

Case of Varicose Ulcer treated with LACHESIS

A patient of mine consulted for a relative, a contractor (construction) 54 yrs, who had developed a non-healing varicose ulcer in left leg and was advised a skin graft as all treatment failed. The patient had no comorbidity. Since his job included long standing, he had suffered from varicose veins bilaterally for years. 2-3 years back he developed this ulcer near left medial ankle which refused to heal despite conventional treatment, hence the advice of skin grafting. The only information I got that he had severe burning pain in the lesion and it prevented sleep. Lachesis 200 one dose was given. A local wash with calendula Q was also advised regularly. The next day the pain reduced and patient was more comfortable. Nothing else was given (not even placebo) and patient kept reporting every week. There was a remarkable change in appearance of lesion within 10 days, with granulation tissue appearing and ulcer becoming shallower. Slowly the ulcer started healing and after 3 months of the only dose, it healed completely.

Explanation

As this case was not under my direct observation that is why I decided to go with a moderate potency. It was a left sided varicose ulcer and had marked burning as symptom. There are many other medicines having varicose ulcers but none have such burning (it was the sensation voluntarily given by patient) as Lachesis. Based on this a single dose was given (**Lachesis- left sided, varicose ulcer, burning pain**). And since the patient kept improving the dose was not repeated (had the progress stopped, I would have had to think about second prescription).

This case is also interesting as I did not give placebo to the patient (I could not, as the medicine was prescribed over phone). Improvement in the first few days convinced the patient that his treatment was on the correct path and he followed every instruction that was given to him, diligently.

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