

# Clinical Environmental Medicine: definition, awareness, diagnostic of illnesses associated to the environment Brussels, 19th May 2015 P. Ohnsorge P. Pohnsorge CLINICAL ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE NEW SCINICA AD PRAIS IN COMPLEX MOUTSTRY MUNICIPAL MILES STE(MI) CLINICAL ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE NEW SCINICA AD PRAIS IN COMPLEX MOUTSTRY MUNICIPAL MILES STE(MI)



#### Two sides of a medal

- Environment & Health
- · Asking questions:
  - Burdening substances or processes from the environment doing harm to people
  - General risk assessment for the population

  - General strategiesAvoidancePrevention (tertiary)
- Clinical Environmental Medicine
- · Asking questions:
  - What kind of symptoms individuals develop from violations by the environment?

  - Individual strategies

#### **Environment & Health**

Toxicology

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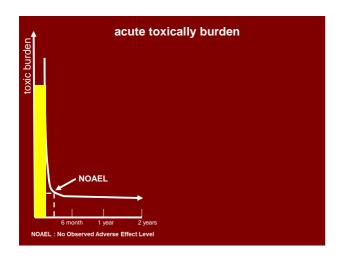
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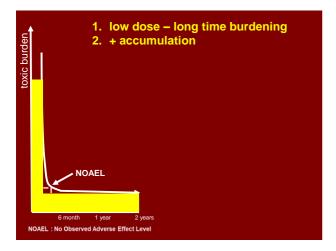
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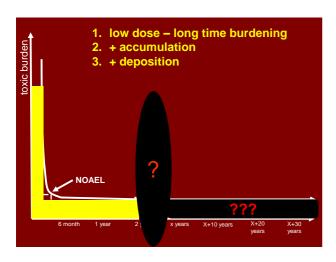
- · Only theoretical no clinical faculties
- React in own structure based on toxicological values
- No acquired theoretical and practice knowledge concerning Clinical **Environmental Medicine**
- · Not offering diagnose and treatment for illnesses associated to the environment

end of the pipe strategy

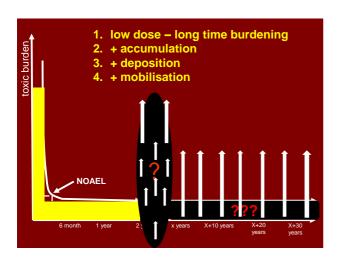
#### Toxicology has a linear causal approach acute > They have no tools to identify environmentally associated illnesses correctly > They disregard Neuro-Endocrine Immune-System (NEIS) > susceptibility Burden NOAEL: No Observed Adverse Effect Level > vulnerability

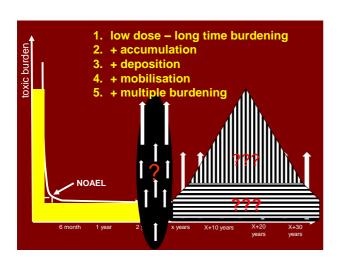










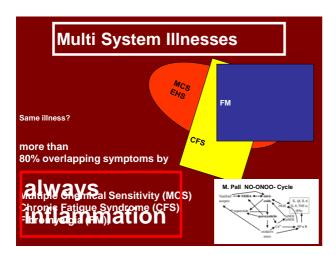


### **Clinical Environmental Medicine** approach > leaves the ▶ but has to follow complex systems, > toxicological Paradigm of "dose-effect relationship" > complex in > linear causal approach in Research > Awareness > way of Risk Assessment ➤ Diagnose exclusively by Epidemiology > Treatment ➤ by this secondary and tertiary Prevention > Prevention **Paradigm of Clinical Environmental Medicine** Not only the dose defines the burdening effect · but the sum of: burden + dose + multi toxicity + time of burdening + vulnerability + susceptibility + actual functionality of detoxification

There is <u>only little notice</u> about the individual suffering from violations by the environment

The tragedy is we deal in front of an epidemiologically confirmed increasing prevalence of illnesses linked to the environment

# In our population we have a well known, epidemiological high graduated prevalence of environmental illnesses 15 - 30% of the population suffer from environmentally linked illnesses\*,\*\*,\*\*\* 4% - 9% of the population suffer from escalating environmentally linked illnesses like \*\* like: MCS Multiple Chemical Sensitivity CFS Multisystem Illnesses PTSD Post Traumatic Stress Disorder \* Eis, D. (2002) Multiple Chemical Sensitivity potential role for neural sansitization. Crit. Rev. Neurobiol. 13, 283-316 "Caress. S. M. Steinmenn, A. C. (2003) A row of a two-phase population study of Multiple Chemical Sensitivities.



#### **EU** summit on Chronic Diseases **Brussels April, 2014** Concerning permanent environmentally burden: "There is a remarkable scientific evidence on an ecological relationship to chronic widespread diseases" • Psycho-neurological diseasis Hypertension Arteriosclerosis - Depression Diabetes type II - Dementia Rheumatism COPD - Alzheimer's disease Cancer - Parkinson's disease - ADHS / ADS

### EU summit on Chronic Diseases Brussels April, 2014

"Since we cannot adequately diagnose or treat these diseases

their costs to society have become staggering."

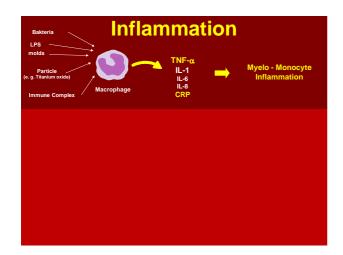
Primary prevention is an absolute must!

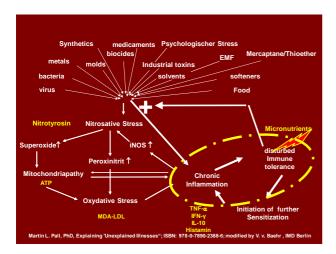


# Environmentally health impact by stressors

#### Influencing

- > chronic inflammation
- > nitrosative stress / oxidative stress
- > Neuroendocrine Immune System (NEIS)
- > Mitochondria function
- > Depletion of micronutrients





# Why do have environmentally linked illnesses nearly no awareness from the scientific main stream?

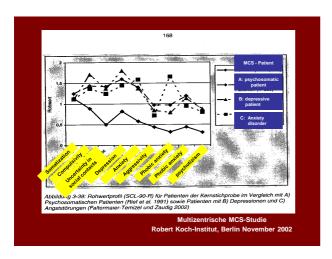
- Environmentally linked illnesses are complex, not able to be explained by the linear causal way
- Missing basic medical knowledge, having no specific clinical practical environmental medical training
- Therefore fixing on psychiatric or psychosomatic diagnoses too fast and too early

# RKI-MCS-Study 2002 Berlin scientifically proofs:

- MCS complaints have to bee seen similar to severe heart diseases
- MCS is not a psychosomatic illness!



At first the good message: Your are not hypochondriac



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- 2. Missing basic medical knowledge having no specific clinical practical environmental medical training
- Therefore fixing on psychiatric or psychosomatic diagnoses too fast and too early
- 4. Environmental Medicine is no specific target of sponsored and by that "influenced research"
- Missing willingness by researching scientists to cooperate with physicians daily working in clinical practical environmental medicine

# Current Risk Assessment is unsatisfactory! Due to

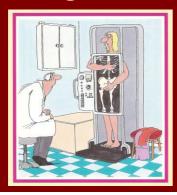
- > insisting on the "dose effect relationship",
- missing assessment of accumulating long time – low dose effects,
- > not being aware of multiple load with additive and multiplying effects,
- not being aware of epigenetical and genetical effects
- disregarding
  - ➤ Neuro-Endocrine-Immune-System (NEIS)
  - > individual susceptibility and vulnerability

# End of the pipe strategy → long life burdening

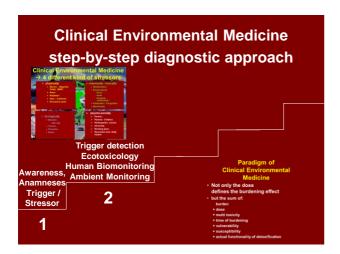
Examples out of the last 30 years:

- Asbestos
- · Tobacco smoke
- · Wood preservatives, PCP, Lindan
- DDT, PCB, HCB
- Formaldehyde
- · Dental amalgam
- Softeners in medical products or children's toys

## **Diagnostic**

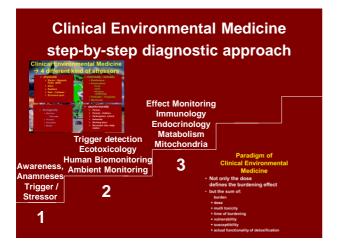


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# **Ecotoxicology Trigger detection**

- > Humanbiomonitoring of burden
  - > Direct proof , if possible
  - > e. c. lipophilic toxins
    - e. c. heavy metals
  - > Indirect proof by metabolism
    - > e, c. solvents
    - > e. c. Pyrethroides
    - > e. c. heavy metals
- > Ambient-Monitoring



## **Effect monitoring**

- > NEIS (Neuroendocrine Immune System)
  - > Neurotransmitter
  - > Axis: Pituitary -Thyroid Suprarenal
  - > Immunology (Allergy / Intolerance)

#### **Immunological Diagnostic**

#### <u>Allergy</u>

- In vivo:
  - · Prick-,

  - Lymphocyte Transformation Test (LTT)
  - Provocations Test
- In vitro:

  - IgE, specific Antibody, Leukotriene-Release-Test,
  - Basophile Degranulation Test (BDT)

#### **Immunological Diagnostic**

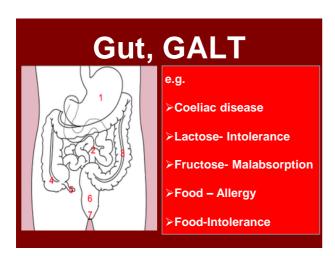
#### **Immunology**

- > Autoantibody
- > Lymphocyte-Transformation-Test (LTT)
- ➤ Effectors cytokine
- **≻** Cytokine
- ➤ Circulating immune complex
- > Lymphocyte-Subpopulations

## **Functionality of Metabolism**

- · oxidative und nitrosative stress
- · mitochondrial dysfunction
- Other Inflammation
- Induction of Autoimmune Processes

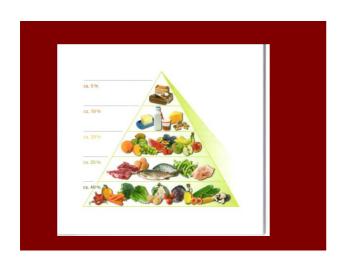
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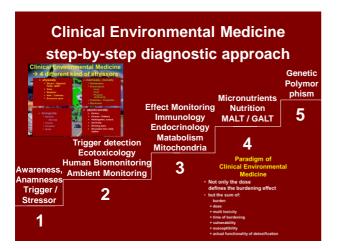


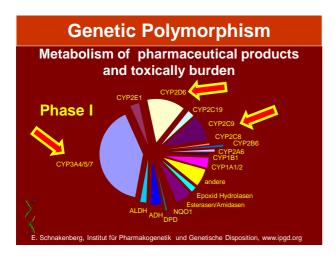
# Gut dysbiosis

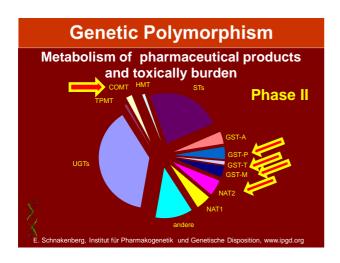


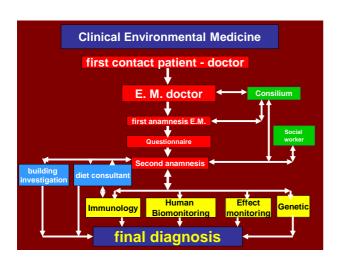




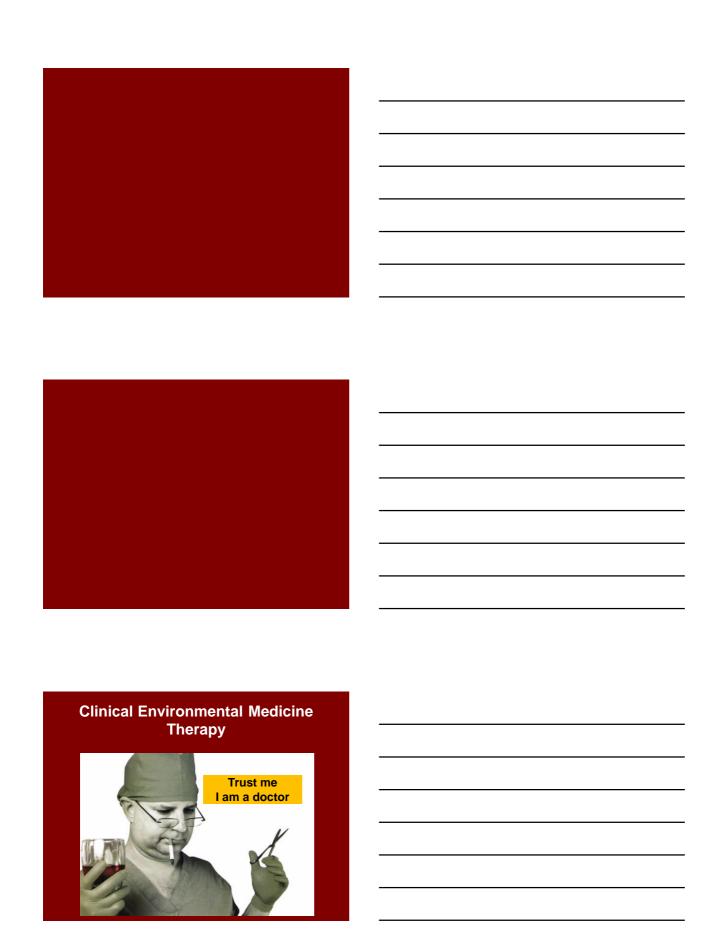








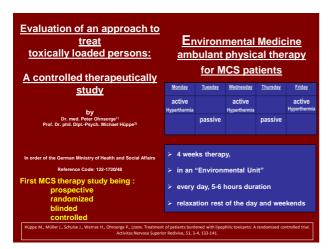




# Clinical Environmental Medicine Therapy • Elimination / Minimization of stressors • Stop of inflammation by supplementing micronutrients • enzymes, • minerals • Vitamins • Optimizing dysfunction of neurotransmitter • Mitochondrial treatment • Detoxification • of metals by Chelat-Therapy • of lipophilic toxins by physical therapy • Optimizing diet • Treatment of gut dysfunction

#### **Clinical Environmental Medicine** 3 steps in therapy 1. Awareness and avoidance / minimization of stressor 2. Treatment of and Optimizing of Metabolism **Symptoms Function** Chronic Inflammation a. Nutrition / MALT d. Oxidative b. Pain (FM) **Gut Dysbiosis** stress c. Exhaustion (CFS) e. Nitrosative d. Chemical stress Inflammation / Hypersensitivity (MCS) Mitochondria Focus Dysfunction e. Sensisitation / Intolerance **Individual Detoxification**

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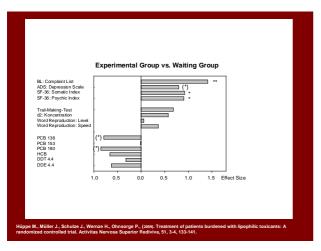
#### Intervention protocol

weekly schedule with:

- 3 active days Monday, Wednesday, Friday

  - exhaustive physical exercise,hyperthermia (sauna or "hyperthermia bank"),

  - massage, lymph drainage,
     relaxation therapy and
     micronutrients, vitamin and mineral supplementation.
- · 2 passive days Tuesday and Thursday
  - intensive psychic and somatic relaxation exercises like progressive muscle relaxation according to Jacobson, breathing therapy, liver and loam compresses



# **Using the** complex therapeutic regime patients usually recover slowly but consequently S.; Michael, 5 years, male SYMPTOMS: - Frequent infections of the respiratory tract, chronic ear infections leading to several operations of the upper airways and ears. - Psychological development disturbance leading to inability of enrolment in elementary school. S.; Michael, 5 years, male · risk factor: - Indoor pollution in kindergarten and at home. · Wood preservatives: - Pentachlorophenol, Lindane, Formaldehyde

## S.; Michael, 5 years, male · Investigation: - Blood samples: Pentachlorophenol $(75\ 000)$ 25 000 ng/l Lindane 100 ng/l (120)S.; Michael, 5 years, male **Ambient Investigation:** - in the kindergarten: corresponding high level in the wood of the wall inside the rooms: (5) (1) Pentachlorophenol >3000 mg/kg Lindane > 280 mg/kg - Additional at home: · corresponding contamination by the same toxins and • chemical burden on a high level by formaldehyde > 0,4 ppm (0,1)S.; Michael, 5 years, male > Kindergarten strictly forbidden > intensive restoration of home immediately > school enrolment after 4 month possible > further development rather normal > studying and self-employment as an architect Mother developed MCS needing constantly medical care

## S.; Michael, 5 years, male Lesson learned:

95 Percentile is only a statistical value

No marker for illness, as Toxicology wants us to believe

# Burdening by multiple stressors

# Leading into multisystem illnesses

#### A. B. ♀ 28 J. Diagnose Multiple Sklerose

- a young lady, age 28, just passed final examination at university for communication design
- moved with her boyfriend into two rooms of a new apartment sharing community
- ❖ apartment renovated directly before
  - clean and comfortable
  - ❖ life was ok, friend, job, home
- two month later paresthesia started in both arms interpreted as vertebral column problems

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#### A. B. ♀ 28 J. Diagnose Multiple Sklerose

- \* raising paresthesia in both legs
- ❖ fatigue
- dizziness
- ❖ neurology → diagnose MS, verified by
  - ❖ magnetic resonance tomography

#### A. B. ♀ 28 J. Diagnose Multiple Sklerose

- > Immediately typical treatment
- > -> sudden hearing loss
- > So she came to me hearing a complex anamnesis
  - > started Clinical Environmental Medicine investigation
  - > followed by complex therapy
- > That moment she already suffered from
  - > Dysmotorik of the hands
  - ➤ Severe drowsiness
  - > Disturbance of concentration



#### **Guideline Multiple Sclerosis Encephalomyelitis disseminata**

- MS is the most frequent neurological illness occurring in young adults, which leads to permanent invalidity
- The clear differential diagnosing differentiation towards similar clinical pictures like Neuromyelitis optica, Collagenosis, Borreliosis, Sarcoidosis, cerebrovascular and metabolic diseases attains ongoing relevance



#### Guideline Multiple Sclerosis Encephalomyelitis disseminata

The newest diagnose criteria explicit stress,

that the diagnose MS should defined only, if the demonstrated neurological symptoms

## Could not be explained better by something else than MS

(Polman et al. 2005, Polman et al. 2011).

#### A. B. ♀ 28 J. Diagnose Multiple Sklerose

#### **Clinical Environmental Medicine Anamneses:**

- former burden by wood preservatives in childhood home and kindergarten
- long time burden by heavy metals mercury from dental amalgam included
- ❖ in spite of a well known allergy Type IV towards Nickel → Ten years before supplied with nickel containing dental bracets

#### A. B. ♀ 28 J. Diagnose Multiple Sklerose

#### **Clinical Environmental Medicine Anamneses:**

- during studying job in a market garden
- ♦ → permanent contact wit biozides
- ♦ → eczema spreading from the hands to arm beds to the whole body forcing to quit the job
- Iong time contact with glue and plastic materials in the courses of studies followed by eczema at hands and surround the eyes
- toxic nano-particles long time contacts at working place by toner from laser printer and scanner

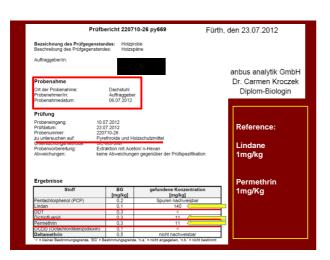
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#### **Clinical Environmental Medicine Anamneses:**

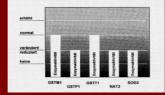
- leaving old living rooms she found extensive mould in bedroom
  - > at the wall behind the cupboards
  - > under the bed
  - > bottom side of the mattresses

#### **A. B.** ♀ 28 J. **Diagnose Multiple Sklerose** additional burden > Still acute borreliosis Severe burden by heavy metals ▶ Lead ➤ Copper > Nickel ➤ Mercury Inside new livingrooms: > Palladium > Pyrethroids **≻** Tin > Lindane > Dichlofluanid



### **A. B.** ♀ 28 J. **Diagnose Multiple Sklerose laboratory** Vitamin D- und B2- as well as B12-Depletion functional disorders in detoxification metabolism

- **Genetic:** Polymorphism of
  - detoxification enzymes Urgently needed for
  - detoxification metabolism:
    - > no speediness
    - > not comprehensive



A. B. ♀ 28 J. **Diagnose Multiple Sklerose** 

#### >Conclusion:

- → not completely detoxified pollutants are deposed into an interim depot
  - > fatty tissue
  - > nerve tissue

## The circle closes!



#### **Guideline Multiple Sclerosis Encephalomyelitis disseminata**

#### **Diagnose**

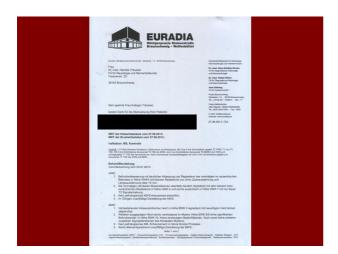
- Classic diagnose basis on anamneses ( hints of already happened neurological events in the past),
- as well as clinical and paraclinical proof of temporal and regional dissemination

### excluding other causation

#### A. B. ♀ 28 J. Diagnose Multiple Sklerose

#### Five month treatment

- Infusions with micronutrients for stabilizing oxidative und nitrosative stress
- > Therapy of borreliosis
- > Optimizing metabolism
- > Physical detoxification strategies
  - > Lipophilic Toxins
  - ▶ heavy metals

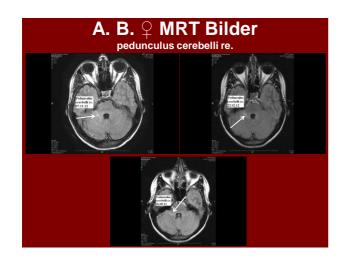


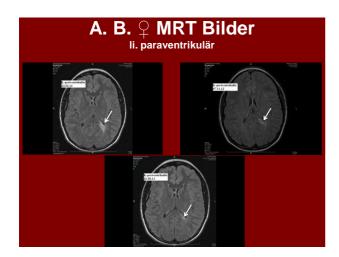
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MRT der Brustwirbelsäule vom 27.08.2013:
Indikation: MS, Kontrolle
Tachnät: 1,5 Testa Slemens-Symphony. Spine-array- und Neckspule. Mt 3 bis 4 mm Schichtdicke sagittal T2 TiRM, T1 und T2
TSE. Mt 9 mm Schichtdicke transversal T2 TiSE der BWS, mit 3 mm Schichtdicke transversal T2 MEDIC der HWS und schrägsagittal T1 TSE der Neuroframins. Nach intravender Kontrastmittelgabe mit 3 bis 4 mm Schichtdicke sagittal und transversal T1 TSE der HW3 und 16 MS.

Befund/Beurtellung:
Voruntersuchung vom 23.01.2013.

In Comparison to the last MRT

1. Improving
2. Regredience of former Pathology
3. No pathological Contrast Medium Enhancemer





A. B. ♀ 28 J. Diagnose Multiple Sklerose

## **Therapy results**

#### Totally disappeared:

- > ascending paresthesia of the legs
- > neuro-muscular disorders of the hands
- > hearing disorders
- > fatigue
- ➤ drowsiness
- > dizziness
- concentration disfunction

# Additional Case

# Attention trap! Very often ignored!

- an apparently reactive psychosomatic illness
- mostly is not triggered alone by psycho-social stressors

## **Attention trap!**

#### Very often ignored!

If in the following case doctors based their diagnose and therapy strategy exclusively on psychosomatic aspects:

- toxic and biological stressors had continued health burdening on and on
- > healing processes had been impossible,
- > worsening of health had been certain.

## **Attention trap!**

#### Partner of the young lady

- ♦ → immediately with the confrontation of the life perspective changing MS-diagnose of his girlfriend he fell into a severe deep depression
- ♦ → unemployment
- Paresthesia of periphery
- Concentration dysfunction
- ❖ sleeping disturbances
- ♦ had age
- **❖constantly** severe drowsiness

## **Attention trap!**

#### Partner of the young lady

- ➤ Neurologist diagnosed on the base of the case history without any other investigation a reactive depression
- > -> Neuroleptics
- >> no therapeutically benefit at all

## **Attention trap!**

#### **Clinical Environmental Medicine Anamnesis**

- Mould and toxic burden in both home (past and present)
- Burden by heavy metals out of occupational areas

  - > lead
  - > Arsenic
  - > mercury
- toxic acute burden≻ Pyrethroides≻ Lindane

  - > Dicholfluanid

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## **Attention trap!** Result after 5 month detoxifying therapy ➤ Depression gone very quickly ➤ No had age any more ➤ Concentration cam back totally ➤ No paresthesia any more ➤ Normal sleep ➤ Slowly fading down dizziness and drowsiness back to work ➤ After 1 year no complains any more! Without the awareness and knowledge of environmentally associated illnesses and the riving trigger, these two people had in our on "mainstream science" orientated and evidence based medicine