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ON:-  
A SYSTEM OF MEDICINE

## ELECTROHOMOEOPATHY

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### 6. Electropathy/Electrohomeopathy

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and sanguine. There are some patients who suffer from both lymphatic and circulatory disorders. For the treatment of lymphatic temperament *Scrofulosa* group of remedies are prepared. For circulatory ailments i.e. sanguine temperament, remedies of *Angioticas* are prepared, and for mixed temperament drugs of *Lymphaticas* can be used.

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The alcohol / aqueous extracts of herbal remedies are given according to the temperament and place of disease, keeping in view the principles of polarity for application of drugs. Electropathy medicines are given either in dilutions, globules or compression, lotion, cream etc. Use of dilutions higher/lower solution depends on various factors like age, sex, duration of disease whether acute or chronic. The use of electric charges is made keeping in view the polarity of the diseased part of the body and the kind of electric charges required whether positive, negative or neutral. The dilutions are generally given in water/sugar.

The treatment modality used by Electropathy practitioners could be preventive, curative, palliative, expectant, hygienic, dietetic or climatic. In addition, the other modalities used are change of diet, massage, exercise etc. The electropathy medicines are considered to be purely herbal oriented enzymes. No quality control methods are available for the same.



## Analysis of Essential/Desirable criteria

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2. Substantial literature on concepts, aetiology diagnosis and management of disease like textbooks including



pharmacopoeia and formularies and preferably journals, if any should be available in the country of origin, and also in other countries, and in countries where practised.

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The literature on concepts, aetiology diagnosis and management of diseases is written by Founder of the system from 1899-1920. Other books on the Pharmacy, Pharmacopoeia have also been written and are provided by the National Council for Electrohomeopathy Medicine (NEHM). The titles of the book do not mention the names of the authors and / or publishers, the year of publication and the country published. To the best of the knowledge of the committee, all the literature is very ancient and written by one scientist i.e. the inventor of the system. The rest of the books are translations from the original texts. As per the list provided there is a pharmacopoeia of the system, but which year it was published and which year it was updated is not known.

Whether it is recognised as a system of medicine in the country of origin and / or in any other country where it is currently practised.

As per the letter of Consulate General of Italy in America, it is mentioned that there are Electrohomeopathy and Homeopathy doctors in Italy. However, for more information they have given the telephone numbers of few Homeopathic Associations. But there is no evidence that the system is recognized as a system of medicine in Italy or any other country. As per letter from Dr. Awasthi, Electropathy is practised in Asian and European countries, and in USA, Germany, Japan, U.K. in their National Health Programme, but there is no evidence to this effect.



The Committee wants to bring to the attention of the Government that the term Electropathy and Electrohomeopathy do not exist in any available literature or recognized anywhere in the world as Alternative / Complementary system of medicine. Though it bears the name of Electrohomeopathy, it has no affiliation to Homeopathy, either in-principle or practice. Although some of the drugs used in this system are imported in the guise of Homeopathy, the Central Council of Homeopathy has denied any link with this system and does not consider it part of its system. In view of this the practitioners of Electropathy have agreed to delete the term Homeopathy and call the system as Electropathy.

Scientifically validated information on modalities of treatment may be by drugs, devices or any other methods such as diet, massage, exercise and how they differ from those in the existing approved systems of medicine.

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From the safety and efficacy point of view standardize methods of preparation of drugs/devices used in the therapy and quality control of the same should be available.

The electropathy medicines are purely herbal oriented enzymes. There are no quality control methods available for the same. Since Electropathy is not a recognized system, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 is not applicable to these medicines and there is no provision of quality control of these medicines. Since this is not one of the systems listed under ISM & H, it is also not covered under Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homeo Council Act, 1973.

#### Desirable criteria

1. Prescribed criteria for admission, curricula and training and details of such course and list of Institutions in the country of origin/countries where it is currently recognized system of medicine.

Minimum eligibility condition for the B.E.M.S. course of 4 ½ years duration and the details about the system have been provided. However, the syllabus is provided for 4 years. All the subjects of Modern Medicine are being taught as per syllabus, in addition, Electropathy *materia medica*, Practice of Medicine and Pharmacy are also taught. Although, on paper everything is put down, in practice all these are not followed and no qualified staff is available to teach all these systems as per site visit reports submitted by earlier committees.

2. Details of continuing medical education programmes and available research/training facilities

Apart from BEMS (Bachelor or Certificate Course) the other courses available are MDEH (Doctor of Medicine in Electro homeo), as 1 year research programme after BEMS and DEHM (Diploma in Electro Homeopathy Medicine), a 6 month diploma course in electropathy offered to anyone with minimum of 7 years' experience in any medical system. However, there is no information on any practitioners of a recognized system of medicine having undergone this 6 months' diploma course.



It is mentioned that Research Programmes are conducted at the Electro Lab of Dr. J. S. Chawla, Electropathic Research Centre & M/s. Aerc Product, Mumbai. On enquiry these are found to be basically manufacturers of drugs of Electropathy with no research facilities.

3. To examine as to whether it can be taught in the recognized Institutions to produce Doctors/Practitioners in this system of medicine.

As the available literature is very scanty and the books prescribed for the NEHM course are all written by few authors, translated into some Indian languages such as Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu, the representative of NEHM, Shri O. P. Sharma, Registrar was called to elaborate on the source, publishers, year and edition of books etc. As it was not possible for him to give an instant reply, he was asked to submit the same to the Council within a week's time. The same was submitted on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2001 which was examined by the Member Secretary, Sub-Committee Chairman Dr. B. N. Dhawan and the Chairman Dr. N. K. Ganguly. In the absence of any standard text books, references, pharmacopoeia etc. offering teaching and training leading to Degrees / Diplomas under unrecognized systems / institutions was not found appropriate by the Committee. It is not recognised as a system anywhere in the world. There is no uniqueness in the concept or modalities of treatment. Hence it is suggested that Government should take appropriate steps to close down such institutions and give wide publicity to such decision to protect the public from such unauthorized activities.

After examining the information submitted on the basis of the guidelines issued, the Committee came to an unanimous decision that the available information on the basic concept, aetiopathology, management and prevention of diseases, available literature and pharmacopoeia, teaching and training programmes, available infrastructure for academic and therapeutic purposes etc. is not sufficient to give recognition to Electrohomeopathy / Electropathy as a new comprehensive system of medicine.