

**HOMOEOPATHIC CONSTITUTIONAL PRESCRIBING Margaret Roy**  
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This is the fifth of Margaret Roy's textbooks for students. It is an attempt to understand Hahnemann's theory of Chronic Disease, of miasms, in a modern context, paying attention to the current language of medicine and the current expression of the disease process. With clearly explained theory it attempts to debunk much of the confusion and myth that surrounds the theory of miasms.

The disease symptom pictures manifest by the Vital Force since Hahnemann's time have degenerated considerably under the influence of suppressive allopathic medicines and a more polluted and stressful environment. The textbook tries to trace the changing symptom pictures within the context of the miasms so the student can understand modern cases in homoeopathic terms, and thus apply homoeopathic theory. Five miasms are studied with illustrative cases showing different degenerative stages of the miasm. The materia medica used draws out the characteristics that relate to the miasm. An important part of the work is the relationship of acute and chronic disease. Cases used should demonstrate this clearly. The development of the disease process is shown in tables that relate the different levels of expression of symptoms to selection of potency. Other lessons develop the practical application of the theory enabling the student to track the change in symptoms after treatment and thus accurately assess and monitor the action of the remedy. Within the lessons there are exercises to help the student develop a homoeopathic approach.

Each lesson is accompanied by relevant quotations from Hahnemann's Organon - Chronic Diseases for one lesson. There is a full Bibliography leading the student\* to further studies.

At the end of each lesson there is a further section guiding the student through the stages of clinical training, with an appropriate Bibliography to support the work. Two books for one? This section draws on Margaret Roy's experience as a supervisor and as a psychotherapist.

\*In Homoeopathy we are all always students as each new case continues to unfold the wonders of life.

***Reviews***

***Ian Townsend write in the Foreword:*** *In a time when ever more complex models for homoeopathic case-taking, practice and analysis are sweeping the world stage, it is rare to find an author with the discipline of taking herself back to Hahnemann and not just reconsidering his work, but building on it: fitting so well into that tradition that is 'our medicine of experience' by observing clinically, producing theory based on that observation, and then refining theory – and practice – in light of that experience. Her current book represents a genuine contribution to homoeopathic thought.*

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