

made on the patient's case sheets. Wounds are syringed with normal saline or Dakin solution. The surrounding skin surfaces are then carefully dried. One ply of the vaseline pads is next applied accurately to the edges of the wound and well smeared to the skin. It is most important that these pads should have sufficient vaseline so that they may adhere firmly. This allows any overflow of Dakin solution to pass over the vaseline and be absorbed by the large pads. If not, the Dakin solution passes under the pads and a most obstinate "Dakin dermatitis" results. These vaseline pads should be applied to a greater depth from the dependent sides of the wound. Carrel tubes are next applied. Surface wounds may be covered with a single layer of gauze, which may be kept in place by making it adhere to the vaseline pads surrounding the wound. A large pad of suitable size, made of absorbent cotton covered with gauze, is then applied. The idea of this pad is not to cover the wound, but to soak up any discharge which may result from the treatment. It has been our experience that wounds do much better when not completely shut off from the air. In the case of a wound on the anterior surface of the leg, this pad would be applied around the under side and pinned at each end, leaving the wound uncovered by the large pad. Forceps are changed after the old dressings are removed, and the Carrel tubes should be handled by clean forceps.

The results obtained with this technique have been most satisfactory in the majority of cases. The asepsis has to be rigid. The handling of everything with forceps is a little awkward at first but dexterity is soon acquired. Good team work, with a thoroughly trained, conscientious surgical nursing sister and two intelligent orderlies, combined with rigid "joint" asepsis, has given us surprising results.

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