

# ELECTRO HOMEOPATHY

Electrohomeopathy, Electrohomoeopathy, or Mattei cancer cure is a derivative of homeopathy invented in the 19th century by Count Cesare Mattei. The name is derived from a combination of electro (referring to an electric bio-energy content supposedly extracted from plants and of therapeutic value, rather than electricity in its conventional sense) and homeopathy (referring to an alternative medicinal philosophy developed by Samuel Hahnemann in the 18th century). Electrohomeopathy has been defined as the combination of electrical devices and homeopathy.

Lucrative for its inventor and popular in the late nineteenth century, electrohomeopathy has been described as "utter idiocy". Like traditional homeopathy, it is regarded by the medical and scientific communities as pseudoscience and its practice as quackery.

## **History and criticism :**

Electrohomeopathy was devised by Cesare Mattei (1809–1896) in the latter part of the 19th century. Mattei, a nobleman living in a castle in the vicinity of Bologna, studied natural science, anatomy, physiology, pathology, chemistry and botany. He ultimately focused on the supposed therapeutic power of "electricity" in botanical extracts. Massei made bold, unsupported claims for the efficacy of his treatments, including the claim that his treatments offered a nonsurgical alternative to cancer. His treatment regimens were met with scepticism by mainstream medicine:

## **Philosophy :-**

Remedies are derived from what are said to be the active micro nutrients or mineral salts of certain plants. One contemporary account of the process of producing electrohomeopathic remedies was as follows:



As to the nature of his remedies we learn...that...they are manufactured from certain herbs, and that the directions for the preparation of the necessary dilutions are given in the ordinary jargon of homeopathy. The globules and liquids, however, are "instinct with a potent, vital, electrical force, which enables them to work wonders." This process of "fixing the electrical principle" is carried on in the secret central chamber of a Neo-Moorish castle which Count Mattei has built for himself in the Bolognese Apennines...The "red electricity" and "white electricity" supposed to be "fixed" in these "vegetable compounds" are in their very nomenclature and suggestion poor and miserable fictions.

According to Mattei's own ideas however, every disease originates in the change of blood or of the lymphatic system or both, and remedies can therefore be mainly divided into two broad categories groups to be used in response to the dominant affected system. Mattei wrote that having obtained plant extracts, he was "able to determine in the liquid vegetable electricity". Allied to his theories and therapies were elements of Chinese medicine, of medical humours, of apparent Brownianism, as well as modified versions of Samuel Hahnemann's homeopathic principles. Electrohomeopathy has some associations with Spagyric medicine, a holistic medical philosophy claimed to be the practical application of alchemy in medical treatment, so that the principle of modern electrohomeopathy is that disease is typically multi-organic in cause or effect and therefore requires holistic treatment that is at once both complex and natural.

### **Modern usage :**

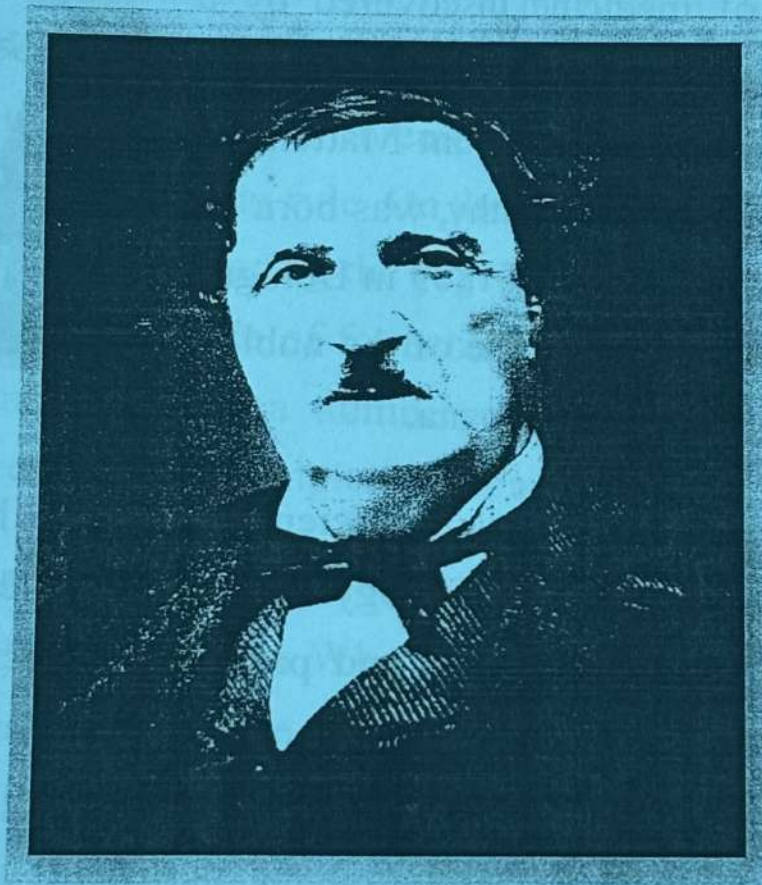
A symposium took place in Bologna in 2008 to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Cesare Mattei, with attendees from India, Pakistan, Germany UK, and the USA. Electrohomeopathy is practised predominantly in India and Pakistan (although it is not a recognised



healthcare discipline in India), but there are also a number of electrohomeopathy organisations and institutions worldwide.

The electrohomeopathic system is an invention of Count Mattei who prates of "red," "blue," and "green" electricity, a theory that, in spite of its utter idiocy, has attracted a considerable following and earned a large fortune for its chief promoter.

Notwithstanding criticisms, including a challenge by the British medical establishment to the claimed success of his cancer treatments, electrohomeopathy (or Matteism, as it was sometimes known at the time) had adherents in Germany, France, the USA and the UK by the beginning of the 20th century; electrohomeopathy had been the subject of approximately 100 publications and there were three journals dedicated to it.



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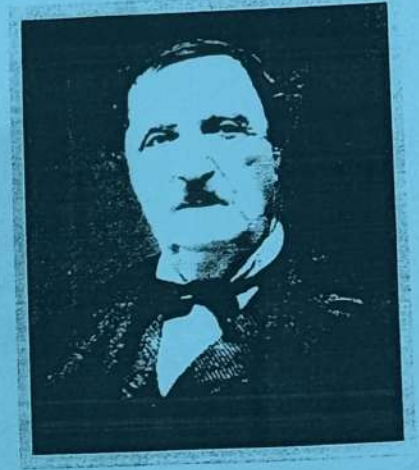
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Electro-Homoeopathy is the name given to a new system of medicine discovered by a famous Italian scientist Count Cesare Mattei in the later part of the 1800's. Count Mattei, the founder of Electro-Homoeopathy, was born on the 11th January in the year of 1809 in Bologna City in Italy. He belongs to one of the noblest families of learned town of Bologna.



After having studied natural science, he gave himself up to anatomy, physiology and pathology. Then more exclusively to chemistry and botany, after long and patients research following a method of his own, he discovered how to extract from certain plants the active principles which, alone or combine, form the agent in the new materia medica. Numerous and prolonged experiments upon the animal economy, experiments made first of all upon the dogs, have demonstrated the curative power of his remedies upon the organism, and at the same time have proved that they can never produce the slightest morbid alteration either in the organs or their functions.

He believed in the, famous Paracelsus who introduced law of similar. Thus convinced simultaneously of their immense utility and of their perfectly innocuous character, the count has applied to them with all confidence to all of the human beings. Further, in order to observe closely in numerable cases of disease, and the better to study the effect of



these remedies, he held in his mention at Bologna, for more than ten years, public and private consultations in the presence of physician and surgeons who had attached themselves to him the purpose of being present at the sitting. It may be added of high person ages of all nations, physicians and even large medical bodies. But undoubtedly the German founder of Homoeopathy Hahnemann (1755-1843) and his doctrine have non the less influenced Mattei's mind in his patients researches, leading principle trying to investigate the immediate effects of remedies and bring them into practical service according to the familiar rule. On the other hand, he borrowed from Paracelsus the process of preparing the vegetable substances by means of a more or less complicated mode of fermentation, called "cohobation", and also the final combination of a number of ingredients with similar or supplementary effect to form a complex medicinal unity.

Mattei had written his first book in 1874 in Italian language, which was then published in other languages. When the Count Mattei aged in 1887 he had handed over all his work to his adopted son Mario Venturoli. Mattei has applied himself in his lifetime to the discovery of Materia Medica capable of modifying; not only the manifestation or symptoms of disease, but also their principle, or to speak better their first cause. It is by means of a theory the simple, with curative agents which he called Electricity in the remedies (Electro-Homoeopathy), so elementary that everyone may cure himself and his medicine is certainly the medicine of the future.

He died on 3rd of April 1896 at the magnificent castle of La Rochetta, situated in the heart of the Apennines. If there are but few honest hearts in this world, there is still enough remaining to bless his memory.