

several days longer. In cases of long incision every second suture may be removed on the seventh day and the others on the ninth or tenth day after operation.

10. In cases in which iodoform packing has been inserted the packing should only be disturbed upon special order. It is usually all removed about the fifth day *but when specially ordered may be withdrawn* a few inches at a time beginning a few hours after operation. This is to facilitate drainage.

Gauze
Packing.

11. In cases of total extirpation of the uterus no vaginal douche should be given and no vaginal packing, forceps or clamps removed except on special order.

Vaginal
Douche.

12. The house surgeon, when he can be obtained, must be notified, but in cases in which prompt action is required and no one familiar with the standing orders can be communicated with, the nurse must proceed as herein directed.

Emergencies.

13. Each patient to be freely purged and placed on light diet for two days previous to operation, unless otherwise ordered. No calomel to be given before operation.

Preparation
before
Operation.

Trachelorrhaphy stitches to be removed tenth day by surgeon.

Trachelor-
rhaphy.

Perineorrhaphy stitches to be removed fourteenth day by surgeon.

Perineor-
rhaphy.

Packing of trachelorrhaphy cases to be removed sixth day according to order.

Packing of
Trachelor-
rhaphy.

Packing of curettement removed in thirty-six hours by house surgeon, unless a private case, and bichloride douche 1-2000, followed by plain water, given. This is to be continued for four days.

Packing of
Curettement.

FATAL CASES.

When death occurs it is an unfortunate termination to the case. Sometimes death results under such circumstances from avoidable causes, and we must not lose sight of this fact. Sometimes, however, death is unavoidable from the first. An unskilled hand may kill just as readily as an unclean hand, or an unclean sponge, or an unclean instrument. Be thorough, and see to it that the unclean hand is not your hand; the surgeon is responsible for the rest. He must attend to the preparation of sponges and instruments, and the nurse must see to it that his orders are carried out to the very letter. You cannot be too particular in this respect. When death occurs, keep a very careful guard upon your tongue. You may often think much, but you must certainly say but little, and even though you think what you dare not express you may be wrong. There is always an element of doubt