

to the child is so impeded as to cause death of the child and I do not wish the morphine and hyoscine to be blamed for death due to pituitary. There is usually difficulty with the child when pituitary has been given to patients when under the influence of morphine and hyoscine, and the babe is sometimes still-born.

If the second stage of labor is slow, use forceps. In conclusion, my experience is that this combination should have a place in the art of obstetrics. It can be given with absolute safety to the mother, although its results are not uniform. In the majority of cases it produces a perfect twilight sleep and she does not remember anything from the time she gets under its influence until the babe is born. In some cases it would seem that she required bigger doses than I mentioned to produce this sleep, and as I have been afraid to give bigger doses, owing to its possible action on the babe, was content with simply relieving her pains to a great extent, but not getting a perfect result.

As for the baby the results are usually good, the child crying as soon as born and not requiring any resuscitation, but you cannot be positive about this until it is born. If the baby is blue, with respirations impeded, a few minutes work removing mucus from its throat, spanking and the alternate use of hot and cold water will soon start the respirations and then it goes along all right.

Do not attempt too vigorous resuscitatory measures, as you may injure the child and do more harm than good.

I do not agree with those who say it is absolutely necessary for the obstetrician to remain with the patient during this treatment providing you have a competent nurse that can carefully watch the patient and give the hypodermics under your instructions. You should occasionally see the patient so as to be able to give the necessary orders for the hypodermics and should be within call or reach by 'phone, as labor sometimes progresses quicker than you anticipated.

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Dr. John Ferguson, President of the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, entertained many members at dinner in the York Club, Tuesday evening, Oct. 2nd, to meet the guest of the evening, Dr. A. J. Carlson, Chicago.