

NEW TREATMENT FOR EPIDIDYMITIS AND ORCHITIS.—In these affections hot poultices, with or without tobacco, together with veratrum viride internally, have given the most relief in my hands until by an accident two years ago I tried the application of guiacol along the upper portion of the scrotum and cord. To reduce temperature and quiet pain I first applied it in a case with a temperature of 104° . To my surprise in two hours afterward the temperature was reduced to 99.5° and the pain, which had been intense, was entirely gone. It is true that hot applications were applied in this case within a half-hour after the application of the guiacol, but I have not seen hot applications alone relieve the pain or reduce the temperature with such

rapidity. Ten minims of the drug are dropped into a butter plate or other small receptacle and then painted along the line of the cord and the upper portion of the scrotum. This is left uncovered for half an hour, the testicles and scrotum being elevated in the meantime. After this my own method consists in laying the scrotum upon the abdomen, covering it with a layer of flannel wet with hot water and laying over this an ordinary English icebag filled with water as hot as the patient can bear. This retains the heat much longer than the ordinary poultice, and if not filled too full produces a slight compression without pain. This is kept up until bed-time, when the patient is to apply an ointment of twenty-five per cent. ichthyol in lanolin. This is

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