

Cantharis

Spanish Fly

Remedy picture as described in traditional homoeopathic texts.

Cantharis is a valuable remedy for burns and scalds and assists with many complaints that feature a burning sensation, such as cystitis, sunburn or blistering. It is often associated with urinary and sexual complaints with inflammations and oversensitivity in all parts.

Mental / Emotional Symptoms

Anxiety and restlessness ending in a rage. Constantly attempts to do something but achieves nothing. Acute mania of the sexual type. Furious delirium. Lewd remarks. Rage with crying, biting, barking. Sudden fainting or loss of consciousness.

Physical Signs & Symptoms

Eyes: Objects may appear yellow; burning in eyes; fiery, sparkling or staring look to eyes.

Face: Pale, death-like demeanor; red and hot eruptions, burning in mouth, pharynx and throat with difficulty swallowing, sensations feel 'as if on fire'.

Lungs: Thick mucous in air passages. Dry cough with pain on coughing. Sore throat with raw stinging burning pain.

Skin: Burns or scalds. Blistering or burning sensation from sunburn, insect bite, eczema or medical procedures (eg laser/ radiotherapy). Blistering eruptions. Erysipelas. Feet burn at night. Cold sores that smart and burn intensely, feeling worse for touch.

Stomach: Burning feeling in stomach and oesophagus. Worse for drinking coffee.

Rectum: Burning sensation. Feeling of incomplete evacuation. Shivering after stool. Stool bloody or with mucous. Cutting sensation that feels better after flatulence or defecation. Diarrhoea that burns and scalds.

Urinary tract: Cystitis, urination with burning or cutting sensation, frequent and urgent desire to urinate, may only pass small amounts of urine drop by drop. Feeling of incomplete evacuation. Kidneys sensitive, bladder griping pains. Urine bloody or jelly like.

Keywords

- Burning
- Cutting
- Biting pain
- Blistering
- Irritation
- Raw

Exciting causes

- Insecurity
- Anger
- Jealousy
- Insect bites
- Burns

Modalities

Better: warmth; rest; gentle massage; cold compress; belching and passing wind; night; morning.

Worse: drinking cold water; touch (especially on the larynx); bright shiny objects; during and after urination; afternoon; drinking coffee.

Desires: sexual activity

Aversions: food; drink; tobacco.

Repetition: May need frequent repetition in acute cases.

Compare to: Belladonna, Apis, Arsenicum, Mercurius, Staphysagria.

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