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«Cure for All Cancers» by Hulda Clark

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Summary

Based on the study of the literature and other available information, the Swiss Study Group for Complementary and Alternative Methods in Cancer (SCAC) and the Swiss Cancer League (SCL) have no evidence to prove that the «Cure for All Cancers» advocated by Hulda Clark brings about a cure in cases of cancer. For this reason, we must advise cancer patients against relying on the curative effect of this method, and we must also point out possible risks which the «Cure for All Cancers» entails.

Claims advanced by the inventor/supplier

Hulda Clark believes that infestation with the large human intestinal fluke (*Fasciolopsis buskii*), a parasite, in combination with certain solvents or alcohols in the body, is the cause not only of cancers but also of diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer's and AIDS.

In order to diagnose the infestation by parasites and the toxins which have to be eliminated, Clark carries out test procedures with the «Syncrometer» she has developed.

As treatment, Clark recommends a «parasite elimination programme» with tincture of black walnuts, cloves and wormwood. Use of the «Zapper», an electrical device which emits weak current, is said to be able to boost the lethal effect on the parasites even further. Moreover, contact with propyl alcohol and also with numerous environmental poisons should be avoided. The programme should be followed not only by members of the cancer patient's household but also by his or her pets (a modified form is used for animals) so as to prevent the patients from being reinfected with the parasite. As well as reasonable recommendations such as stopping smoking, many other suggestions are made, such as the avoidance of commonly available toothpastes, hair shampoos and household cleaning products; not eating off plates which have been washed with dishwashing products; sealing up cracks between the house and the cellar, or using PVC pipes to replace galvanised water pipes which are more than ten years old. Depending on the particular case, it is suggested that vitamins, amino acids or other substances should be taken.

It is alleged that the rate of cures among terminally ill cancer patients is about 90%. As Clark asserts, if her recommendations are implemented consistently, it takes «three weeks ... until the tissue pathology has recovered sufficiently for the doctor to change his opinion about the need for operations and chemotherapy».

Side-effects

Clark advises patients to take Lugol's solution (containing iodine) without referring to the associated dangers in cases of thyroid disease. Also, uncontrolled consumption of vitamins or other dietary supplements for lengthy periods should always be discussed with the doctor administering the treatment.

Inventor

According to information from the Dr. Clark Research Association, Hulda Regehr Clark, 70, obtained a doctorate of physiology in 1958. She is also said to have a «Naturopathy Degree» (N.D.), which corresponds to a naturopath's or natural healer's qualification in this country.

Legal Status

Sales and distribution of the «Zapper» are prohibited in Switzerland until conformity with the Swiss Decree on Medical Products has been established. Proof of the alleged performance is one of the requirements for this purpose.

Supplier, sale and distribution

In Switzerland: Dr. Clark Centre, Münchenbuchsee
David P. Amrein, President of the Dr. Clark Research Association
In Mexico: Century Nutrition, Tijuana

Costs

According to information from the Dr. Clark Centre (August 2000) the costs of each treatment vary. In every case, 700.– to 800.– Swiss Francs must be expected (for consultation, parasite treatment, intestinal program and renal treatment). Other expenses are depending on the particular case. According to information from «Quackwatch», the basic fee for two weeks of treatment in Mexico is about 4500 US\$. In addition to this figure, there would be additional costs for dietary supplements, examinations, and dental rehabilitation work, etc.

Examinations and tests

To date, to our knowledge there are no published scientific studies in which the effect of this method has been investigated on cancer patients. So far no recognised case has been published in medical-scientific literature of a cure for cancer using the «Cure for All Cancers» method. Furthermore, the case reports described in books by Hulda Clark are not convincing. There is a lack of detailed information which would be important for an assessment. To some extent at least, Clark appears not to make the diagnosis of «cancer» on the basis of the generally recognised medical criteria, but instead with the «Syncrometer Test». For example, a finding based on palpation in combination with the «Syncrometer Test» suffices for a breast cancer diagnosis. Hence, doubts remain as to whether all the patients described were actually suffering from cancer in the medical sense. Moreover, there are several descriptions of cases where the patients died; Clark surmises that her recommendations were not implemented with sufficient consistency in some of these instances.

Comment by the SCAC

There is no scientific basis for Hulda Clark's hypotheses and recommendations, including her suggested treatments.

The parasite *Fasciolopsis buskii* does in fact exist, but only in Asian countries, so that an infection in our country is ruled out. Consequently, this parasite does not enter into consideration as a cause of the numerous cases of cancer in the Western countries; at most, it might be one of several causes of liver cancer (and only for this type of cancer) in the Asian countries.

As a whole, Clark's thesis cannot be comprehended, nor is it proven.

In individual cases, her advice can be very extensive and costly. Hence if patients do not apply her method consistently and their disease continues to progress, they run the risk of attempting to blame themselves for this, rather than Clark's treatment which is ineffective, as viewed at present.

Further information / literature specification

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