79. QING QI HUA TAN WAN 淸氣化痰丸(청기화담환)

Ingredient		Nature	
Dan Nan Xing	Arisaema Cum Bile	bitter / cool, sl toxic / LV LU SP	9g
Huang Qin	Scutellariae Radix	bitter / cold / LU ST GB LI	
Gua Lou Ren	Trichosanthis Semen	sweet / cold / LI LU ST	
Zhi Shi	Aurantii Fructus Immaturus	bitter, acrid / sl cold / Ll SP ST	6g
Chen Pi	Citri Reticulatae Pericarpium	acrid, bitter / warm, aromatic / LU SP ST	6g
Fu Ling	Poria	sweet, bland / neutral / HT SP KD LU	6g
Ban Xia	Pinelliae Rhizoma Preparatum	acrid / warm, toxic / LU SP ST	9g
Xing Ren	Armeniacae Semen Amarum	bitter / sl warm, sl toxic / LU LI	6g

Source: Investigations of Medical Formulas (1584) 醫方考

Preparation

• Grind the ingredients into a powder and form into pills with ginger juice.

Actions

- 1. Clears heat and transforms phlegm
- 2. Regulates qi and stops coughing

Indications: Hot-Phlegm stagnation in the Lung

	Coughing of yellow viscous sputum that is difficult to expectorate, focal distention and a feeling of fullness in the chest and diaphragm, nausea	
Tongue	Red tongue + Greasy yellow coating	
Pulse	Slippery, rapid	

8 Principles: Interior / Heat / Excess / Yang

Cautions & Contraindications

- Contra: Yin deficiency or dryness, wind-cold conditions
- Contra: During pregnancy

Biomedical Indications

• Pneumonia, acute exacerbations of chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis

Clear the Qi and Transform Phlegm Pill

Ingredient	Hierarchy	Functions	
Dan Nan Xing	king	Treats blockage caused by a combination of fire and phlegm	
Huang Qin	al a .a t	Drains LU fire, transforms and clears phlegm-heat	
Gou Lou Ren	deputy		
Zhi Shi		Regulates qi, effectively dispels focal distention and dissipates	
Chen Pi		clumps of phlegm	
Fu Ling	assistants	Addresses the source of phlegm (the SP)	
Ban Xia		Addresses the source of phlegm, transforms existing phlegm	
Xing Ren		Facilitates the flow of qi in the receptacle of phlegm (the LU)	

Modifications

- 1. High fever: + Shi Gao, Zhi Mu
- 2. Copious sputum: + Yu Xing Cao, Tian Hua Fen
- 3. **Gummy sputum:** + Ban Xia, Dong Gua Zi
- 4. More severe heat: + Qing Dai, Ge Qiao
- 5. Nausea and vomiting: + Gua Lou, Zhu Ru
- 6. Palpitations and insomnia: + Hu Po, Mu Li, Suan Zao Ren

Comparisons

PHLEGM / MUCUS / WATER / DAMPNESS

	Phlegm (痰 tan)	Mucus (飮 yin)	Water (水 <i>shui</i>)	Dampness (濕 shi)
Quality	Thick	Slightly thick	Thin	Vapor
Location	Anywhere	Locally internal	Superficial	Lower body
Interrelationship	Under the right conditions, these pathogens can transform into one another			

TYPES OF PHLEGM

	Important Symptoms	Etiology
Damp-Phlegm	Profuse white sputum	SP qi deficiency \rightarrow accumulation of damp \rightarrow transforms into phlegm
Cold-Phlegm	Thin white/clear sputum	SP or KD yang deficiency \rightarrow dysfunction of water metabolism
Hot-Phlegm	Thick yellow sputum	Intense fire scorches the fluids \rightarrow transforms into phlegm
Dry-Phlegm	Difficult to expectorate	LU dryness or LU and KD yin deficiency with empty heat \rightarrow consumes the fluids and produces phlegm
External Wind-Phlegm	Chills & fever	External wind invades the LU \rightarrow disrupts fluid distribution and produces phlegm
Internal Wind-Phlegm	Dizziness, vertigo	SP deficiency \rightarrow phlegm accumulation with the stirring of LV wind