

MAIN COMPLAINTS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS: (AND DETAILED HISTORY OF THE PRESENT ILLNESS, THE ONSET AND COURSE WITH DATES) .

ORIGIN OF CAUSE: Can you trace the origin of the present illness to any particular circumstance, accident, illness, incident or mental upset? (e.g. Shock, worry, errors in diet, overexertion, overexposure to cold, heat etc.) ?

APPETITE AND THIRST

How is your appetite?

When are you hungry?

What happens if you have to remain hungry for long?

How fast do you eat?

How thirsty are you?

Any particular time when you are especially thirsty?

Do you feel any change in your taste and feeling in your mouth?

Please put one checkmark (✓) if you Like/ Dislike the food or if the food disagrees. Put two marks ✓✓, if you strongly Like / Dislike the food or if the food strongly disagrees with you..

	Like	Dislike	Disagrees		Like	Dislike	Disagrees
Bitter				Eggs			
Salt extra				Spicy food			
Sweet				Meat			
Sour				Fish			
Bread				Cabbage			
Butter				Onions			
Fats				Warm food / drink			
Milk				Cold food / drink			
Coffee				Fruits			
Mud / Chalk				Anything else			

STOOL

Do you have any problem regarding your stools?

When and how many times a day you pass stools?

When is it urgent?

Do you have any problem about bowel movements?

Do you have to strain for stool? Even if soft?

Do you have belching or passing gas? Describe its character.

How do you feel after passing gas up or down?

URINATION & URINE

Any problem about urine?

Any strong smell? Like what?

Do you have any trouble before, during and after passing urine?

Any difficulty about the flow? Slow to start, interrupted, feeble, dribbling etc.?

Any involuntary urination? When?

SWEAT / PERSPIRATION - FEVER - CHILL

How much do you sweat?

Where and on what part do you sweat most?

Do you perspire on the palms or soles?

Is the sweat warm, cold, clammy, sticky, musty, greasy, stiffens the linen etc?

What is the smell like? e.g. foul, pungent, sour.

What color does it stain the clothing?
Is the stain easy to wash off or difficult?

Any symptoms after sweating?

When do you get fever or chill?

What brings it on?

Do you experience any sense of heat or cold in any part of your body at any particular time?

Do you have burning or heat in your palms or soles?

CHEST - HEAT - COLD - COUGH

Do you catch cold often? If so, how?

Describe the symptoms, nature of discharge etc.
Is there any trouble with your CHEST or HEART?

Is there any trouble with your voice or speech?

Is there any difficulty in breathing?

Do you have cough?

Is it more at any particular time?

SEXUAL SPHERE (GENERAL)

Any excessive indulgence in sex in past and present?
Any effect on your health?

How do you feel after sexual intercourse?
Any particular feeling or symptoms appear before, during or after sexual intercourse?

Do you suffer from any sexual disturbance?

Any habit like (masturbation etc.) in past
as well as present? How often?

Any homosexual inclination?

Did you suffer from any sexually transmitted disease?

Syphilis? Gonorrhoea? Herpes? HIV?

Did you have increased desire or decreased desire for sex?

What is the method you use for family planning (contraception) ?

FOR MEN

Any difficulty in erection?

Wanted erection? Unwanted erection? Weak

erection? Failing erection? Describe. Any

other trouble in sex? Describe in details.

FOR WOMEN

Menses: How are your periods; regular or irregular?

At what age did you start?

Was there any trouble then?

Mention interval between two periods.

Mention number of days of flow.

Menstrual flow: Is there any change now in quantity, color, smell or consistency?

Are the stains difficult to wash?

Have you noticed any variation in the quality and quantity of flow during menses? How and when?

Do you suffer in any way before, during or after menses If so, describe:

What symptoms did you suffer during menopause?

Do you feel internal parts coming down?

Is there any white discharge?

If so, mention the nature, color, consistency and smell of discharge.

When and under what circumstances is it more or less.

Has the discharge any relation to menses?

What is the effect of this discharge on your general feeling? Or any of your symptoms?

Any itching, excoriation etc., due to discharge?

Do you pass any gas from vagina?

Any trouble with your breasts?

ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT:

VERTIGO - Do you have giddiness - vertigo?

FAINTNESS: Do you ever feel faint?

HEAD: Do you get headaches? EYES

& VISION:

EARS & HEARING:

NOSE & Sense of smell:

FACE & Facial expression:

MOUTH & Sense of taste:

LIPS, MOUTH, TONGUE etc.:

TEETH, GUMS:, e.g. cavities, bleeding gums. swollen gums.

LIPS: Cracked, peeling of skin etc.

THROAT (including tonsils) :

Any difficulty in swallowing?

Do you have any trouble in your BACK, LIMBS
OR JOINTS? Describe in detail:

If you have pains, do they shift?
In what direction do they extend?

Is there any abnormality, swelling, numbness,
paralysis etc. in any part of the body?

Is there any complaint of SKIN: such as
itching, eruptions ulcers, warts, corns,
peeling etc.? (Describe its nature)

Any change in color of the skin or
spots of any part of the body?
Is there any complaint or abnormality of
the NAILS or skins around?

Is there any complaint with the HAIR such
as hair loss, graying, dandruff, dryness, oily , poor
excessive or unusual growth?

Do wounds heal slowly?
Form keloidal scars? Do wounds tend to form
pus? Have you a tendency to bleed?

Are your troubles one sided? Which one?
Or more on one side?
Do they proceed from one to the other side?
Or do they alternate or shift?

Is there any trembling? When?

Is there any senses of weakness? Where?
When is it more or less?
Is it in any particular part of the body?

FACTORS THAT AFFECT YOU

Below are the list of things to which you are exposed may affect you in a particular way. Please write in what way you are affected by each of the following. Do you feel worse or better in any way from each of the factors? In what way do they affect you?

For instance take the factor “sun”. Suppose while sitting in the sun you get a headache, then write “Headache” opposite to “Sun”.

Take another example: If in hot weather you feel uneasy, then write “Uneasy” opposite to “Hot Weather” in the column.

In this way write the effect of each factor on you. Especially write the effect each factor has on your main complaints. For instance if your main complaint is asthma and this is worse when lying on the back then opposite to “lying on the back” write “Asthma becomes worse”.

Sometimes one factor may make you feel worse in some respect, and better in some other respect. For instance cold air may cause a headache but make you feel better in general. If this is so, please mention this difference clearly.

This section is most important. Do not go through it hurriedly. Think carefully about the effect of each factor before you write.

	Effect		Effect
Hot weather		Walking	
Cold weather		Running	
Rainy weather		Climbing stairs	
Cloudy weather		Going downstairs	
Change of season		Riding in bus, car etc.	
Thunder - storm		Lying	
Covering		Lying on back	
Warm bath		Lying on left side	
Sun		Lying on right side	
Cold bathing		Lying on abdomen	

	Effect		Effect
Lying with head low		Drinking	
Sitting		After sexual intercourse	
Sitting erect		Dust	
Standing		Smoke	
Looking up		Touch	
Looking down		Pressure	
Looking from high places		Massage	
Looking from moving object		Tight Clothes	
Noise		Before Sleep	
Sudden Noise		During Sleep	
Music		After Sleep	
Light		After afternoon nap	
Strong smells		Loss of sleep	
When constipated		Before stools	
Before Urine		During stools	
During Urine		After stools	
After Urine		Coughing	
Before Menses		Sneezing	
During Menses		Laughing	
After Menses		Talking	
After Sweating		Reading	
When Fasting		Writing	
After eating		Stooping	

	Effect		Effect
Before important engagement		Passing gas	
Before exams		After hair cut	
When angry		Combing hair	
When worried		Brushing teeth	
When sad		Moonlight	
After Weeping		Opening the mouth	
Consolation / Sympathy		Smoking	
In a crowd		Hanging the limbs	
In a closed room		Raising the arms	
When thinking of illness		Near Sea	
Full Moon / New Moon		Shaving	
Morning		Stretching	
Afternoon		Swallowing	
Evening		Listening to others talk	
Night		Vomiting	
Bathing		Yawning	
Draft air		Moving the eyes	
Biting or chewing		Opening the eyes	
Blowing Nose		Closing the eyes	
When alone		Getting feet wet	
In company		Over eating	
Physical exertion		Working in water	
Belching		Fanning	

MIND

It is now universally acknowledged that your mind has tremendous influence on your body. It is absolutely necessary for me to understand your emotional and intellectual nature for me to treat you effectively.

In order to understand you, I will be asking certain questions. Answer them freely, carefully and completely. This information will help us greatly in giving you the correct remedy. Such a remedy will help improve your mental make up.

Answer freely. Answer frankly. Answer completely.

Are you anxious? About what?

Are you fearful of anything, such as animals, people, being alone, darkness, death, disease, robbers, sudden noises, thunder, of the future, of something unknown, high places, etc.?

Are you doubtful or suspicious? Of what?

What are you jealous about?
Of whom? From what symptoms do you suffer when jealous?

In which matter are you impatient?
Hurried?

How long do you remember hurt caused to you by others?

How vengeful are you?

What are you proud of? Does your pride get easily hurt?

Depression, brooding, etc.?

Do you ever become suicidal? When? If so in what manner do you contemplate to end your life?

Even then, are you afraid of dying?

When are you cheerful?

Are you sexual-minded?

Any unwanted thoughts any time?

What are they?

Have you any imaginary sensations or fears?

Do you hear voices, or that you are called, or anything else in this line keeps on occurring in your mind unduly?

How is your memory?

For what is it poor? e.g. names, places, faces, what you have read, etc.

Do you weep easily?

What makes you weep?

How do you feel after weeping?

How do you feel if someone offers sympathy and consolation?

Are you easily irritated?

What makes you angry?

What bodily symptoms do you develop when angry? e.g. trembling, sweating etc.

Do you like company? Or like to remain alone?

How seriously are you affected by disorder and uncleanliness in your surrounding?

What are the greatest losses and griefs that you have gone through in your life?
What are the greatest joys that you have had in life?

What activities you deeply like?
Are there any things that you deeply dislike?

In your opinion, which aspects of your mind and moods are not agreeable to you? In spite of your awareness and maturity, are you unable to change these aspects?

Give a clear-cut picture of your situation in life and your relationship with each of your family members, friends and associates in work.

How does the future look to you?

When you are free, what thoughts come to your mind?

Are you worried or unhappy over any personal, domestic, economical, social or any other condition?

If so, describe in detail:

If asked for 3 desires or wishes in life, what will you ask for?

S L E E P

Describe your posture in sleep, on the back, side, abdomen etc.

Are you able to sleep in any position?
In which position you can't sleep?

During sleep do you:
Snore? Grind teeth?
Dribble saliva? Sweat?
Keep eyes or mouth open?
Walk? Talk? Moan? Weep?
Become restless? Wake up with a jerk?

Describe if anything else is unusual about your sleep: (Sleepy, Sleeplessness, etc. if so when?)

How much do you cover?
Do you have to uncover any parts?

Circle types of dreams that you have

Animals	Robbers	Traveling	Houses	Death, Whose?
Cats - Dogs	Thieves	Riding	Fruits	Dead bodies
Horse	Anxious	Flying	Trees	Dead persons
Wild animals	Fearful	Swimming	Water	Part of Body
Snakes	Ghosts	Drowning	Snow	Suicide
Being Hungry	Fire	Accidents	Talking	Business
Being Thirsty	Lightning	Falling	Singing	Money
Drinking	Storm	Shooting	Dancing	Day's work
Eating	Rain	Wars	Pleasant	Forgotten work
Vomiting	Romantic	Pain	Praying	Failure / Exams
Passing stool	Sexual Pleasure	Illness	Religious	Unsuccessful efforts? For what?
Urinating	Rape	Sickness	Temple	Missing Train
Blood-bleeding	Nakedness	Mutilations	Church	Being unprepared
Excrements / soiling			God	
Grief	Police	Misfortunes	If any other, specify in the space below:	
Weeping	Imprisonment	Insecurity		
Vexation	Crime	Danger		
Quarrels	Murder	Being pursued		
Jealousy	Killing	- By whom?		
Insults	Poison	- For what?		
Of people	Of events	Physical Exertion		
Children	Remote	Mental Exertion		
Parties	Recents	Fatigue		
Feasts	Future	Colored		
Marriage	Prophetic	Multi-Colored		

Please draw something that comes to your mind at present or your favorite drawing:

FOR CHILDREN
OR
YOU AS A CHILD (IN CASE OF ADULT)

- 1) Please check once (✓) if the child or you as child had any of the following qualities: check twice (✓✓) if they are more intense:

	Tick here		Tick here
Obstinacy		Unusual fears	
Temper tantrums		Shyness	
Disobedience		Unusual attachments (to whom)	
Aggression		Habits like:-	
Hyperactivity		Biting nails	
Destructiveness		Thumb-sucking	
Courage		Picking and playing with	
Possessiveness		(a) mother's body parts	
Competition - winning spirit		(b) shawls, clothing	
Sibling jealousy		(c) anything else	
Any special skills		Religious	
Unusual desires (for what)		Dullness of memory	
Boasting		Slowness (in what)	
Stealing		Laziness / Indolence	
Telling lies		Sensitive / Emotional	

- 2) Please write in detail, if the mother suffered from any physical or emotional stress during pregnancy. Also describe the dreams the mother got during pregnancy.
- 3) Please describe any other aspects you feel are striking about the child.
- 4) Describe one incident from the child's life when he/she very upset.

HOW TO DESCRIBE YOUR COMPLAINTS

In homoeopathy, prescription is based on precise details of various symptoms from which you suffer. To tell or write to a homoeopathic physician “I have a headache”, “an eruption”, or “cough”, would not be enough. If you inform him “I have headache with sharp shooting pains in the left side of the head and temple, these pains always come on when the slightest cold air strikes the head, the pains are much less when lying down and covering up the head warmly and much worse when rising up, walking about or when the head becomes cool”, then only you have given all the information required for making a good homoeopathic prescription. *The success of the prescription depends, largely, on how detailed is your description of the symptoms.*

We require the following details about your symptoms.

LOCATION: Please give the exact location of sensation, pain or eruption. Also describe where the pain or sensation spreads. Please use the figure on page 24 to indicate location.

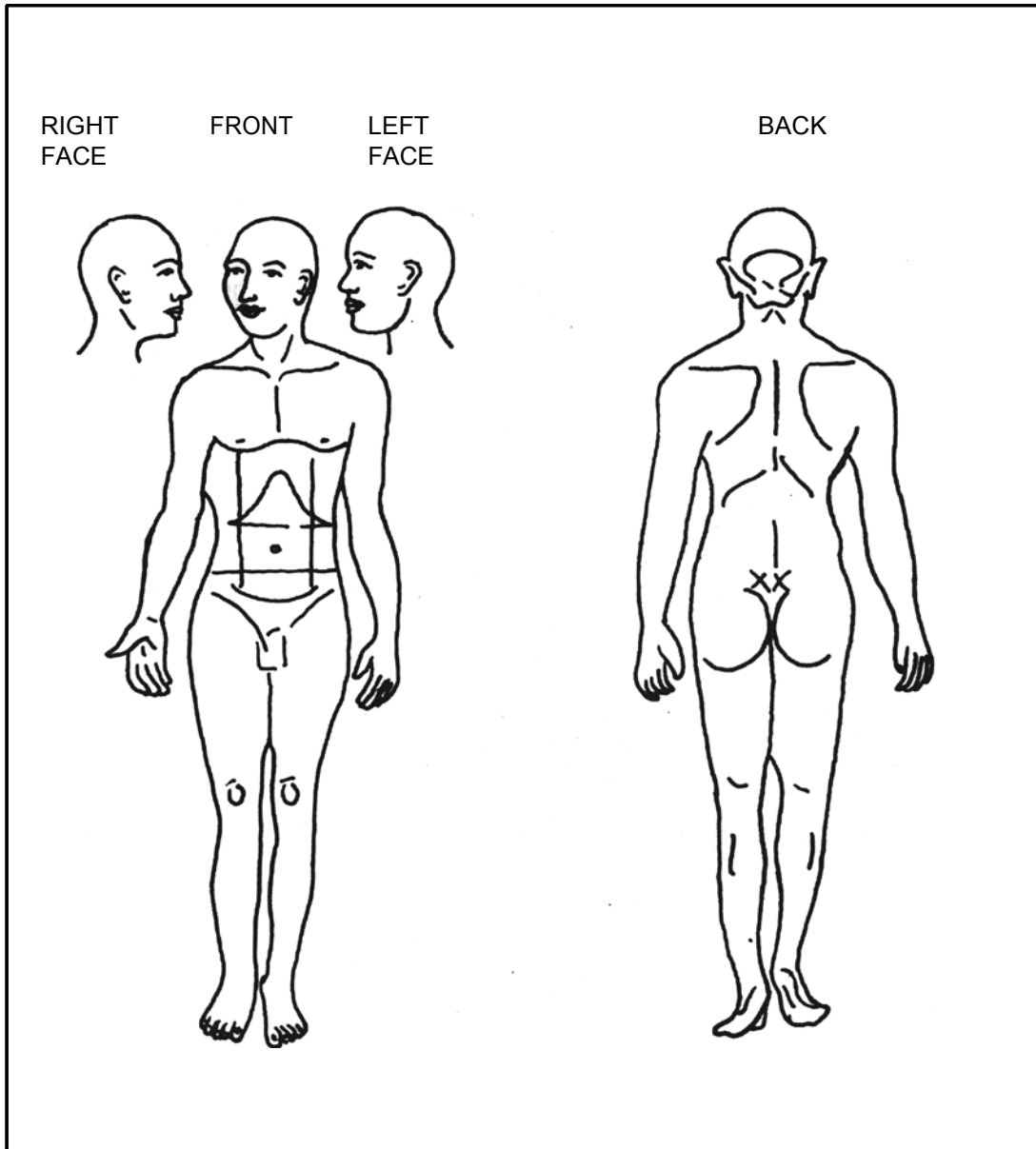
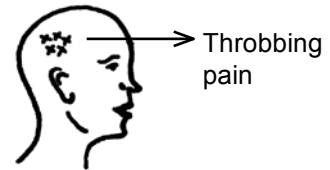
SENSATION: Express the type of sensation or the pain that you get in your own words however simple or funny it may seem. You may have a sensation that a mouse is crawling or the heart was grasped by an iron hand or you may have a pain which is cutting, burning jerking, pressing. Express the sensation or pain as it feels to you.

WHAT MAKES YOU WORSE OR BETTER: Many factors are likely to influence your trouble. Some factors may cause the trouble to increase and some factors may relieve the trouble. A detailed list of the factors is given on pages 14 to 16. Please refer to them when describing each of your troubles and indicate which factors make the complaint better or worse.

DISCHARGES: You may have a discharge from ulcers, fistula, eruptions the skin, lungs, eyes, nose, ears, mouth, private parts, etc. Please describe your discharge under the following aspects.

- * The quantity and the time or condition under which the quantity varies i.e. when is it better or worse, increases or decreases?
- * The consistency; Is it thin or thick, stringy, or clotted?
- * Is it like jelly, white of an egg, like water, sticky, forming a scab etc.?
- * The odour, what does it remind you of?
- * Does it make the parts sore, and in what way?

Please mark in the below figure, the locations of your trouble and write the exact sensation or type of pain you experience at those spots. For example if you have throbbing pain on the right side of your head please mark as shown →



IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES PLEASE DESCRIBE EACH OF YOUR COMPLAINTS IN
DETAIL IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED ON PAGE 24

COMPLAINT NO.	WHERE IS THE TROUBLE	WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU FEEL OR HAVE THERE	WHAT ARE THE FACTORS THAT MAKE THIS TROUBLE BETTER OR WORSE

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