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THE RADICAL MASTOID OPERATION AND ITS TECHNIQUE*

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I prefer to have my patient enter the hospital at least twenty-four hours prior to the operation, to allow time for a thorough bacteriological investigation of the discharges, which is made as far as possible in every case, and frequently throws light upon complications that may arise. The condition of the blood is also investigated, the eyes are examined, the physical condition is fully ascertained, and a four-hourly chart of the temperature kept by the nurse.

The evening previous the side of the head is shaved sufficiently to allow of the most extensive operative procedures, the hair at the edge of the field of operation is fixed upwards by a thick layer of collodion so that wandering hairs may not fall upon the disinfected field, the external canal is thoroughly cleansed, and a drain of gauze saturated in bichloride solution inserted. The skin of the entire side of the neck, mastoid, temporal region, ear, forehead, face, and nose is washed, scrubbed

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