

Don't attempt the specialty of gynecology without cause, a wagon load of "horse sense" and years of experience. There are men in business who have been in harness for several decades, who are still staying very near the bank, and who will not approach deep water, save under high pressure.

Don't thrust upon a neurotic the appalling news that her condition is always due to an abnormal position of her womb.

Don't tell a candidate she has "falling of the womb." Thousands go around every day expecting this shamelessly censured organ to fall between their knees any moment.

Don't delude a woman into believing her uterus is pinned to her spinal column, or that it is twisted upon its axis, or that it is bent upon itself, so that only the recumbent position will cure her. Tell her little. Do for her much and your name will receive a divine blessing at her hands.

Don't stuff a vagina too tightly with your gauzes, your wool or your cotton. There is nothing more disagreeable than an unnatural foreign body hereabouts.

Don't treat all female comers for some disorder pertaining to your branch, remembering that they might occasionally be afflicted with something else the other fellow can do.

Don't be narrow in your conclusions. It requires two halves to make a whole: and often more.

Don't deny any woman the right to suffer if she so disposes. If one makes her bed a hard one, she alone must lie upon it.

Don't express too much sympathy for your gynecologic applicants, should you desire to be successful. It is medicine to some but ruinous to the majority. Kindness is a different proposition altogether.

Don't inform the married patient she has specific urethritis. Ninty-nine times out of a hundred the husband will advise his wife to go to some other physician, and that you are a genuine humbug.

Don't deny the husband marital rights only when absolutely necessary. Always take into consideration a married couple is like a pair of scissors; come between them and you suffer.

Don't estimate your surgical skill by the number of ovariectomies you have done, but rather by ones you haven't done.