



Chronic Inflammations and Disruptive Fields in the Dental Area

Their Identification Using Dr. Voll's Electro-Acupuncture

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A review of the practice of dentistry over the last 20 years leads us to a strange discovery. The acute toothaches, swellings and abscesses which we frequently used to see, and whose treatment constituted the major part of our work, are now encountered with decreasing frequency. Viewing this fact superficially, one might attribute it to effectiveness and success in the work of the dental profession. Unfortunately this is not the case. Increasingly we now have to grapple with recurring viral infections of the oral and pharyngeal cavities and of the sinuses. The effectiveness of our treatment of such problems is, indeed, decreasingly slight, the approach being purely symptomatic, until the next recurrence.

Abscess formation, acute pulpitis, even granuloma formation - these are thoroughly healthy reactions, representing the attempt of the mesenchyma to achieve epithelial exclusion of some noxious presence in the maxillary area. As is the case in general medicine, these have given way to primarily chronic illnesses. Cancer, chronic arthritis, auto-immune diseases such as PCP or erythematoses are on the increase. In the German Federal Republic, one in three people now suffers from an allergy, and the twin scourges of viral and fungal disease are on the offensive. Whereas formerly the virus was eliminated within the context of a mild febrile indisposition of 2-3 days' duration, often before the target cells had become infected, nowadays clearly these mechanisms no longer operate. Only in this way could AIDS become the problem that it is today, particularly since it

constitutes an attack on cells which would be needed for defence against noxious agents.

The second scourge is that of the mycoses. According to information supplied by the University Dermatological Clinic in Düsseldorf, the last 15 years have witnessed a twentyfold increase in mycoses. In the field of dentistry too, there has been an enormous increase in mycoses, but these frequently remain undetected because of a lack of diagnostic capabilities, since, unlike a typical case of thrush with visible fungal deposit, they often run their course under the guise of a herpetic eruption. As we know, mycoses of the oral cavity and Oesophagus often represent the first clinical manifestation of AIDS. What can have caused this?

The Immune System is increasingly at risk from noxious influences

Our immune system consists of the epithelial surface- and resistance areas, the thymolymphatic resistance zone and the organism's mesenchymal defence system. It is being weakened more and more by transitory factors such as nutritive influences, infections, chemical substances and physical noxae. However, there is also a contribution by artificial factors such as medicines; as members of the medical profession we need to take notice of this, since it includes iatrogenic damage, which we cause with the drugs we prescribe. There are many medicines which suppress the immune system; for the sake of brevity I will mention just a few: antiphlogistic preparations such as anti-rheumatics, cortisone

derivatives, anti-histamines, antibiotics, mitotic poisons and mitosis blockers, alkalinising substances, immune suppressants and many more. However, X-rays and general anaesthetics also have a considerable immune suppressant action.

This now links in with dentistry. Primarily on account of a weakened immune system, chronic inflammations arise - almost always painlessly - in the dental-oral-maxillary area. In time these have a distant action on other organs, giving rise to disruptive fields (foci of infection), and these in turn amount to a further ongoing burden upon the basic system. A further burden may arise from collapse of the gastro-epithelial immune system, which represents the major part of our immune defences, as a result of continual faulty nutrition.

These problems demand a broader range of reliable diagnostic methods

In view of the failure of other diagnostic possibilities, including X-ray photography, it must be a top priority for us, as dentists, to achieve an absolutely reliable diagnostic means of establishing the presence of chronic inflammations and disruptive fields in the dental-oral-maxillary area. We have a possibility in the shape of Dr. Voll's Electro-Acupuncture; this method permits absolutely reliable diagnosis of silent chronic inflammations and disruptive fields.

What this entails is bioelectrical measurement of energy potential at the acupuncture points - some already known and others



discovered by Voll - along the energy-paths (meridians), which are familiar to us from Chinese Acupuncture. These are associated with corresponding organs and systems of the body, thus permitting precise diagnosis. In the area of dentistry in particular, often within five or ten minutes, a reliable statement regarding disturbances, irritations and chronic inflammations can be obtained from measurements at only a small number of points. These inflammations become a disruptive field by means of their distant action, which can be confirmed by measurements taken on other energy pathways or meridians.

Some of the teeth are also situated on particular meridians, or receive energy supplies via secondary pathways from these. This means that alternating relationships may be demonstrated between disturbances in teeth and organic systems, or maybe segments of the spine, for instance. Thus teeth 1 and 2 are assigned to the kidney-bladder meridian; the canine teeth to the liver-gallbladder

meridian, the upper pre-molars and lower molars to the large intestine-lung meridian, the upper molars and the lower pre-molars to the stomach-spleen-pancreas meridian, and the wisdom teeth are linked energetically with the heart and small intestine.

Voll's Electro-Acupuncture is a holistic method

When using Voll's Electro-Acupuncture it is impossible not to return to a holistic view of the patient, and frequently the resulting outcomes of this are gratifying for both patient and therapist. For a little while at least, this can provide a welcome distraction from the more or less frustrating pattern of everyday practice. Very frequently patients can be given immediate and lasting help, whilst cleaning up the dental area may free them from complaints in other areas of the body, which have dragged on for years. Within the short space of this article it is scarcely possible to demonstrate all the other considerable possibilities afforded by Voll's Electro-Acupuncture.

To carry out these measurements I use the Voll machine "Dermatron ST", produced by the Pitterling company of Munich. The Pitterling company also lays on frequent courses for beginners and advanced users, as well as courses in location of the treatment points and specialist courses for dentists. Twice a year they present a Medical Week in Munich, with contributions from all branches of medicine, and with opportunities for interesting discussions and dialogues.

It is my view that, over the next few years, dentists will find it increasingly necessary to be able to diagnose chronic conditions, in order to rise from the Health Insurance and Social Service classification of a supplementary profession and once again to enjoy the full status of being practitioners of a free, autonomous and satisfying medical modality. With the use of Voll's Electro-Acupuncture success in this is assured.

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