

and one great object of treatment is to prevent it sinking to a point at which life is impossible. An attendant danger of the condition of collapse is the liability to sudden relapse after a temporary improvement, and the utmost care and watchfulness must therefore be exercised to maintain the heat of the body and to guard against failure of the heart and lungs.

TREATMENT.

1. **Remove the cause** by arresting hæmorrhage, attending to injuries, loosening all tight clothing especially about the chest and abdomen, using encouraging words, etc.

2. **Lay the patient on the back, with the head low.** Raise the lower limbs.

3. **Provide for a free circulation of fresh air.**

4. **If hæmorrhage has been severe** and the patient is collapsed, firmly bandage the limbs from the toes to the hips, and from the fingers to the armpits.

5. **To stimulate the action of the heart,** sal volatile and water may be given if the patient can swallow, or smelling salts may be held to the nostrils.