

SOME LESSONS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE USE OF THE PELVIMETER DURING THE PUERPERIUM.*

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At the close of labor the fundus lies about midway between the pubes and umbilicus; in a few hours it will have risen to, or a little above, the umbilicus. As a rule by the tenth day after delivery it will have fallen to the level of the pubes.

Sufficient attention is not given to the progress of involution.

Not many years ago all cases of diphtheria were isolated for four weeks and then the quarantine was raised, without any definite means being used to determine whether the patient

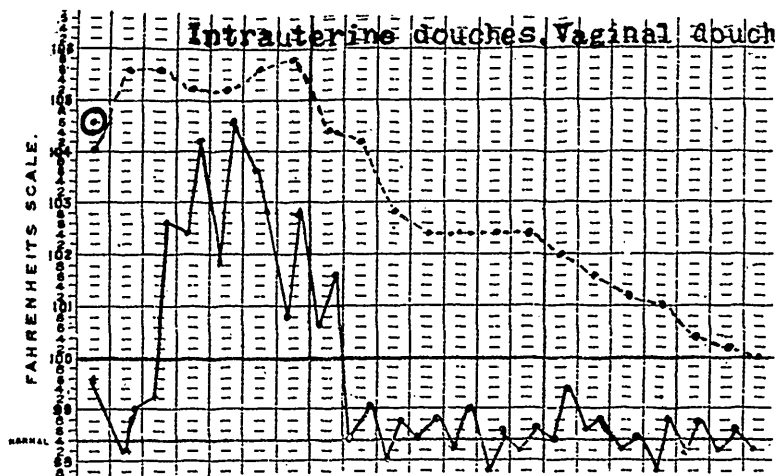


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was free from the dreaded infection or not. We can recall instances where that rule proved disastrous to others.

Since the adoption of the bacteriological test as to the time of the raising of quarantine we have all seen patients released from quarantine in a less period than four weeks. Thus the arbitrary rule of a stated period did injustice at times in keeping some unfortunates in seclusion longer than was necessary, and on other occasions allowing those who were still dangerous to mingle with others to their detriment.

In obstetrical cases it has been customary to set a day on which patients shall be allowed out of bed, the particular day,

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