

**THE EVOLUTION OF CLINICAL REPERTORIZATION: A REVIEW
OF HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICAL REPERTORY BY ROBIN MURPHY**

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ABSTRACT

This article aims to provide a detailed examination of Homoeopathic Medical Repertory, its framework, characteristics, practical clinical applications and its role in advancing homoeopathic prescribing. The main headings including years of publication, complete title of the book, total number of chapters, page count, newly added chapters and modified chapters facilitate a detailed and accessible examination of various editions of this repertory.

KEYWORDS: Homeopathic Medical Repertory, robin murphy, homoeopathy, clinical practice.

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Robin Murphy was born on August 15, 1950, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His undergraduate studies were carried out at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.^[1] He was one of the well-known teachers in

the field of homoeopathy. He had significant teaching and clinical experience, and spent years as the chairman of the Homoeopathic Department at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland.^[2] He died at his home in the USA on November 18th,

2021.^[3] Homoeopathic Medical Repertory has established itself as a fundamental resource in contemporary homeopathic practice since its publication in 1993. It stands out as a modern, clinically-focused resource that integrates classical principles with current practices. It is an alphabetically arranged repertory.

Literature Review

In the foundation of the Homoeopathic Medical Repertory all sections of Kent's repertory and Knerr's repertory have been used. The repertory has a total of 55 source books. It is a logical utilitarian type of repertory, based on deductive logic that is concept of generals to particulars.

FIRST EDITION

Year of publication: First edition-1993.

First Indian edition-1994.

Name of the book: Homoeopathic Medical Repertory -A Modern Alphabetical Repertory.

No. of chapters: 67

1. Abdomen; 2.Ankles; 3.Arms; 4.Back; 5.Bladder; 6.Blood; 7.Bones; 8.Brain; 9.Breasts; 10. Breathing; 11.Chest; 12.Children; 13.Chills; 14.Coughing; 15.Delusions; 16.Dreams; 17.Ears; 18.Elbows; 19.Emergency; 20.Environment; 21.Eyes; 22.Face; 23.Feet; 24.Female (Gen); 25.Fevers; 26.Food; 27.Generals; 28.Glands; 29.Hands; 30.Head; 31.Hearing; 32.Heart; 33.Hips; 34.Intestines; 35.Joints; 36.Kidneys; 37.Knees; 38.Larynx; 39.Legs; 40.Limbs; 41.Liver; 42.Lungs; 43.Male (Gen.); 44.Mind; 45.Mouth; 46.Muscles; 47.Neck; 48.Nerves; 49.Nose; 50.Pelvis; 51.Perspiration 52.Pregnancy; 53.Pulse; 54.Rectum; 55.Shoulders; 56.Skin; 57.Sleep; 58.Stomach; 59. Stool; 60.Teeth; 61.Throat; 62.Tongue; 63.Toxicity; 64.Urine; 65.Vertigo; 66.Vision; 67.Wrists.^[4]

No. of pages:1590.

Gradations of remedies: 3.

1. BOLD CAPITALS 2. *Bold italics* 3. Plain type.

SECOND EDITION

Year of publication: 1996.

Second Indian edition: 2002.

Name of the book: Homoeopathic Medical Repertory- A Modern Alphabetical Repertory.

Number of chapters: 70

1.Abdomen; 2.Ankles; 3. Arms; 4.Back; 5.Bladder; 6.Blood; 7.Bones; 8.Brain; 9.Breasts; 10.Breathing; 11.Chest; 12.Children; 13.Chills; 14.Constitutions; 15.Coughing; 16.Delusions; 17.Diseases; 18.Dreams; 19.Ears; 20.Elbows; 21.Emergency; 22.Environment; 23.Eyes; 24.Face; 25.Feet; 26.Female; 27.Fevers; 28.Food; 29.Generals; 30.Glands; 31.Hands; 32.Head; 33.Headaches; 34.Hearing; 35.Heart; 36.Hips; 37.Intestines; 38.Joints; 39.Kidneys; 40.Knees; 41.Larynx; 42.Legs; 43.Limbs; 44.Liver; 45.Lungs; 46.Male; 47.Mind; 48.Mouth; 49.Muscle;s 50.Neck; 51.Nerves; 52.Nose; 53.Pelvis; 54.Perspiration; 55.Pregnancy; 56.Pulse; 57.Rectum; 58.Shoulders; 59.Skin; 60.Sleep; 61.Stomach; 62.Stool; 63.Teeth; 64.Throat; 65.Tongue; 66.Toxicity; 67.Urine; 68.Vertigo; 69.Vision; 70.Wrists.^[5] Chapters newly added in second edition 1.Constitutions. 2. Diseases. 3. Headache.

No. of pages: 1946.

Gradation of remedies: 3

1. **BOLD CAPITALS** 2. *Bold italics* 3. Plain type.^[5]

THIRD EDITION

Year of publication: 2009.

Third Indian edition - 2010.

Name of the book: Homoeopathic Clinical Repertory.

Third Revised edition: Homoeopathic Medical Repertory -A Modern Alphabetical and Practical Repertory.

Number of chapters :74

1.Abdomen; 2.Ankles; 3.Arms; 4.Back; 5.Bladder; 6.Bones; 7.Brain; 8.Breast; 9.Breathing; 10.Cancer; 11.Chest; 12.Children; 13.Chills; 14.Clinical; 15.Constitution; 16.Coughing; 17.Dreams; 18.Ears; 19.Elbows; 20.Eyes; 21.Face; 22.Fainting; 23.Feet; 24.Female; 25.Fevers; 26.Food; 27.Gallbladder; 28.Generals; 29.Glands; 30.Hands; 31.Head; 32.Headaches; 33.Hearing; 34.Heart; 35.Hips; 36.Intestines; 37.Joints; 38.Kidneys; 39.Knees; 40.Larynx; 41.Legs; 42.Limbs; 43.Liver; 44.Lungs; 45.Male; 46.Mind; 47.Mouth; 48.Muscles; 49.Neck; 50.Nose; 51.Pelvis; 52.Perspiration; 53.Pregnancy; 54.Pulse; 55.Rectum; 56.Shoulders; 57.Skin; 58.Sleep; 59.Speech; 60.Spleen; 61.Stomach; 62.Stool; 63.Taste; 64.Teeth; 65.Throat; 66.Time; 67.Tongue; 68.Toxicity; 69.Urine; 70.Vaccination; 71.Vertigo; 72.Vision; 73.Weakness; 74.Wrists.^[6] Newly added chapters in the third edition: 1.Cancer 2. Clinical 3. Fainting 4. Gallbladder 5. Speech 6. Spleen 7. Taste 8. Time 9. Vaccinations 10. Weakness. The chapters renamed and reorganised in the third edition are: Diseases, Blood, Nerves, Emergency merged under the chapter Clinicals. And chapter

previously named as environment renamed under the chapter Generals. The chapter previously named as Delusions merged under the chapter Mind.^[6]

No. of pages: 2420.

Gradation of remedies: 4.

1. **BOLD CAPITAL** 2. **UNDERLINED BOLD CAPITALS** 3. ***Bold italics*** 4. Plain type.^[6]

FOURTH EDITION

Year of publication: 2018.

Name of the book: Meta Repertory - Mind Body Clinical Index of Homoeopathic Remedies.^[7]

Number of chapters: 49

1.Mind; 2.Abdomen; 3.Ankles; 4.Arms; 5.Back; 6.Bladder; 7.Bones; 8. Brain; 9.Breasts; 10.Chest; 11.Children; 12.Ears; 13.Elbows; 14.Eyes; 15.Face; 16.Feet; 17.Female; 18.Food; 19.Gallbladder; 20.Hands; 21.Head; 22.Heart; 23.Hips; 24.Intestines; 25.Joints; 26.Kidneys; 27.Knees; 28.Larynx; 29.Legs; 30.Limbs; 31.Liver; 32.Lungs; 33.Male; 34.Mouth; 35.Muscles; 36.Neck; 37.Nose; 38.Pelvis; 39.Rectum; 40.Shoulders; 41.Skin; 42.Sleep; 43.Spleen; 44.Stomach; 45.Teeth; 46.Throat; 47.Tongue; 48.Wrists; 49.Clinical.^[7] New Clinical-Generals Chapter: Contains rubrics covering blood, diseases, disorders, diagnostics, emergencies, generals, infections, nerves, pathologies, and tissue changes.^[7] The updated Clinical chapter merges the following chapters from the third edition: Blood, Chills, Constitutions, Diseases, Fainting, Fever, Generals, Glands, Nerves, Time, Toxicity, Vaccinations, Vertigo, and Weakness. These have been integrated into a comprehensive, alphabetical list categorized under clinical generals.

New information from Radar Opus, Mac Repertory and Reference Works homeopathic software programs, Knerr's Repertory and Allen's Symptoms Index of the Encyclopaedia of Pure Materia Medica were added. The Homeopathic Remedies list named as meta remedy list has been moved to the back of the book and abbreviations of the many homeopathic and herbal remedies used in this book. Word index named as Meta Word Index Can be located in the back of the Repertory.^[7]

Number of pages: 2631.

Gradations of remedies: 4

1. **BOLD CAPITAL**, 2. **UNDERLINED BOLD CAPITALS** 3. *Bold italics* 4. Plain type.^[7]

Discussion and Conclusion: The Homoeopathic Medical Repertory by Robin Murphy plays a pivotal role in the evolution of literature of repertory in the field of homoeopathy. The building of the repertory provides an efficient combination of different classical philosophies as those of Kent, Boenninghausen and Knerr. Murphy presents a repertory that has a modern, clinical approach, systemically devised for use in modern medical scenarios. The alphabetical and thematic organization of the rubrics improves the efficiency and accessibility in case analysis, especially for practitioners working in fast paced clinical settings. One of the most notable aspects is use of clinical terminologies and conditions. This integration helps bridge the traditional homoeopathic language and modern medical diagnosis. The incorporation of updated homoeopathic medicinal provings and contributions from modern sources significantly expand the therapeutic range, especially in areas previously overlooked. The extensive inclusion of clinical rubrics, lesser-known or less proven medicine warrant a critical scrutiny. However, the Homoeopathic Medical Repertory has become a widely respected, accepted and used tool in modern homoeopathic practice due to its user-friendly structure, flexibility and inclusion of modern terminologies. It serves as a valuable complement to traditional repertories benefitting the scholars as well as for effective homoeopathic practice.

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