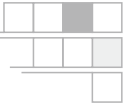


# Simplified Techniques Of Intravenous Injection (excerpt)

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There is more than one excuse in presenting such a minor subject in detail. I do not wish to amplify but rather to simplify it. Singularly enough text books and periodicals are either silent or brief in describing any technique of intravenous injection and yet it is an operation of every day practice.

To the general medical practitioner a thorough understanding of the technique is a sine qua non to his success; especially that now this route of medication is recognized to be essential in the treatment of many infections.

While visiting Shanghai and Canton I was greatly struck in seeing large sign-boards written "The Injection Hospital" or shows how readily our people take to this form of treatment. In addition to being an essential method it is a very impressive one to the patient.

Needless to say, intravenous injection has now reached the stage of universal employment. Since the days of Erlich and Hata the Profession has learned that the venous stream could be medicated with impunity, indeed with the greatest benefit. Today the market is so flooded with intravenous products that the practitioner is simply bewildered.

It is true that even now there are practitioners who are not conversant enough or dare to employ this direct route of medication. When necessity arises they would inject intramuscularly. But when one injects (intramuscularly) such intensely irritating substances as salvarsan, mercurochrome, quinine, strong solutions of calcium, etc., one is looking for trouble. Moreover, the pain if not the lameness caused would be sufficient to deprive the patient of his ounce of confidence. In view I consider to be the best and simplest, particularly in connection with the injection of neosalvarsan.