

Never put a hot water bottle next the skin. Its efficiency and the patient's safety are both enhanced by surrounding the bottle with flannel.

Never complain that you cannot get a feeding cup if there is a teapot to be had instead.

Never administer a quantity of food to a patient until you have found out if he can swallow.

Never disregard a patient's intelligent craving for particular articles of diet.

Never use your patient as a thermometer for estimating the temperature of the bath. Although he turns red in hot water and blue in the cold, the record is not exact, and there are other objections of a more or less obvious nature.

Never allow a patient to be wakened out of his first sleep either intentionally or accidentally.

Never imagine that a patient who sleeps during the day will not sleep during the night. The more he sleeps the better he will be able to sleep.

Never hurry or hustle.

Never stand and fidget when a sick person is talking to you. Sit down.

Never sit where your patient cannot see you.

Never require a patient to repeat a message or request. Attend at once.

Never judge the condition of your patient from his appearance during the conversation. See how he looks an hour afterward.

Never read a story to children if you can tell it.

Never read fast to a sick person. The way to make a story seem short is to tell it slowly.

Never play the piano to a sick person if you can play on strings or sing.

Never confine a patient to one room if you can obtain the use of two.

Never allow monotony in anything.—*Nursing Section of the Hospital.*