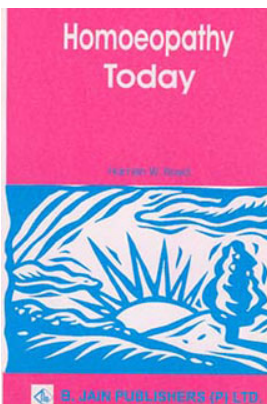


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## HOMOEOPATHY TODAY

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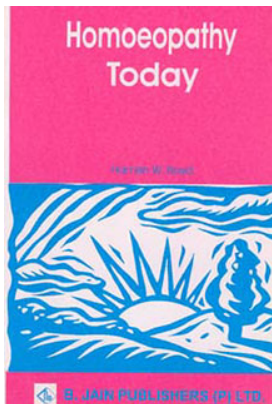
**T**he word 'homoeopathy', has for many years been associated in the minds of medical men with 'quackery' or impossibly small doses of drugs. The purpose of this article is to explain what homoeopathy is, to dispel some wrong conceptions and to point out the value of this form of treatment in present-day orthodox medical practice, particularly general practice.

Homoeopathy is now a recognized speciality within the National Health Service, and its hospitals and dispensaries are run by the Service, and are staffed by physicians who prescribe homoeopathic

treatment in addition to the best of orthodox treatment. With the tremendous advances in therapeutics in the past 50 years, many will consider that homoeopathy is out of date, but those who practice it find that it has its uses in many spheres, including the treatment of many chronic ailments, such as rheumatism, migraine, asthma, skin diseases, chronic bronchitis, neurological disorders, to mention a few. These are conditions which still present difficulties in modern therapy. It has a place to play in preventive medicine, and will help many a general practitioner to cure an illness in its very first phase, before gross pathological change has taken place. It can help to deal with the catarrhal child, or the child with fears or nightmares, with the harassed overwrought housewife, with the elderly, with all the patients seen in general practice who have no 'disease', but are merely 'not well'.

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