

"This study covers 94 patients. Of these, 86 achieved partial or complete symptomatic relief.

"Of 46 patients in whom roentgenograms were taken both before and after treatment, there was observable absorption of calcium in 42 cases."

Our own clinical results with Diapulse therapy are now being prepared for publication. Suffice it to say at this time, that our findings corroborate the beneficial responses reported by other investigators.

In conclusion, we will summarize my views on the management of rheumatic disease:

1. Since there are many forms of arthritis which require specific treatment, it is important, from a therapeutic standpoint, to make an accurate diagnosis.

2. The history and examination should include the patient as a whole, remembering that there may be more than one type of arthritis accompanied by one or more systemic disturbances.

3. It is a dangerous practice for the patient to make a diagnosis and select a specialist before first consulting the family physician. With his knowledge of the patient's background, he should assume the responsibility for the patient's care.

4. The first step in approaching the problem of rheumatic disease is relief of pain, reassurance, and developing an optimistic outlook. Telling the arthritic patient that he is incurable and must learn to live with his affliction can accomplish nothing except loss of confidence in his doctor.

5. Simple, safe, analgesic and antirheumatic drugs like aspirin, should be given primary consideration.

6. Steroids, although often giving dramatic temporary relief, are known to produce serious and often fatal untoward reactions. What is usually not recognized, however, is the fact that steroids suppress the natural body

defense mechanisms, and thereby render a vulnerable patient more susceptible to infection.

7. The operation of the Diapulse generator is a simple and safe office procedure that does not require highly trained technical personnel. Applied over the region of the liver and adrenals, it stimulates the natural defense mechanisms of the body, and is therefore especially important when the etiology cannot be specifically combatted. Applied over the joints, it exerts a potent but safe anti-inflammatory action, and therefore rapidly relieves pain and restores normal function.

8. Sufficient evidence has accumulated to prove that Diapulse PUFH energy is a valuable addition to the therapeutic armamentarium for the treatment of rheumatic diseases.

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