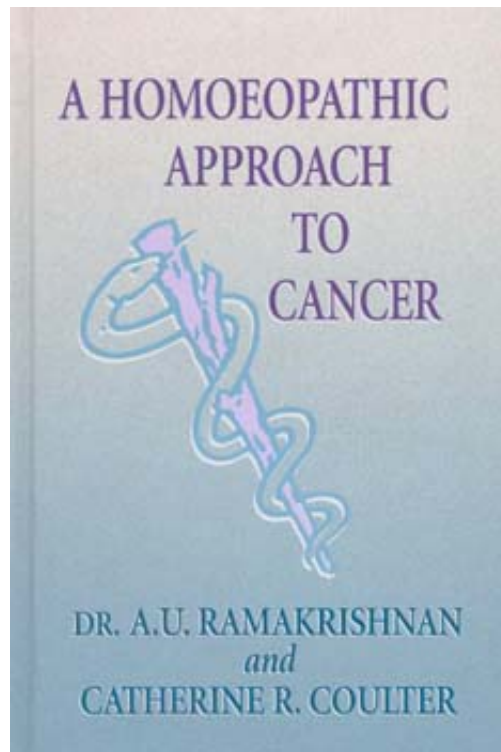


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Introduction

Dr. A.U. Ramakrishnan

For more than thirty years I have been practicing homoeopathy and lecturing on the subject. Recently I have felt that I should put down my thoughts in book form and thus have a chance to share my experience with others, who then could also profit from the homoeopathic healing method.

I was trained in allopathic medicine in India, at the prestigious Madras Medical College and graduated in 1966. Then I went to England and was trained in homoeopathy, under the particular tutelage of Dr. Margery G. Blackie, at the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital, and got my M.F. Horn, in 1968. Since then I have been teaching and conducting postgraduate courses in India, East Asia, Western Europe, and North America, and have been offering consultations to patients all over the world.

What led me to focus on cancer was a series of failures in cancer cases in my earlier days, particularly the loss of my sister in 1974 and my elder brother in 1984, both of whom were homoeopathic doctors. From that time on I have been trying out different combinations, potencies, and dosages of remedies in the treatment of this disease.

Beginning in the late 1980s, I began to observe favorable responses and over the next few years embarked on and experimented with a new technique of prescribing. This methodology, which I have named my

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"Plussing Method," stabilized around 1993. The good results of the seven years or so of working very intensely with this method, especially in comparison with my work in cancer of the previous years, gave me a sense of happiness and enthusiasm that prompted me to write a book.

At this juncture I was fortunate to meet Catherine R. Coulter, the well-known writer on homoeopathic *materia medica*, with whom I found a lot of agreement in our thoughts on homoeopathic theory and practice and, hence, decided to write this book with her. She has contributed to this work her profound knowledge and understanding of homoeopathy and her forty years experience of teaching, lecturing, and training physicians by the preceptorship method.

I would also like to express my appreciation of the efforts of a very dear friend of mine, Eileen Isison. She has helped me right from the beginning by coordinating my work, encouraging me when my spirits flagged, and helping me to realize the dream of bringing out this book, *A Homoeopathic Approach to Cancer*.

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Introduction

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It has been an extremely rewarding experience for me to author this book on Dr. Ramakrishnan's method. During the course of close to four decades of teaching and training physicians, I have always been looking for ways to transmit homoeopathic knowledge and experience, and this unprecedented volume of cases of one type of disease in all its variations offered two distinct opportunities. First, every prescribing point raised, subtle as well as significant, could be illustrated and substantiated by one or more case examples; and second, the several thousand cancer cases treated by Dr. Ramakrishnan constituted a critical mass of data that allowed patterns to emerge—patterns of symptoms and patterns of prescribing—which are crucial to recognize in the treatment of the different stages of this complex disease.

The principal challenge in presenting the large number of cases in this book was not only how to select, organize, and interpret them, but, above all, how to devise a clear, concise yet comprehensive format which would convey Dr. Ramakrishnan's invaluable knowledge in such a way as to be usable by practitioners less experienced than himself. For Dr. Ramakrishnan's expertise stems, in part, from a background uniquely steeped in a rich national, cultural, and family tradition of homoeopathy. Indeed, for one physician to have the opportunity to treat personally, by the homoeopathic method, more than 5,000 cancer cases necessitated a

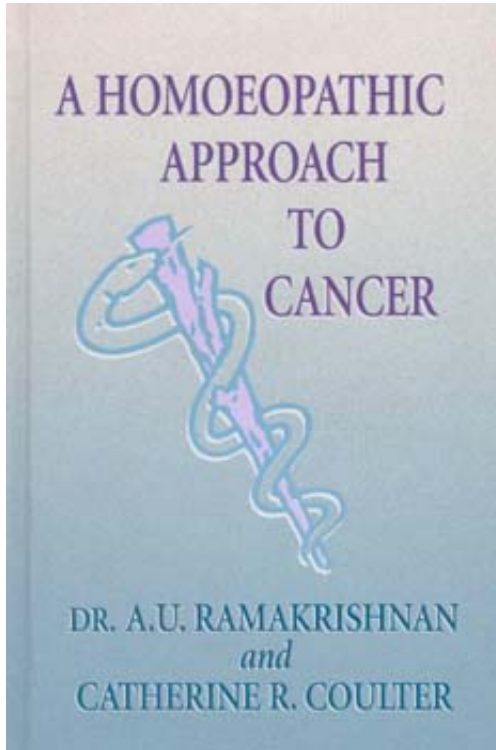
doctor from India—the only country in the world in which homoeopathy enjoys tremendous prestige and in which an estimated ten million of its population use homoeopathy routinely for even the most severe diseases.

Naturally, there arises the question of the need for familiarity with the homoeopathic philosophy and methodology. Certainly, the more experienced in this discipline the prescriber, the easier it is for him or her to master the Ramakrishnan Method—and the better will be the results. And the procedural analyses and observations on methodology interspersed throughout the text should help guide the committed practitioner to correct prescribing. Be it noted, however, that because the remarks on the treatment of one type of cancer often apply to another, the book ought to be read in its entirety before commencing treatment by the Ramakrishnan Method. It is not sufficient to peruse only those pages dealing with the particular type of cancer under current treatment.

Finally, it is my hope that the information and material presented in this volume will be instructive to many types of doctors and practitioners—and will encourage those who have studied and been practicing the science to employ homoeopathy in conjunction with their own particular medical disciplines and healing methods.

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