

be given by the mouth. From one-half ounce to one ounce of some concentrated pre-digested meat extracts, with six ounces of salt solution every four hours, given by the bowel. An ice bag or leaches applied over the appendix to relieve the pain.

This treatment can also be given in cases where the patient is too ill to give any promise of relief by operation.

5. While making a diagnosis and after it is made, until a surgeon can be had, exclusive rectal feeding should be resorted to.

After the operation, in all these acute cases, I am in the habit of using exclusive rectal feeding for at least two days and often for a longer period. In most cases only normal saline is used, but if the patient is very exhausted, feeding with meat extract added to the saline is used. The patient will complain very little of thirst after the first twenty-four hours.

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