

On Fever And The Manner Of Its Treatment

‘Awn b. Muhammad b. al-Qasim narrated from Hammad b. ‘Isa from al-Husayn b. al-Mukhtar from Usama al-Shahham, who said: ‘I heard Abu ‘Abd Allah, peace be upon him, say: "Our grandfather, blessings of Allah be on him, did not take anything for fever except ten dirhams weight of sugar (*al-sukkar*) with cold water on an empty stomach."

‘Awn narrated from Abu ‘Isa from al-Husayn from Abu Usama, who said: ‘I heard al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, say that there is twice as much fever among the descendants of the Prophets, peace be upon them.’

Al-Qasari b. Ahmad b. al-Qasari narrated from Muhammad b. Yahya from Muhammad b. Sinan from Yunus b. Zabyan from Muhammed b. Isma’il b. Abu Zaynab, who said: I heard al-Baqir, peace be upon him, say: “Fever is expelled in three things: vomit, sweat (*al-‘araq*) and diarrhea.”

Al-Sirri b. Ahmad b. al-Sirri narrated from Muhammad b. Yahya al-Armani from Muhammad b. Sinan from Al-Ridha’, peace be upon him, who said: ‘Musa b. Ja’far, peace be upon him, was ill and the learned came to him with medications, that is the physicians, and they began prescribing marvelous things. I heard him say: “The idea of it! Confine yourselves to the chief of these medicines— myrobalan (*al-ihlilaj*), fennel (*al-raziyanaj*), and sugar. [Take it] at the beginning of the summer for three mouths, three times a month, and at the beginning of the winter for three months, three days a month, three times. Let the place of the fennel be from near the gummastic (*mastaka*) and one will not fall ill except for the illness of death.”

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‘Abd Allah b. Bistam narrated from Kamil from Muhammad b. Ibrahim al-Ju’fi from his father that he said: I called on Abu ‘Abd Allah, peace be upon him, and he said: “I see you looking pale.” I replied: “I have the quartan fever (*humma al-rib*).” He said: “What about the blessed, the good [remedy]. Grind sugar and add it to water. Drink it on an empty stomach whenever you want a drink of water.” He [al-Ju’fi’s father] said: I did that and the fever did not recur.

An Invocation For Quartan Fever

'Abd Allah narrated from Abu Zakariyya Yahya b. Abu Bakr from al-Hadrami that Abu al-Hasan the first [i.e. Musa al-Kazim], peace be upon him, wrote the following for him when his son was suffering from quartan fever. He instructed him to write: 'In the Name of Allah, Jibra'il', on his right hand; 'In the Name of Allah. Mika'il', on his left hand; 'In the Name of Allah, Israfil', on his right foot; 'In the Name of Allah, **therein they shall see neither sun nor bitter cold (76:13)**', on his left foot; and, 'In the Name of Allah, the Mighty, the Omnipotent', between his shoulders. He [Abu al-Hasan] said: "Whosoever has doubts, it will not benefit him."

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