National Campaign on Homoeopathy for Mother and Child Care

Homoeopathy for Acute Bronchitis in Children

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Acute bronchitis is the inflammation of the bronchial tree, leading to swelling and mucus formation in lungs resulting in cough, breathlessness and wheezing (whistling sound when you breathe).

**Causes:**
- Infection (mostly viral, rarely bacterial or fungal)
- Allergic response

**Signs and Symptoms:**
- Cough
- Chest feels tight with difficulty in breathing
- Sputum scanty, white and may be streaked with blood
- Sputum becomes yellowish, green and increases in quantity after 1-2 days
- High fever
- Loss of appetite

**Do's and Don'ts:**
- Keep the child away from air pollution, smoke, dust etc.
- Wash child's hands often to get rid of any viruses.

- Don't ignore the symptoms; taking incomplete treatment may lead to chronic bronchitis

**What can Homoeopathy do?**
- Improves self defense mechanism of the body
- No side-effects of medicines
- Helps in reducing the severity of the attack

Following are some of the first line medicines for Acute Bronchitis but it is advised that a qualified homoeopathic doctor should be consulted.

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Follow the instructions overleaf.
General Instructions while taking Homoeopathic Treatment

- Medicines as indicated in this handout should be taken if the symptoms mentioned against each medicine match those of the patient.
- Medicine to be taken - 3 globules of size 40 every 3 hours dry on the tongue or in plain drinking water.
- Medicine should be taken after cleaning the mouth and preferably in empty stomach.
- If improvement occurs within 24 hours then medicine should be stopped.
- If the patient does not improve within 24 hours or becomes worse at any time, then consult the nearest homeopathic doctor.
- Medicines must be kept away from strong smelling substances like camphor, menthol etc.
- Medicines should be kept in a cool, dry place away from direct exposure to sunlight.
- Medicines should be kept away from the reach of children.