There are many books and journals on homoeopathy, the fruit of 200 years of practice and research. This list will point you to the most essential library for students and beginning practitioners. Some are basic tools for daily use, such as materia medica and repertories. Others are useful for theory, principles, case study or for unique perspectives. All will provide an excellent foundation for further study. Required books are shown on the right. The rest (below) are top picks for further study.

**Required Books**

These books required for the class. Bring those marked (☚) to class.

- **William Boericke, MD (1849–1929, U.S.)**
  - *A Compend of the Principles of Homeopathy.*
    A clear summary of homeopathic principles and practice with discussion of the chronic diseases and Hahnemann’s posology.
  - *Boenninghausen’s Characteristics & Repertory.*
    An excellent repertory, especially for veterinarians to use. Emphasizes the physical expression of disease and utilizes the Boenninghausen method of case analysis. Works well with Kent’s Repertory.

- **Cyrus M. Boger, MD**
  - *Repertory of Homeopathic Materia Medica.*
    A repertory constructed with a different perspective than Boenninghausen’s. Emphasis on mental & general symptoms. Complementary to the repertory listed above.
  - *Lectures on Homeopathic Philosophy.*
    Understanding the principles of homeopathy from one of the great practitioners and teachers.

- **James Tyler Kent, MD**
  - *Lectures on Homeopathic Materia Medica with New Remedies.*
    A materia medica with clinical orientation. Excellent presentation of the medicines from his lectures to medical students.

- **Samuel Hahnemann, M.D.**
  - *Organon of the Medical Art.*
    Edited and annotated by Wenda Brewster O’Reilly, Ph.D. Most contemporary translation of the last edition of the basic instruction book for the practice of homeopathy by its founder.

- **Jay Yasgur, Prh, MSc**
  - *Yasgur’s Homeopathic Dictionary and Holistic Health Reference.*
    A dictionary that describes the meaning of the older medical terminology found in the homeopathic materia medica and repertory.

**Recommended reading before first class:**

- **George Vithoulkas**
  - *Science of Homeopathy.*
    A modern text that describes the thinking behind homeopathy. An invaluable introduction by one of the most prominent contemporary homeopaths.

- **Timothy Dooley, M.D. (contemporary, U.S.)**
  - *Beyond Flat Earth Medicine.*
    A contemporary personal introduction to homeopathy.

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**For Further Study...**

  - *Materia Medica of the Nosodes.*
    A unique materia medica of nosodes (remedies made from disease products), including Lyssin, which is derived from rabies.
  - *Keynotes of the Materia Medica with Nosodes.*
    A small book that lists just the most characteristic symptoms of each remedy. Similar to Lippe’s Red Line Symptoms.

- **Timothy Field Allen, M.D. (1837–1902, U.S.)**
  - *Handbook of Materia Medica and Homeopathic Therapeutics.*
    A large book, but an excellent materia medica based on the author’s *Encyclopedia* (below).
  - *Encyclopedia of Pure Materia Medica.*
    (12 volumes). Somewhat difficult to use, but valuable to the advanced prescriber. Remedy pictures are derived from human provings and contain information not found elsewhere.

- **William Boericke, MD (1849–1929, U.S.)**
    A small but useful materia medica and clinical repertory. Has extensive coverage of many remedies, some rarely used.
Cyrus M. Boger, M.D. (1861–1935, U.S.)
- Synoptic Key to the Materia Medica.
A materia medica and repertory. The genius in this work is the succinct description of symptoms using a minimum of words. Excellent for acute prescribing.
- C.M. Boger – Collected Writings. Dr. Boger was an excellent prescriber and a very astute clinician. His collected works are a source of much wisdom.

Erastus Case, M.D. (1847–1918, U.S.)
- Some Clinical Experiences of Erastus E. Case.
An exceptional compilation of hundreds of cured cases. Excellent for study.

- Dictionary of Practical Materia Medica.
A 3-volume set of materia medica. Includes very interesting material on the history of each remedy.


Carroll Dunham, MD (1828–1877, U.S.)
- Lectures On Materia Medica. The main features of remedies brought out in an understandable way. Some good discussions of theory and practice.

E. A. Farrington, M.D. (1847–1885, U.S.)
- Clinical Materia Medica. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged by Harvey Farrington, MD. Based on Dr. Farrington’s lectures to medical students. Very strong in remedy comparisons.
- Comparative Materia Medica. A very useful book that compares similar pairs of remedies and also remedies appropriate for a particular syndrome.

Harvey Farrington, MD (1872–1957, U.S.)
- Homeopathy & Homeopathic Prescribing.
An excellent introduction to the study of materia medica. Succinct presentations of the remedies as well as lessons in the practice of homeopathy.

Samuel Hahnemann, M.D. (1755–1843, German)
Founder of homeopathy, a genius ahead of his time.
- Chronic Diseases (2 volumes). Hahnemann’s presentation of the theory of chronic disease, which was the culmination of his experience. Absolutely essential for advanced understanding.

Nicola Henriques (Contemporary, British)
- Crossroads to Cure. Excellent treatment of rarely discussed details of prescribing and interpretation of patient response. Best on this topic since Kent.

Constantine Hering, M.D. (1800–1880, U.S.)
- Guiding Symptoms to our Materia Medica.
A 10-volume set of materia medica and the most complete available. Dr. Pitcairn uses it the most.

Don Hamilton, DVM. (1954–, U.S.)
- Homeopathic Care for Cats and Dogs: Small Doses for Small Animals. Excellent contemporary introduction to classical veterinary homeopathy.

James Tyler Kent, M.D. (1849–1916, U.S.) More than any after Hahnemann, Kent advanced the understanding of homeopathy to a higher level. His books are invaluable.
- Kent’s Minor Writings on Homeopathy. Articles on theory & clinical application

Adolph Von Lippe, M.D. (1812–1888, U.S.)
- Key Notes and Red Line Symptoms of the Materia Medica. Larger than Allen’s “Keynotes” but an easier presentation and shows grading of symptoms.

R. G. Miller, M.D. (1862–1919, Scotland)
- Relationship of Remedies. Gives very useful guidelines to remedy relationships. Other books may have his chart—often Kent’s repertory does.

E. B. Nash, M.D. (circa 1900, U.S.)
- Leaders in Homeopathic Therapeutics. A discussion of remedies from one practitioner’s perspective.

John Saxton & Peter Gregory (contemporary veterinarians, England)
- Textbook Of Veterinary Homeopathy. Written by practicing homeopathic veterinarians, it is a complete coverage, explaining in detail animal practice.

Dorothy Shepherd, M.D. (circa 1955, England)
Studied at Hering College in Chicago, 1910.
- Homeopathy for the First Aider. Excellent guide to the treatment of injuries and other first aid conditions.
- Magic of the Minimum Dose. Readable and charming stories of homeopathic cases and practice.

Frans Vermeulen (contemporary, Holland)
Based on Boericke’s materia medica with additions from several other authors. Chunky but portable.

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