

## SPECIAL RULES FOR THE NEURO-SURGICAL WARD

1. Medications are never routine, and are given only on the order of the ward surgeon.
2. Foods are given as desired by the patient. Fluids for brain cases require special orders.
3. Early in any case, the position in bed is always ordered by the ward surgeon.
4. Side boards are to be used on each and every brain case, surgical or non-surgical.
5. No bed-ridden patient is to be allowed to smoke when alone, and may smoke for the first time under any circumstance only on express order of the ward surgeon.
6. Patients with oral temperatures over 103° F. will routinely receive, without special order, a cool alcohol bath and rub.
7. Pulse, temperature, and respiration should be recorded routinely every 4 hours, and oftener in the severely ill patient. The ward surgeon is to be notified when any patient reaches a temperature of 100° F. for the first time.
8. It is desirable that baths and bed making, as well as all other routine ward clean-up be done at least an hour, preferable longer, before the time for changing of dressing.
9. Dressings are done by the ward surgeon, or under his direct supervision, until such time as all skin sutures are removed and the wound healing is guaranteed. Masking of attendants, surgeon and patient is desirable.
10. All ward personnel must have throat cultures taken every three months.
11. The following special equipment should be on the ward or within easy access:

A mechanical suction apparatus, or a good substitute.

A good supply of glass syringes, needles, towels and simple dressings.

A skin prep tray, with razor, basin, soap (liquid), applicators, alcohol, half-strength iodine, small dressings, and adhesive tape.

The usual supply of large safety pins, solvents, soap, fluids for parenteral use.

Several tubes of 50% sucrose, glucose, or sorbitol, whichever is available. Proper containers and tubing for the administration of same.

Two tongue blades wrapped together with gauze must be in the bedside table of every brain case.

Sodium amytal for intravenous use.

A dressing tray or cart, for use only by the neuro-surgical ward.

A spinal puncture set, sterile and ready for use. Its contents are:

2 spinal needles	Sterile colloidin
1 #25 needle, 1½-inch shank	2 4 x 4
1 2cc syringe	1 pair rubber gloves
5 cotton applicators	Rubber manometer tubing
3 towels	3 20cc test tubes, with
½ oz. 1% novocaine	cotton stoppers.