Further Experiences with the Orgone Accumulator*

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The recent results with the orgone accumulator have increased expectations tremendously. Disappointment reactions quickly develop if the patients do not feel an improvement in as short a time as other cases about which they have heard. For this reason, we have made it a rule to have the patients commit themselves to a minimum treatment of 1 month. Generally, we begin the treatment in a 20-fold accumulator, and, after the first month, continue with a 4-fold accumulator which is loaded out and used in the home.

We have had the following further therapeutic experiences:

A 53-year-old woman one year before the beginning of orgone treatment had a thromboflebitis of the right calf. The treating physician ordered, first of all, a 14-day bed rest together with compresses and elevation of the leg. She was then permitted to get up though she had to wear tight elastic stockings. But the disease process resisted all treatment. The pain continually increased and her walking became worse from week to week. Also Unna paste bandages, which she had been using for 6 weeks, were to no avail. When she came for orgone treatment, her pain had reached a peak; only with great effort could she walk 100 yards. When the bandages were removed, the lower leg appeared very swollen. After 1 week of orgone treatment, a reaction of very severe, almost unbearable, pain occurred. (In some other cases, we have also observed that the pain increases at the beginning of orgone treatment. The transformation of lifeless tissue into living tissue is of an inflammatory nature, and hence the cause of the pain is understandable.) After 11 days of irradiation, the first significant improvement took place, manifested in the reduction of pain and also improved walking. The improvement continued. When she had had 1 month of treatment, she could walk quite freely, even “run,” as the patient expressed herself. Today, after 5 months of treatment, she feels free of complaints and says that her energy has undergone a complete change. She no longer experiences the fatigue symptoms which had increased in recent years, and not in 10 years has she felt such joie de vivre and zest for work.

We have recently treated several cases of Buerger's disease. According to the literature, this illness is said to be especially common among the Jews; it is very widespread in Israel. The first successes in the orgone treatment of these patients aroused much attention here in many circles because, at the last minute, we succeeded in avoiding in 2 cases leg amputations which were strongly advised by the attending surgeon.

One patient, a 40-year-old man, had suffered from this disease for the last 16 years. The first sympathectomy (resection of a sympathetic ganglion) was performed 12 years ago, the second 7 years ago, and the third immediately afterward. In addition, he was treated with numerous internal medications such as typhoid injections. When he came for orgone treatment, there were wounds of a gangrenous nature on several of his toes and the surgeon urgently recommended amputation. Instead of amputation, the patient decided to try the orgone accumulator. After the first irradiation, he felt a strong prickling on his head and an especially strong prickling sensation on his feet, as if “an electric current had been switched on.” After the second, third, and fourth irradiations, the same phenomena appeared. After the fifth, the wounds were dry for the first time in 8 years. When he had had 8 irradiations, entirely painless intervals occurred, whereas formerly the patient suffered constant pain. During the ninth irradiation, the patient experienced a strong feeling of pressure in his feet, as if the skin would “burst.” At first, the patient thought that he could not bear the accumulator any longer, but finally decided to remain because he thought the pains were of a “positive nature.” After 10 minutes, the unbearable pains disappeared and he was also free of pain for a longer time than usual after the treatment. In the next irradiation, the same thing happened again. He also spent a sleepless night afterward because of the severe pain. In the following treatments, there was no more pain in the accumulator and after the irradiations the patient was free of pain for several hours. The legs, which were ice cold before the therapy, became warmer. Previously the patient took about 2 dozen pills daily to combat the pain; now he could get along with 1 or 2. The wounds started to close.

* Cf. also Hoppe, "My experiences with the orgone accumulator," Orgone Energy Bulletin 1, 1949, 12-22.
at the beginning of the treatment, he was able to walk only a few steps, he now took walks of 5-600 yards. After more than 2 months of treatment, the wounds were closed; he could walk much more easily and declared: "Now I know what living means."

A second patient, aged 35, had been suffering from Buerger's disease for 10 years. The complaints started with feelings of fatigue and coldness in his legs. After a sympathectomy, his condition improved for a period of 7-8 years. Then he was hit with a hammer on his left foot. A toe had to be amputated. 8 months ago gangrene set in on his left big toe, which 2 months prior to the orgone treatment also had to be amputated. Meanwhile, other symptoms of gangrene appeared on his toes and prominent surgeons urgently advised the amputation of both legs. In a desperate state, he started orgone treatment. After 14 days of irradiation twice daily, his walking was already very much improved. He no longer needed a cane and the healing of his wounds progressed rapidly. The patient interrupted the treatment after 34 irradiations in a much healthier condition.

A 43-year-old patient suffered for many years from Buerger's disease. He was also operated on twice (sympathectomies). The good results of the operations were only of short duration. At the beginning of the orgone treatment, he could walk—with pain—only several 100 yards. After orgone treatment for 1 month, he again wished "to exercise and to jump" (the patient is a gymnastics instructor). But then he interrupted the treatment and suffered a relapse after a few months. He has not resumed treatment since.

A 56-year-old man fell sick with Buerger's disease 11 years ago. The illness began with intense pains; he suddenly could not walk. According to his report, the left side of his body became paralyzed a year ago. In the hospital, his condition improved within several weeks. However, later he had increased pains in his feet. Two weeks before the beginning of orgone treatment, his left hand felt as though it were falling asleep. At the time he started orgone treatment, he could only walk a few yards. In the first 3 weeks of his treatment, he did not feel any change after an initial slight improvement. Then orgone-therapeutic respiration was begun. After 6 weeks of treatment, he still had a feeling of weakness in his legs, but he could walk much better than before and the pain was completely eliminated. The feeling that his left hand was falling asleep had also disappeared.

3 other cases of Buerger's disease are in treatment at present. In 2 cases we have not been able to see any improvement after a month of treatment. The treatment is being continued. In the third case we lack information as the patient is not in Tel Aviv.

A 65-year-old man was diagnosed in a Tel Aviv hospital as having "pernicious anemia" a half year before orgone treatment. After liver injections his blood picture improved. Blood examinations in a well-known Tel Aviv laboratory gave the following results:

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In the blood examination of November 15, 1948, the RBC showed a mild anisocytosis, while in the blood picture of December 30 the RBC no longer revealed any pathological changes. Orgone treatment had begun on December 1. Before orgone treatment, the patient received liver injections which brought about a definite improvement; however, later there was a relapse. After 4 weeks of orgone treatment, the blood was completely normal.

A 39-year-old woman suffered from severe insomnia, headaches, low blood pressure, and complete lack of appetite. At the beginning of orgone treatment, the blood pressure was 85. In the first two weeks, there was no improvement. After 3 weeks, however, she could sleep much better and did not have to use sedatives. After 5 weeks of treatment, her sleep was still more improved and the constant headaches disappeared although the lack of appetite and tired feeling persisted. The low blood pressure was also unchanged. After 7 weeks of irradiation, she felt much stronger, full of energy and without headaches; she also enjoyed increased appetite. The improvement continued. After 9 weeks of treatment, the blood pressure rose to 115 and after 3 months to 125.

A 54-year-old patient came for treatment because of constant headaches and a buzzing noise in her ears. In addition, she suffered from painful varicose veins on her legs. In this case, we could not see any change during the first 4 weeks. After 3 months of treatment, however, her headaches and the buzzing in her ears disappeared. The varicose veins now caused her little trouble.

A 56-year-old woman came with a general feeling of weakness and lack of
appetite. She also suffered from a strong buzzing noise in her ears. While the buzzing noise persisted after 3 months of treatment, her state of weakness and lack of appetite visibly improved. The patient could do entirely without medications which previously she had used all the time.

A 43-year-old patient had been repeatedly hospitalized for heart ailments. Presumably a year ago he had had a cardiac infarction. Then he had suffered from a continual feeling of pressure around his heart. His blood pressure was always low; at the beginning of orgone treatment it was 110. He also suffered from a feeling of weakness. Furthermore, he complained about his marked loss of hair. In the course of 3 months of orgone treatment, his condition improved considerably. His blood pressure now is 135; he feels much stronger and more determined. His working capacity has enormously increased. He is able to ride his bike for the first time in years, and he said he even observed the growth of many dark hairs although his hair had previously turned completely gray.

The growth of dark hair was also observed in a 65-year-old patient.

After 3 months of irradiation, no change could be observed in a student who had a bald spot (alopecia areata).

A 54-year-old man came for orgone treatment with a very aged appearance. A treating physician described his condition as “presenile.” For years he had been suffering from pains in his bladder which his physicians were not able to diagnose with any certainty. During 3 months of orgone treatment, pains which were decreasing in intensity, alternated with painless intervals until the painful periods disappeared entirely. After 3 more months without orgone treatment, he is today completely free of pain. His aged look changed to a fresh, ruddy facial color and the patient feels much more vigorous and capable of work than he did before the orgone treatment.

A 17-year-old patient came for orgone treatment with “allergic sneezing” and purulent frontal sinusitis. After two months of treatment, her condition greatly improved.

A 39-year-old woman had been suffering for 4 years from chronic sneezing; a specialist diagnosed her illness as “asthmatic sneezing.” She had been treated with diathermy, and calcium and histamine injections. Since everything else had failed, she decided to try the accumulator. Her blood pressure was only 95. After 3 weeks of orgone irradiation, her sneezing stopped. After another month, the patient felt completely well. In the first 3 weeks, the blood pressure climbed from 95 to 110; after another 4 weeks it rose to 135.

A 58-year-old man suffered for 12 years from fibrositis with numerous painful spots beneath the skin of different parts of his body, particularly his arms and legs. The illness resisted all kinds of treatment. Orgone irradiation lasted 6 weeks without any visible improvement.

In one case, we observed over-irradiation when a patient, contrary to orders, irradiated her stomach with the “shooter” for too long a time. She became dizzy and nauseous. She had to be in bed for days and could not eat anything; she needed to sleep a great deal.

We regret that in the cases of failure after short treatments, the patients did not use the accumulator for a longer time; we must take into consideration the fact that some failures would probably have been successes if the patients had been willing to continue the treatments for a more prolonged period.
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Redescobrindo e reinterpretando W. Reich

Caro Leitor
Infelizmente, no que se refere a orgonomia, seguir os passos de Wilhelm Reich e de sua equipe de investigadores é uma questão bastante difícil, polêmica e contraditória, cheia de diferentes interpretações que mais confundem do que ajudam. Por isto, nós decidimos trabalhar com o material bibliográfico presente nos microfilmes (Wilhelm Reich Collected Works Microfilms) em forma de PDF, disponibilizados por Eva Reich que já se encontra circulado pela internet, e que abarca o desenvolvimento da orgonomia de 1941 a 1957.

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Quanto ao caminho e as postulações de cada um destes colaboradores depois da morte de Reich, já é uma questão que extrapola nossas possibilidades e nossos interesses. Sendo que aqui somente podemos ser responsáveis por nós mesmos e com muitas restrições.

Alguns destes artigos, de acordo com nossas possibilidades e interesse, já estamos traduzindo.
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