

A TABULATED SUMMARY AND COMPARISON OF THE ACTION OF FEVER REMEDIES

	ACONITE	GELSEMIUM	VERATRUM	BRYONIA	RHUS TOX.
WHEN INDICATED	(a) At the onset of fevers, and during fevers in sthenic patients (b) In small doses in protracted fevers, in asthenic cases.	In sthenic cases. When nervous irritation is present and spasm threatens, or acute cerebral engorgement; in neuralgic pains.	Only in sthenic cases and in convulsions or threatened convulsions with rapid heart action.	In either sthenia or asthenia, when indications exist.	In either sthenia or asthenia. Most often indicated in the latter.
AGE OF PATIENT	Emphatically the child sedative, but equally applicable in middle life; less prompt the aged.	Excellent in infancy. The remedy in full doses for strong adults; less frequently indicated in the aged.	The agent for strong adults, and women at childbirth; more difficult to adapt to infants; seldom indicated in the aged.	A remedy applicable any time of life; weak and strong; to infants, and to the aged.	Applicable to all by proper adjustment of dosage and by careful study of indications.
GENERAL CONDITIONS or LOCATION OF DISEASE	In all acute fevers and inflammations with increased temperature.	In acute cerebral engorgement; acute nervous irritation, and nervous excitability.	Threatened local engorgement: threatened convulsions.	In inflammations of serous, or of the synovial membranes, or of the organs covered by serous membranes; pulmonary and intestinal structures.	In local inflammation, where the skin structure is involved with redness, circumscribed tenderness and heat or pain. In typhoid conditions or low protracted fevers.
HEART and PULSE INDICATIONS	Heart strong and rapid. Pulse rapid, quick, sharp, hard; in asthenia soft, small, feeble, but regular: given then in very small doses.	Heart strong, irritable, violent in action, increased in muscular power; exalted nerve force in heart disease; contraindicated in feeble heart.	Heart strong and rapid; pulse full, large, hard; or small, hard, very rapid; contraindicated in feeble heart.	Heart may be either weak or strong if other indications are present, pulse quick. Is not a heart depressant in proper medicinal doses.	Quick and rapid pulse. Usually soft, feeble, compressible, or may be hard or wiry.
TEMPERATURE	Fever always present in acute cases. In chronic adaptation heart and pulse must guide.	Fever usually present, of a nervous type.	Fever usually present; heart's action rather than temperature to be considered.	Fever present	Fever present
SKIN, FACE and EYES	Skin dry and hot; capillary circulation actively engorged; eyes bright.	Skin dry and hot, usually; face flushed, bright red; eyes bright, pupils contracted.	Skin may be cool, bright red, or dull red, or even dusky colored.	Usually hot, either moist or dry; red spot on one or both cheeks.	Skin usually very hot. Especially in circumscribed areas which is bright red.
MOUTH and TONGUE	Mouth dry and parched; tongue pale, soft, white coat, moist, or dry and harsh with brown stripe.	Red tongue, dry or moist; in protracted nerve irritation dry and dark red.	Mouth moist, full membranes, tongue dry, red stripe in center.	Tongue dry, usually coated, membranes dark.	Membranes dark, tongue dark, pointed red tip and edges elongated papillae.
SECRETIONS	May be abruptly suppressed.	Usually suppressed. Of immediate importance, in full, frequent doses, in anuria, especially if from infection	Skin and kidneys usually free in action; in uremic convulsion secretions deficient.	Usually deficient.	Usually suppressed
PAIN	General distress, and headache; local pain in inflamed organs.	Severe headache with extreme restlessness.; local pain of nervous origin, acute neuralgias.	Pain depends upon cause, may be local; may be bursting headache as in puerperal convulsions	Quick, shooting, darting pains; local soreness and tenderness on pressure; general muscular aching.	Pain in inflamed area; general muscular aching.