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Doctors Differ Over Coronary Treatment

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Some physicians for years have been trying the effect of the "intracoronary drug" which tend to keep the blood from clotting—in those cases in which a person has a tendency to get a clot in his heart, his brain, or his leg.

For several years a number of groups of physicians were enthusiastic about their statistics which indicated that the people who took an anticoagulant every day had fewer heart attacks than did the "controls" who did not take the medicine. Now I read the reports of people who say that even when they give dangerously large doses of the drug, their patients have just as many heart attacks as did the ones who took nothing.

All this shows what doctors differ in my long life I have seen this sort of thing happen. I have never been a fanatical enthusiast about any form of treatment. I have never dared to say to some mine old grandfathers with some increase in blood pressure and perhaps no symptoms, "Don't you dare touch salt, eat red meat, no sexual life, no coffee, no alcohol, no desserts or cigarettes—a pipe—or anything else that gives you pipe smoke."

Very few lay persons, and probably few physicians, realize how commonly a person who is so supposed to have had suddenly with a heart attack really died because his arteries, or the big tube that carries air into and out of the lungs, became blocked by a large piece of unbroken meat or fish or fat. What happens is that the man involved was eating while he was a bit drunk. Some people with very poor teeth swallow big lumps of food, and some have bad table manners, but whatever the reason, they strangle to death.

Male Infertility Causes Examined

Dr. Paul R. Hartley of Minneapolis says that when a man is not able to father a child, first the doctor must

take a careful history to point to the married couple's sex life. The story of an accident, or even a minor trauma, is important, particularly when it produced a million tests. Such information points up the tiny tubes that normally carry spermatozoa up to the base of the urinary bladder. The doctor must think also of some deformity in the testis glands, or of the thyroid gland.

Consequently, if a surgeon were to try to repair double hernia, he might have caused a constriction of the tubes that carry the sperm. A broken or twisted X-ray question could have had an overexposure to radiation.

It is possible that the spermatic cord of alcohol or tobacco injures the testes. The doctor should examine the man to see if he has any shrinkage of the testes. The prostate should be palpated through the rectum, and it should be managed, and the secretion which is obtained examined under the microscope. If it is full of pus, this might have a bad effect on any spermatozoa present.

Microscopic Study
Then, the semen must be studied microscopically. If one of these are any spermatozoa, and if any are present to see how normal or abnormal they look, also, to see the amount of activity they have. A count of over 100,000,000 per c.c. (cubic centimeter) is good, and from 20 to 40 million per c.c. might be enough. Diseases of the testes, however, sometimes cause sterility.

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