, very necessary to fill out the Evaluation Form at the end of the conference. This is absolutely necessary for the Society to continue as a provider. It is, also, significant for the CHMS to get information on how to conduct future conferences or seminars.

NEW NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT TO THE LIGA

The new National Vice President for the USA to the **Liga Medicorum Homeopathica Internationalis [LMHI]** is **Richard Hiltner, MD, DHt**. The Liga is an international medical homeopathic organization, which is having its 55th Congress in Budapest, Hungary May 13-17, 2000. The **American Institute of Homeopathy** [founded in 1844] sends a representative to represent the USA as a National Vice President.

With the Statutory changes recently made for the LMHI, the ultimate governing body of the Liga will become the International Council. That body is composed of a National Vice President, LMHI, from each of the member countries, giving the very democratic one country, one vote.

The National Vice President, LMHI, USA, with each of his counterparts, is statutorily charged with being the permanent link between the national association[s] and the international homeopathic medical league. Specifically, these duties include: 1] sending an account of the International Council meeting to the represented national association[s]; 2] serving as the conduit for LMHI membership application, and providing an Annual Report to the LMHI of the status of homeopathy in his/her own country. This includes a list of the addresses and telephone numbers of the homeopathic institutions, physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians and dentists there, as well as, where available pertinent patient care statistics.

Richard Hiltner is also the President of the **California Homeopathic Medical Society**. When asked: "*Volt mar Magyarorszagon?* [Have you been to Hungary before?], [*Continued Page 6*] he answered: "*Nem ertem!!*" [I don't understand]. *Bon Voyage!*

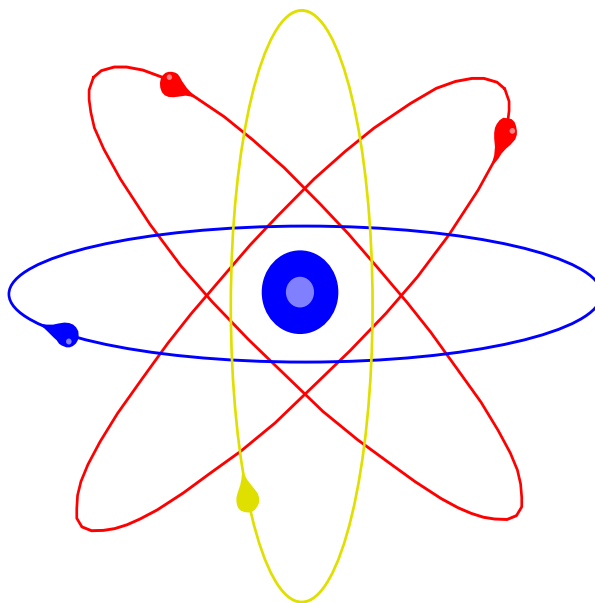
E MAIL PLEASE!!

PLEASE give the Society your E mail address! The CHMS is trying to communicate as quickly and economically as possible. At this time about 50% of the members have E mail addresses. If you do not have an E mail, please get one. It really is becoming almost essential for the new millenium.

PHYSICIAN CME IS STILL ALIVE

Believe it or not! The **California Medical Association [CMA]** is still considering an almost three year application from the **California Homeopathic Medical Society** for Continuing Medical Education [CME], Category 1. The CMA has added a new dimension to the axiom, "Patience Sweet That Not Can Ruffle."

So to make the proverbial long story short, there will be two surveyors at this conference. One would hope that homeopathic and conventional medicine could work together in some areas. Both have their place. Here's to a better future.



ELECTIONS

It is time to think elections! Yes, it is that time of year. To my knowledge all Officers and Board members wish to stay in their positions. However, if there are any challengers, please send the editor a written, no more than 200-word proclamation of your intent. This will be published in the **California Homeopathic Medical Society NEWS**. Much thanks to all our Board and Officers for their time, effort and enthusiasm for the Society.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE A HOUSEHOLD KIT

NEW ACTIVE OR AFFILIATE MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL SOCIETY [CHMS] OBTAIN A FREE STANDARD HOMEOPATHIC HOUSEHOLD KIT [A \$70.00 VALUE].

The CHMS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to:

- The highest educational standards for homeopathy.
- The encouragement of homeopathic research
- Maintaining principles of ethics in homeopathic practice
- Fellowship and personal growth

CHMS Activities and services include:

- Annual conferences given by leading homeopaths
- Annual introductory and advanced weekend workshops
- NEWS, audio tapes and video rental services
- CME and BRN Credit

PLEASE REFER TO ENCLOSED MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE FOR APPLICATION DETAILS





FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Soy may protect women from developing Breast Cancer. A large case-control study of Asian American women with high soy intake reduces their risk of developing breast cancer by one-third. **Anna Wu, PhD**, Professor of Medicine at UCLA, stated at the annual meeting of the American Institute for Cancer Research. She continues: “Preliminary results on the first 800 women have been very encouraging.

Source: Family Practice News ~ 11/15/99.

“Soy supplements cut Colon Ca risks by Half” says **Maurice Bennink, PhD**, Professor of Nutrition at Michigan State University, at the annual conference of the American Institute for Cancer Research. The study encompassed 42 high-risk subjects.

Source: Family Practice News ~ 11/15/99.

“FDA approves heart-health claim for Soy Foods” Soy products include soy beverages, tofu, tempe, soy-based meat-substitutes and some baked goods. “To reap the heart benefits, people should eat at least 25 grams of soy protein per day.

Source: Family Practice News ~ 11/15/99.

