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Text Review: Chapter 2 Polarity Analysis Training

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Plan for Today

- PA Forum subscribe for notifications
- Green rubrics: Studying the list??
- Heiner on Acutes (Ch 2): Review what matters
 - What is a Polar Symptom / Why it Matters
 - Contraindications / Why it Matters
 - Hierarchy of Symptoms / Why it Matters
 - Timeline of Symptoms / Why it Matters
 - Engaging Client with Questionnaire / Why it Matters



Frei's Chapter 2: Acutes

- Heiner's Approach with Acute Illness
 - **Casetaking** + Remedy selection (Choice #1 and Reserve #2)
 - Recreating text cases using PA software (Some PA Changes)
 - Expanding the role of 'Small Remedies'
 - Refining when too few or too many POLAR symptoms
 - Characteristics of STATE vs characteristics of PERSON
 - Whether ACUTE or CHRONIC, importance of **recent changes**
 - Using caution with laterality not as reliable as polar symptoms



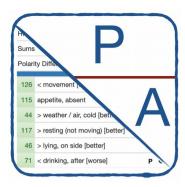
What is a Polar Symptom: Why it Matters

- Polar symptom:
 - Symptoms that can have an opposite
 - Examples: Thirstless / Thirsty
 - Examples: Better from Movement / Worse from Movement
 - Marked with a P in the PA software
- Materia medica OFTEN includes BOTH poles
 - Both poles of a symptom may be present in materia medica
 - One will generally appear more strongly than the other
 - Most reliable remedy choices include STRONGER pole



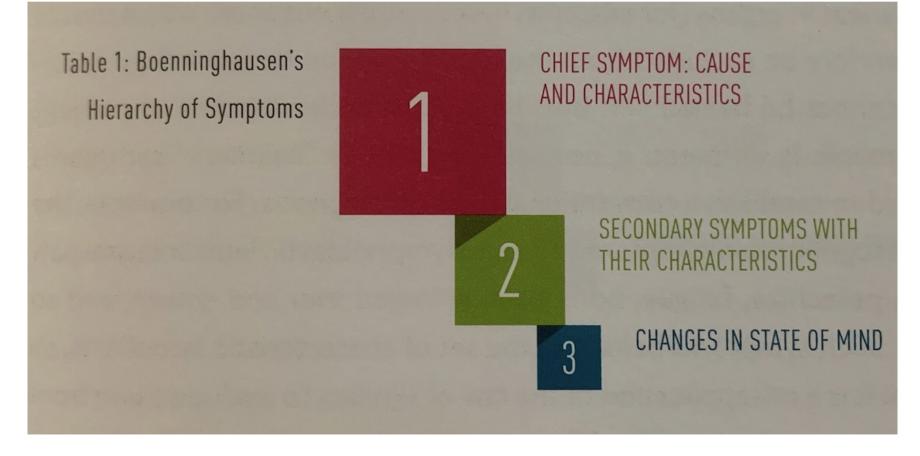
Value of Contraindications: Seeing Them for our Benefit

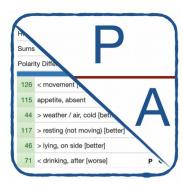
- Polar symptoms allow us to see:
 - Client symptoms on the axis of a polarity
 - Examples: Thirstless / Thirsty
 - Our client is THIRSTLESS
- Remedy with strong pole of THIRSTY is contraindicated
 - PA marks these with #/CI
 - The symptom does not correspond to genius of client's remedy
 - Contraindicated remedy column is "greyed out" we ignore it
 - We can double check / verify the specific symptom that is #/CI



Hierarchy of Symptoms Maybe Upside Down from "Normal"?

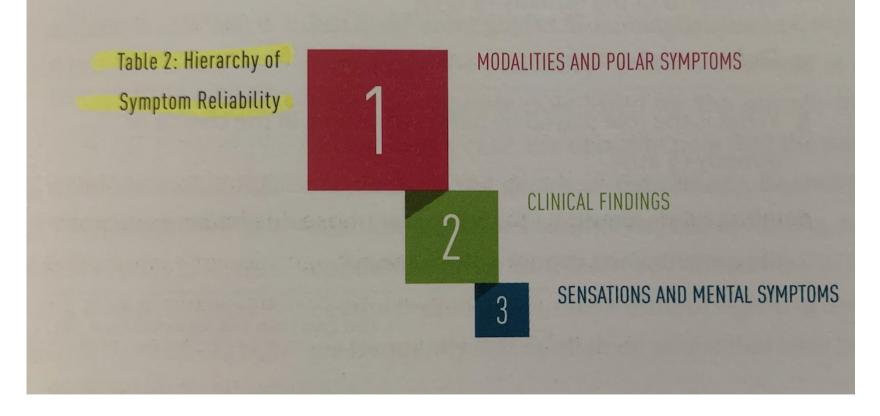
• Heiner emphasizes this PA approach to data priority





Hierarchy of Symptom Reliability

• Ch1.2.4 Reliable Symptoms improve accuracy





Timeline of Symptoms

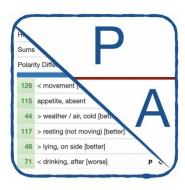
- Ch 2: Heiner outlines ACUTE timeline
 - Acute: symptoms in past 6 wks
 - ACUTE: Only changes since acute onset
 - No change with acute?? DO NOT include
 - If "persona", not pathology?? DO NOT include
 - Most recently emerged symptoms = most relevant
- ACUTE illnesses unfolds in stages
 - Incubation / prodromal / illness / decline / convalescence
 - Inflammatory onset / Indicators of body response / Cleanup
 - Client may consult us at any point in this process pay attention!



Client Questionnaires

Why it Matters (Have you tried using the Q for You?)

- We need accurate data from client
 - Symptoms may not be observed
 - Modalities not tested or evaluated
 - Concomitants present but unremarked
 - Questionnaire
 - Allows client to understand what is needed
 - Questionnaire details NOT necessarily obvious
 - Clients need: Time + Explanation
 - Heiner asks clients to complete during acute consult
 - Heiner asks clients to observe for 2 weeks for chronic care

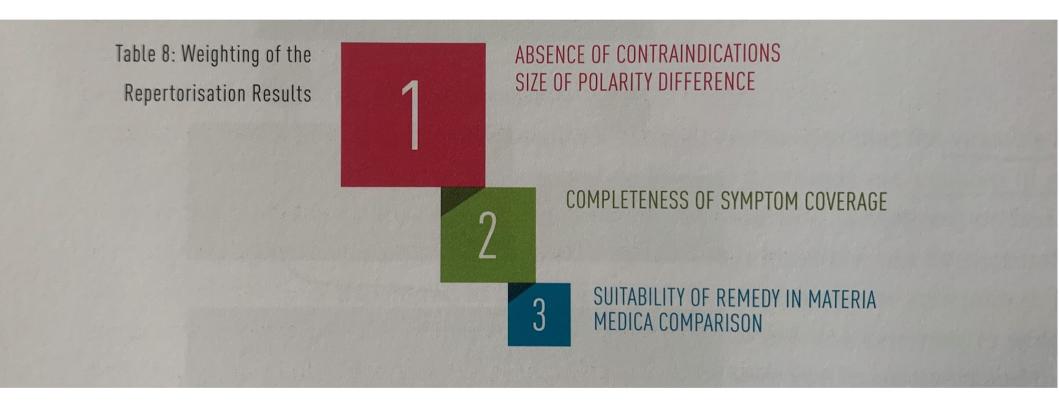


Acute Strategy

- Case taking
 - Limit to Symptoms changed in the acute!
 - Avoid inclusion of chronic complaints
 - Avoid mental symptoms unchanged since acute onset
 - PA Chart with minimum 5-8 polar symptoms
 - Start with only acute indicators
 - If too few, expand for other recent changes
 - If too many, review with client for MOST representative / combine



Acute Strategy





Acute Dosing

- Remedy Selection
 - Based on PA + MatMed confirmation
 - Select strongest option / give on site
 - Select 'reserve' remedy to have as 2nd choice
 - Check in after 24-48 hours
 - TEST Question: 50%+ >> with Remedy #1? Continue
 - Not improving? Move to Reserve #2 remedy

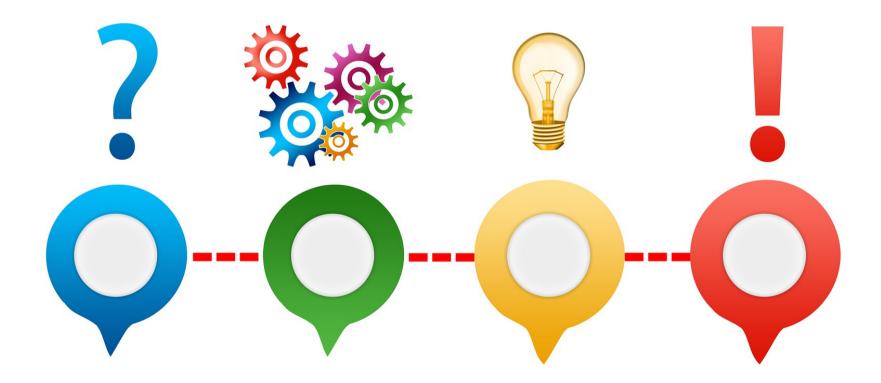


Handy Tips

- Laterality SOUNDS good, but not reliable
- It's ALL ABOUT the illness = pathognomic symptoms
 - You may have been taught differently....
 - Symptoms of recent change since onset of illness are the target
 - Ignore characteristics of 'PERSONA' that are not the 'STATE'
- Contraindications
 - Save time leave these out of differential
 - If REALLY doubtful, confirm the specific #CI w client









YOUR Next Steps

- Repeating the restated: Repetition is Your Ally
- Please review / re-read Chapter 1 and 2
 - What will it take for you to take cases in this manner?
 - Reproduce the PA repertorizations for CH 2 cases
 - Practice with the questionnaires
- Read Chapter 3



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