

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ASTHMA.

Dr. P. W. Williams regards caffeine iodide as the most useful remedy in the prevention of attacks of asthma. When patients do not tolerate the iodides, he gives from five to ten grains of calcium chloride before or after the iodide. They cannot be dispensed together.

Other combinations of value mentioned by the author follow:

I.

R Nitroglyceringr. 1/200 to gr. 1/100
Sodium iodide.....gr. iii to gr. v.

One dose to be repeated every two or three hours until the attack subsides.

II.

R Sodium nitrategr. ss to gr. i
Sodium iodide.....gr. iii to gr. v

Give every two or three hours.

III.

R Fluid extract of grindelia robustam xv to m xxx
Sodium iodide.....gr. ii
Nitroglycerin.....gr. 1/200
Tincture of euphorbia pilulifera.....m xx
Spirit of chloroform.....ad ʒi

M. Sig: One to two teaspoonsful in water every two to four hours while the attack lasts.

IV.

R Fluid extract of grindelia robustam xx
Fluid extract of myrtus chekan.....m xx
Fluid extract of yerba santa.....m xx
Fluid extract of quebrachoʒi

M. Sig: One dose to be taken in two teaspoonsful of brandy in half a tumblerful of water.

Morphine may be given hypodermically in conjunction with hyoscine, as in the following:

R Morphine hydrochloridegr. 1/6
Hyoscine hydrobromide.....gr. 1/200 to gr. 1/100

To the foregoing 1-200 grain of nitroglycerin may be added, or atropine sulphate may be substituted for the hyoscine.

As a useful form of vaporized spray solution the author recommends the following:

R Cocaine hydrochloride.....gr. ii
Atropine sulphate.....gr. ii
Sodium nitrite.....gr x
Glycerin.....m xx
Rose water, enough to make.....ʒ ss

M. et Sig.: Five or ten minims to be inhaled through the nose by means of a very fine vaporizing spray. Repeat at intervals of twenty to thirty minutes if necessary.—*New York Medical Journal.*