

water. In both war and civilian practice, it has been found that solutions of gum acacia not only have no value but probably have caused a number of deaths. Glucose solutions are of little value.

ANATOMY OF GONORRHEA IN MALE

Acute gonorrhea in the male, William T. Belfield, Chicago (Journal A. M. A., April 29, 1922), says is not only a "specific urethritis," but also frequently an acute vesiculitis within the first month. The latter is the serious factor, since without it there is never epididymitis, rarely infection of the blood stream, and seldom chronic gonorrhea discharge. The anatomic features of the urethra prevent efficient local medication of this canal; yet its tissues present a na-

tural defense of high efficiency. By contrast, the infected seminal vesicle offers excellent conditions for successful local medication; but its natural defense is feeble. Standard treatment of acute gonorrhea includes no provision for medication of the infected vesicle; and standard treatment is admittedly inefficient and unsatisfactory. In eighty-three cases of acute gonococcus infection with standard treatment of the urethra plus prompt medication of the infected vesicles through vas puncture, there has been no epididymitis or arthritis, and but four cases of chronic discharge. It is understood that the vesicles are injected in acute gonorrhea, not as a routine measure, but only in cases in which vesicular infection is demonstrated by the finger in the rectum.

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