Improved Swanberg, No.5, No.6, No.7, No.8 & No.9

Silver, Adjustable, Utero-Vaginal, Radium Applicators

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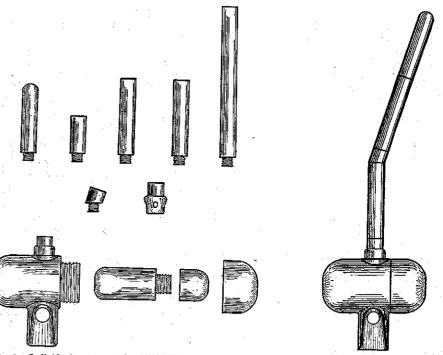
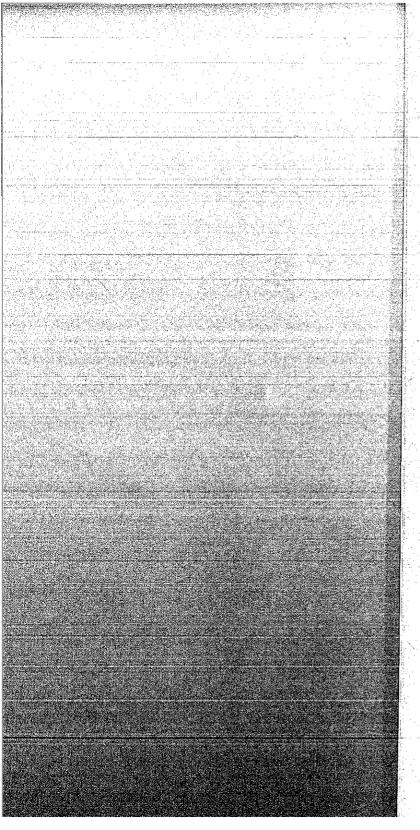


Fig. 1. Individual parts of the SWANBERG No. 8 Silver, Utero-Vaginal Radium Applicator with single capsule, cross-arm vaginal end (including silver capsule enclosed therein). A 15 degree uterine angle wedge and a screw cap for uterine stem (for use without a vaginal end) is also illustrated. No rubber covering is shown. Actual size.

Fig. 2. SWANBERG No. 8 Applicator assembled with single capsule, cross-arm vaginal end and with uterine angle wedge, for use in an averaged length uterine canal. The applicator thus assembled provides uterine radiation, in addition to one center of radiation in the vaginal vault. Actual size.

The improved Swanberg No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9 Silver, Utero-Vaginal, Radium Applicators are especially adapted for carrying out the recent change in the Paris Technic (Regaud and Lacassagne) of Radium Therapy as used at The Radium Institute of the University of Paris or the modified Stockholm (Heyman)



Technic as used at the Marie Curie Hospital (Hurdon and Gilmour) in London, in the treatment of uterine cancer. These two institutions are among Europe's most important cancer clinics and their five year reports, of the radiologic treatment of uterine cervical cancer, are the most favorable to be reported by the leading cancer clinics of the world. (Annual Report on Results of Radiotherapy in Cancer of the Uterine Cervix. Edited by J. Heyman. Volume 1, 2, 3 and 4, League of Nations Publications. Geneva 1937-1938-1939-1941)

The results of the 1933 series (latest reported; published in 1941) of patients treated at 18 leading cancer clinics in 8 countries reveal a five year curability of 47.2% of ALL patients treated at the University of Paris (125 treated patients) and 35.6% at the Marie Curie Hospital (101 treated patients). These excellent results have special significance in view of the fact that 51% of the patients at the University of Paris had advanced lesions, (Stage 3 and 4 growths) when the treatment was begun; at the Marie Curie Hospital this percentage of advanced growths was 60% (See Swanberg, Harold: Results of Radiation Therapy in Uterine Cervical Cancer. A Statistical Study of the Five Year End-Results of 1796 Treated Patients in 18 Radiotherapeutic Centers in 8 Countries During 1938. Mississispipi Valley Medical Journal, Incorporating the Radiologic Review, March 1942.)

The Radium technic pursued at Paris* to secure these excellent results consists of multiple centers (usually six) of heavily filtered Radium distributed throughout the entire length of the uterine canal and the width of the vaginal vault, (an average of 67 milligrams of Radium in 6 centers is used, distributed equally between the uterus and vagina). The essential filtration is I MM of platinum in the uterus; 1.5 MM in the vagina and the treatment is given slowly, being 8,000 milligram hours in 5 to 8 days in a typical case. The diameter of the rubber-covered, intrauterine applicator is 7 MM and the size of the three cork, barrel-shaped, vaginal applicators usually used are 20 x 30-32 MM each.

The Radium technic used at London* also consists of multiple centers, (two or three in the uterus and twelve, 5 mgs. each, in the vagina), of heavily filtered Radium distributed throughout the entire length of the uterine canal and the width of the vaginal vault. (An average of 110-118 milligrams is used; distributed nearly equally between uterus and vagina.) The essential filtration is 1 MM of platinum in the uterus, the equivalent of 1.25 to 1.3 MM of platinum in the vagina and three treatments of 22 hours are given during a period of three weeks, or a total of 7260 to 7788 milligram hours. The diameter of the intrauterine, rubber-covered, applicator is 7 MM, and the size of the three rubber covered, plaque-like, vaginal applicators usually used in approximately 8 x 23 x 28 MM each.

The Improved Swanberg No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9 Uterine, Radium Applicators facilitate the adoption of the Paris, Stockholm, or Marie Curie Hospital Technics. They each consist of two parts—a Uterine Stem and a Vaginal End Part.

The Uterine Stem is a slender, tubular stem of silver, (insuring a minimum amount of cervical dilatation in connection with its use), consisting of a number of graduated sections which permit assembling the applicator to individual uterine canal measurements (2.5 to 11 cm. long). This part of the applicator is no longer covered with aluminum (Regaud and Lacassagne have abandoned aluminum as a secondary filter using only rubber or cork) but is readily covered with one or more layers of Non-Metallic Rubber (See "Non Metallic Rubber" P. 15).

Included with the applicator is a 15 degree angle wedge, which can be used at any distance along the length of the uterine stem, thus providing an angulated applicator which conforms more closely to the normal curve of the uterine canal. Since the uterine stem does not fit tight in the vaginal portion of the applicator, the stem can be angulated (when angle wedge is used) in any direction in relation to the vaginal part. There is also included a screw-cap end for the uterine stem so that the applicator can be used without a vaginal portion. This is threaded for an introducing handle.

The Vaginal End part of the Applicators is available in three different types:

- (a) Single Capsule, Cross-Arm Type for the Paris Technic. (Most popular type and the one supplied unless otherwise specified)
- (b) Double Capsule Type for the Paris Technic.
- (c) Plaque-Like Type for the Marie Curie Hospital Technic.

^{*}For more complete details of the Paris and London technics see Swanberg, Harold: What Radiation Technic Gives the Best Clinical Results in Uterine Cervical Cancer? Mississippi Valley Medical Journal, Incorporating the Radiologic Review, 61: 57-65 (March) 1939.

SWANBERG SILVER, UTERO-VAGINAL, APPLICATORS MADE IN FIVE FORMS These are made of special silver alloy (density 10.3), which corresponds to approximately half the density of platinum (21.4). In ascertaining the form of applicator desired, three things must be considered; (a) the filtration desired with the Radium technic to be used (best expressed in millimeters of platinum or equivalent); (b) the size (length and diameter) of the Radium forms to be placed in the applicator; and (c) the filtration provided by the Radium forms to be placed in the applicator; and

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No. 5—Provides filtration, in the uterine stem, equivalent to the density of 0.7 MM of platinum, and is especially recommended for use with 0.3 MM wall platinum Radium forms. Dimensions:

Uterine Portion { Central Bore 2.8 MM Wall thickness 1.5 MM Outside diameter 5.8 MM

The Vaginal Portion consists of a single cross-arm 2 MM. aluminum shell, in which is placed a silver capsule (of appropriate dimensions depending upon the filtration desired. See Silver Screw-Cap Capsules. P. 6). Dimensions:

Outside diameter 13.5 MM; Outside length 27 MM (or 34 MM) (Can also be supplied with a Double-Capsule Vaginal End or Plaque-Like Vaginal End—See P. 4).

No. 6—Provides lighter filtration than No. 5, in the uterine stem, equivalent to the density of 0.5 MM of platinum, and is especially recommended for use with 0.5 MM or 1 MM wall platinum Radium forms. Dimensions:

Uterine Portion { Central bore 3.8 MM Wall thickness 1 MM Outside diameter 5.8 MM

The Vaginal Portion consists of a single cross-arm 2 MM aluminum shell, in which is placed a silver capsule (of appropriate dimensions depending upon the filtration desired. See Silver Screw-Cap Capsules. P. 6). Dimensions:

Outside diameter 13.5 MM; Outside length 27 MM (or 34 MM) (Can also be supplied with a Double-Capsule Vaginal End or Plaque-Like Vaginal End—See P. 4).

No. 7—Provides heavy filtration, in the uterine stem, equivalent to the density of 1.2 MM of platinum and is especially recommended for use with 0.3 MM wall platinum Radium forms for those desiring extra heavy filtration. Dimensions:

Uterine Portion { Central bore 1.5 MM Wall thickness 2.5 MM Outside diameter 6.5 MM

The Vaginal Portion consists of a single cross-arm 2 MM aluminum shell, in which is placed a silver capsule (of appropriate dimensions depending upon the filtration desired. See Silver Screw-Cap Capsules. P. 6). Dimensions:

Outside diameter 13.5 MM; Outside length 27 MM (or 34 MM) (Can also be supplied with a Double-Capsule Vaginal End or Plaque-Like Vaginal End See P. 4).

No. 8—Provides filtration, in the uterine stem, equivalent to the density of 0.8 MM of platinum and can only be used with 0.2 MM wall platinum Radium cells, providing an unusually slender uterine stem. Dimensions:

Uterine Portion { Central bore 1.2 MM Wall thickness 1.7 MM Outside diameter 4.6 MM

The Vaginal Portion consists of a single cross-arm 2 MM aluminum shell, in which is placed a silver capsule (of appropriate dimensions depending upon the filtration desired. See Silver Screw-Cap Capsules. P. 6).

Outside diameter 13.5 MM; Outside length 27 MM (or 34 MM) (Can also be supplied with a Double-Capsule Vaginal End or Plaque-Like Vaginal End—See P. 4).

No. 9—Provides filtration, in the uterine stem, equivalent to the density of 0.8 MM of platinum and is especially recommended for use with 0.2 or 0.3 MM wall platinum forms. Dimensions:

Uterine Portion

Central bore 2.4 MM
Wall thickness 1.7 MM
Outside diameter 5.8 MM

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Outside diameter 13.5 MM; Outside length 27 MM (or 34 MM). (Can also be supplied with a Double-Capsule Vaginal End or Plaque-Like Vaginal End—See P. 4).

In ordering the Swanberg Utero-Vaginal Applicator, the smaller length, (27 MM) single cross-arm vaginal end is supplied, unless otherwise specified. It is important, however, that the size of the Silver Screw Cap Capsule (3W, 3X, or 3Y) to be enclosed in the vaginal end, be specified; the 3W capsule is supplied unless otherwise instructed.

SPECIAL VAGINAL ENDS FOR SWANBERG APPLICATOR

In addition to the popular cross-arm aluminum shell, containing a single silver capsule, two other vaginal ends are available for the Swanberg Utero-Vaginal Applicator—(a) a Double-Capsule Vaginal End and (b) a Plaque-Like Type Vaginal End.

DOUBLE-CAPSULE VAGINAL END

This consists of a 2 MM aluminum shell in which are placed two silver capsules of appropriate dimensions, depending upon the filtration desired. Any of the capsules described on Page 6 will fit in the special double capsule vaginal end for the Swanberg Utero-Vaginal Applicator. With this applicator, two Radium centers are placed in the vagina instead of one. This is desirable when the vaginal vault is very spacious and the Swanberg Utero-Vaginal Applicator is used with a colpostat or several London Capsules. It is also convenient when the vaginal vault is small and it is imposible to use a colpostat or London capsules in addition to the Swanberg Applicators. Dimensions:

Width 28.5 MM Thickness 13.5 MM Length 28.5 MM (or 35.5 MM)

In ordering the Double-Capsule Vaginal End the smaller length size will be supplied unless otherwise stated.

PLAQUE-LIKE TYPE VAGINAL END

This consists of a special silver alloy (density 10.3) vaginal applicator, plaque-like in size, containing 4 compartments for Radium centers, (usually 5 mgs. each), parallel to one another. It is especially designed to carry out the modified Stockholm (Heyman) technic as used at the Marie Curie Hospital in London (Hurdon and Gilmour). This vaginal applicator may be attached to the Uterine stem of the Swanberg Applicator or used as an individual vaginal applicator, and is, therefore, available in two forms; an end that is to be screwed on the Swanberg Applicator and has a grooved part for insertion with a uterine dressing forcepts; or an end that is to be used as a separate vaginal applicator and which does not have the screwed portion for the Swanberg Applicator. It is threaded for an introducing handle. If Plaque-Like Type Applicators are desired as individual vaginal applicators be sure to so state when ordering. It provides filtration equivalent to the density of 1 MM of platinum, should preferably be used with 0.3 MM wall platinum forms, and be covered with 2 layers of Non-Metallic Rubber. Dimensions:

Central bore for Radium centers 1.9 MM Inside length for Radium 21.5 MM External width 20 MM External length 25 MM Total Thickness 6.1 MM

If the filtration, listed above, will not provide the density you wish with the Radium forms to be enclosed therein, the applicator can be supplied to your specific requirements for \$5.00 extra. (Let us know the length, diameter, wall thickness, and

ADVANTAGES OF THE IMPROVED SWANBERG, SILVER, UTERO-VAGINAL RADIUM APPLICATOR

1. Provides a single instrument for irradiating the entire uterine canal as well as the vaginal portion of the cervix, with filtration of your choice (being especially adapted for carrying out technics of heavily filtered Radium from multiple centers such as used at the University of Paris, Marie Curie Hospital of London, Radiumhemmet of Stockholm, etc.).

2. Being readily adjustable, uterine canals of various lengths may be adequately irradiated.

3. Offers heavy filtration which permits only the penetrating radiation from the hard gamma rays of short wave length, thus avoiding caustic radiation with its attending necrosis and subsequent sloughing, reducing the possibility of fistula formation

4. Provides an angulated uterine stem, which may be placed anywhere along the stem, and which may be readily adjusted in its relation to the vaginal portion of the applicator.

5. Provides a variety of vaginal parts for the applicator and a choice of filtration (applicator may be also used without a vaginal part).

6. The entire applicator can be readily sterilized by boiling without fear of damaging the instrument.

7. Caustic secondary radiation from the applicator can be readily absorbed by covering it with one or more layers of Non-Metallic Rubber as desired.

8. By the use of separate screw caps, it is possible to convert the uterine extension parts into separate capsules, thus converting the applicator into one of universal applicability.

9. Can be procured at a much lower cost than an applicator of platinum or gold filtration.

MODIFIED LONDON VAGINAL RADIUM APPLICATOR

This type of vaginal Radium applicator, originally used at the Radium Institute of London, is especially designed to administer heavily filtered Radium from multiple centers in the treatment of malignant conditions of the vagina, uterine cervix, or parametria. It has been recently improved and consists of a nearly unbreakable cylindrical, moulded, bakelite (density 1.38), screw-cap capsule with rounded ends in which is placed a heavily filtered capsule containing the Radium. The applicator is introduced by means of an introducing handle about eight inches long, which screws in the side of the bakelite capsule into a brass lug (which also contains an eyelet for thread). In treating uterine cervical cancer, 2 to 4 of these vaginal applicators are generally used, in addition to an intra-uterine applicator. The applicators are placed in proper position by means of the introducing handles. The vagina is then packed with gauze and the handles are not unscrewed and removed until the packing of the vagina is complete.

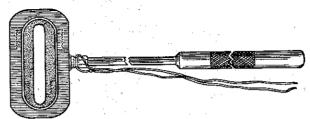


Fig. 3. Modified LONDON Bakelite Vaginal Applicator, showing silver capsule contained therein, together with introducing handle. Actual size of No. 6 London Applicator and 3W silver capsule.

ADVANTAGES OF MODIFIED LONDON VAGINAL RADIUM APPLICATOR

This applicator is especially designed to replace the use of a vaginal colpostat in treating uterine cancer. The advantages are:

1. The ends are so rounded that the applicators can be comfortably placed and the pressure on the vaginal mucous membrane is evenly distributed.

2. The wall thickness of the bakelite is sufficient to form a secondary screen which permits of a large Radium dose within the limits of tissue tolerance.

- 3. By using molded bakelite (as supplied in the popular No. 6 applicator) the applicator is almost unbreakable and will not crack when sterilized by boiling.
- 4. As many applicators can be used as the anatomical size of the part will permit.
 5. The applicators can be inserted with ease and correctly placed by means of the introducing handles.
- 6. By holding the applicators in accurate position by means of the handles while the vagina is packed with gauze, the applicators will remain in correct position during the treatment period.
- 7. The applicators are ideal in carrying out the Paris (Regaud and Lacassagne) Technic or the Stockholm (Heyman) Technic in treating uterine cancer, especially when used in connection with the SWANBERG Utero-Vaginal Applicator, either with or without its vaginal part.

MODIFIED LONDON VAGINAL RADIUM APPLICATOR MADE IN TWO SIZES

No. 5. Made of laminated bakelite. Designed to enclose the 3W, 3X, or 3Y Silver capsules and is of the same external dimensions as the vaginal applicators used at the University of Paris.

Central bore 9.4 MM Inside length 24.5 MM (or 31.5 MM)

Wall thickness 5.3 MM

Outside diameter 20 MM Outside length 30 MM (or 37 MM)

No. 6. Made of molded bakelite. Designed to enclose the 3W, 3X, or 3Y Silver capsule being practically of the same dimensions as the No. 5 except of smaller external diameter. The external diameter may be increased, when desired, by the addition of one or more layers of Non-Metallic Rubber.

Central bore 9.4 MM Inside length 24.5 MM (or 31.5 MM)

Wall thickness 3.1 MM

Outside diameter 15.6 MM Outside length 28 MM (or 35 MM)

In ordering the Modified London Vaginal Bakelite Capsules, the smaller length size, in each form, will be supplied unless otherwise specified.

SILVER SCREW-CAP CAPSULES

In order to provide heavily filtered Radium for the colpostat or the Modified London Bakelite Vaginal Capsules (which should be used in conjunction with the SWANBERG Utero-Vaginal Applicator) to secure the best results in uterine malignancy, several screw-cap capsules, made of special silver alloy (density 10.3) are provided. Any of these capsules will fit in the aluminum shell of the single crossarm portion of the SWANBERG Utero-Vaginal Applicator or the double-capsule vaginal end. The capsules are designed to provide filtration, equivalent to the density of 1, 1.5, or 2 MM of platinum (allowing for the filtration provided by the Radium forms enclosed therein). If the capsules listed below will not provide the density you wish or accommodate your Radium forms we can supply capsules to your specific requirements for only \$1.50 extra per capsule, total cost \$6.50. (Let us know the length, diameter, wall thickness and type of metal in the Radium forms to be used; also number to be enclosed in the capsule).

No. 3W SILVER SCREW-CAP CAPSULE. Provides heavy filtration which has the density of 1.3 MM of platinum. It can be inserted in the aluminum shell of the vaginal portion of any of the SWANBERG Utero-Vaginal Applicators, (also in the double-capsule vaginal end), in a colpostat, or in a No. 5 or 6 Modified London Bakelite Capsule to provide the principal applicators to irradiate the vaginal vault in carrying out the Paris Technic. Dimensions:

Central bore 3.5 MM Inside length 21.5 MM (or 28.5 MM)

Wall thickness 2.7 MM Silver Outside diameter 8.9 MM Outside length 24 MM (or 31 MM)

No. 3X SILVER SCREW-CAP CAPSULE. Provides heavy filtration which has the density of 1 MM of platinum. It can be inserted in the aluminum shell of the vaginal portion of any of the SWANBERG Utero-Vaginal Applicators (also in the double capsule vaginal end), in a colpostat, or in a No. 5 or No. 6 Modified London Bakelite Capsule. Dimensions:

Central bore 4.7 MM Inside length 21.5 MM

Wall thickness 2.1 MM

Outside diameter 8.9 MM Outside length 24 MM No. 3Y SILVER SCREW-CAP CAPSULE. Provides extra heavy filtration which has the density of 1.8 MM of platinum. It can be inserted in the aluminum shell of the vaginal portion of any of the SWANBERG Utero-Vaginal Applicators (also the double capsule vaginal end), in a colpostat, or in a No. 5 or No. 6 Modified London Bakelite Capsule. Dimensions:

Central bore 1.5 MM Inside length 21.5 MM (or 28.5 MM)

Wall thickness 3.7 MM

Outside diameter 8.9 MM Outside length 24 MM (or 31 MM)

In ordering Silver Screw-Cap Capsules, the smaller length size, in each form, will be supplied unless otherwise specified.

KAPLAN VAGINAL COLPOSTAT

(As used in Bellevue Hospital and the New York City Cancer Institute)

Designed by Ira I. Kaplan, B.S., M.D., Prof. of Clinical Surgery, New York University Medical College, the KAPLAN Vaginal Colpostat is a modification of the Curie Colpostat. It consists of two rubber barrels (in which heavily filtered Radium capsules are placed) held together by a clock spring covered with rubber. The applicator is inserted in the vagina and manipulated so that a barrel is placed in each lateral vaginal fornix, thus radiating the cervix and parametria. Used in conjunction with the SWANBERG Utero-Vaginal Applicator, it is the principal vaginal applicator for carrying out the Paris technic for treating uterine malignancy. The barrels are 18 x 30 MM with 5 MM walls. Any of the silver screw-cap capsules, described in this leaflet, can be placed in the barrels.

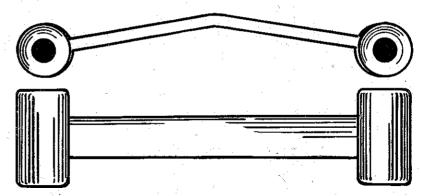


Fig. 5. Upper, End View; Fig. 10—Lower, Side View of the KAPLAN Vaginal Colpostat. (Three-Quarters Actual Size).

X-RAY THERAPY OF CHRONIC ARTHRITIS

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This, the first exhaustive treatise on the X-ray treatment of chronic arthritis, is based on the author's extensive experience of nearly 20 years in the treatment of this common disorder in both Vienna and this country. The monograph covers the clinical aspects and pathology of chronic arthritis, its roentgen diagnosis and differential diagnosis, the history of X-ray therapy and how X-rays act in chronic arthritis, what cases should be treated by X-rays, technic of treatment, report of cases, and results. A monograph of 131 pages with numerous illustrations by the author. Postpaid \$2.00.

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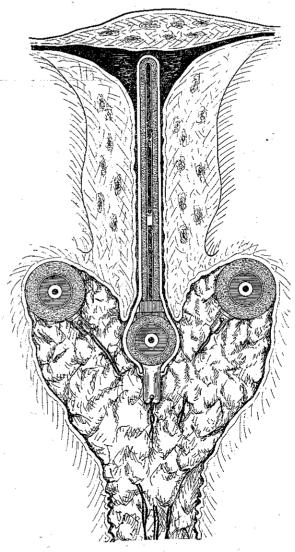


Fig. 4. Illustrating the SWANBERG Radium Technic (a modification of the Paris Technic) in the Treatment of Uterine Cervical Cancer. The SWANBERG No. 8 Utero-Vaginal Applicator is covered with one thickness of Non-Metallic Rubber; two No. 6 Modified LONDON Applicators, containing 3W silver capsules, are in the lateral vaginal fornices. SWANBERG, long active-centered, 10 milligram Radium cells are shown in the applicators—three in the uterine canal, three in the vaginal wall. (Total 60 milligrams). The applicators are maintained in correct position by means of a voluminous gauze vaginal pack. In a typical case 7200 milligram hours of radiation are administered. (Actual Size).

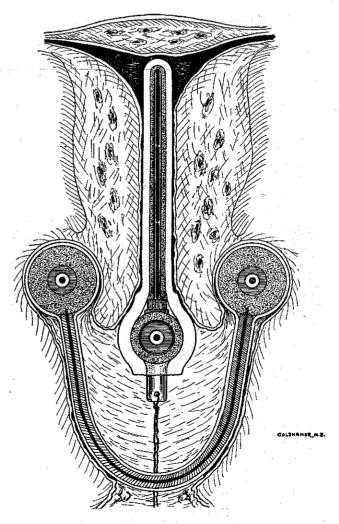


Fig. 6. Illustrating the SWANBERG No. 8 Silver Utero-Vaginal Applicator, the uterine stem of which is covered with two layers and the vaginal end with four layers of Non-Metallic Rubber; the KAPLAN Vaginal Colpostat is also shown, covered with one layer of Non-Metallic Rubber. The SWANBERG special long active centered, 10 milligram Radium cells are shown in the applicators. This arrangement provides applicators that are identical in size and filtration with those used at the University of Paris in treating uterine cervical cancer—three Radium centers in the uterine canal and three in the vaginal vault. Gauze packing to hold the applicators in correct situ is not shown. Actual size.

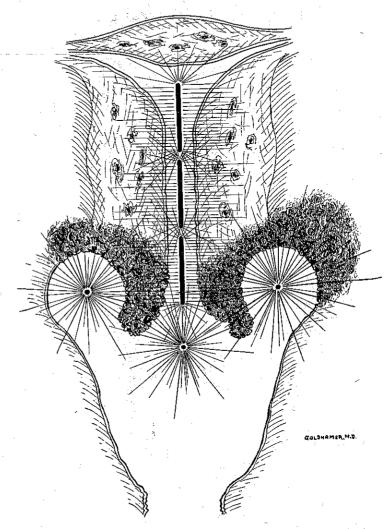


Fig. 7. A schematic drawing showing an advanced Stage 2 uterine cervical cancer in a patient with normal sized anatomic parts. The position of the Radium centers, in accordance with the Paris Technic, are shown in the uterine canal (3) and vaginal vault (3), thus radiating the entire uterus, the vaginal vault, cross-firing on the cervix and sending radiation into the parametria. This technic is readily carried out by using the SWANBERG Utero-Vaginal Applicator, with the addition of London Vaginal Applicators or some type of Vaginal Colpostat.

USERS OF THE SWANBERG UTERO-VAGINAL APPLICATOR

During the past 14 years hundreds of these applicators have been sold to radiologists and hospitals in many countries of the world. The following is a PARTIAL list of some of the purchasers:

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Fig. 9. SWANBERG Special 1 MM. Brass Applicator with flexible wire screw cap. (Other cap types are available.) The flexible wire provides a semi-rigid handle which facilitates ready insertion.

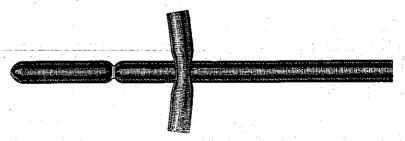


Fig. 10. SWANBERG Special 1 MM. Brass Applicator enclosed in a blind-end rubber tube with adjustable rubber cross-arm piece.

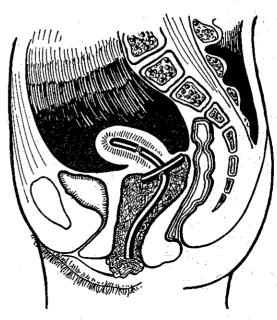


Fig. 11. Illustrating the SWANBERG Special 1 MM. Brass Applicator, covered with a blind-end rubber tube and adjustable rubber cross-arm piece, as it appears when placed in the body of the uterus. It can be assembled in any desired length (depending upon length of the uterine canal) and the flexible wire screw cap facilitates ready insertion but the applicator handle to be bent to conform to the direction of the uterine canal. It is maintained in correct position by a voluminous gauze vaginal packing.

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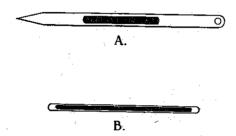


Fig. 12. A. Old Style Radium needle containing 10 milligrams, size 1.75×27.5 mm, with wall thickness of 0.4 mm, of non-corrosive steel or monel metal (density 8.7); Radium occupies about one-third of the length of the needle—10 mm. (Twice actual size).

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5 YEAR END-RESULTS RADIATION TREATMENT OF CERVICAL CANCER

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Stage of Disease* Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3	Patients Treated 16 45 50	% Each Stage 12.8 36 40 11.2	Cured End 5 Years 13 23 20 3	% 5 Yr. Cures 86.7 51.1 40 21.4
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*The stages of the disease outlined by the Radiological Subcommission of the League of Nations. (Annual Report on the Results of Radiotherapy in Cancer of the Uterine Cervix. Fourth Volume. Edited by Prof. J. Heyman. League of Nations Publications, Geneva and Stockholm 1941).

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RADIATION VERSUS SURGERY UTERINE CERVICAL CANCER

If two groups, each comprising 100 unselected patients suffering from the various stages of uterine cervical cancer, (presuming the stage percentages found in 1796 treated patients in 18 League of Nations' reporting radiotherapeutic centers; viz. 42% early cases; Stage 1 and 2, and 58% advanced cases, Stage 3 and 4) would apply to the large clinics reporting the most favorable five-year surgical and radiation end-results (pre-clinics reporting the most favorable five-year surgical and radiation end-results (pre-suming 100 patients in each group) a careful statistical study would show: 17 alive and free from cancer at the end of 5 years who elected the surgical treatment (Weibel Clinic of Vienna); 46 survivors from those taking the radiation treatment (the Radium Institute of the University of Paris). The results, therefore, from the radiation treatment would be approximately 173% better than from the surgical treatment. (Swanberg, Harold: Results of Radiation Therapy in Uterine Cervical Cancer (1933).

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This consists of a lead cylinder with a ½ inch wall, and inside dimensions of 2 x 6 inches. It is placed in a substantial, hinged carrying case. The lead cylinder fits securely in position. The case is equipped with a handle, also a special canvas strap so it can be carried close to the ground. (This places Radium in the lead container, about 22 inches distance from the canvas handle). A convenient lock is provided. A stamped metal plate marked "Radium—Keep Away" is placed on the top of the lid. The case has reinforced corners. It meets the National Bureau of Standards specifications to

strap attached, is used to transport Radium within an institution. (Used as outlined above, the body dose resulting from carrying 100 milligrams 7 hours a day is approximately 1 "R" unit of radiation per day). The container will afford adequate protection, from local Radium injury, to a messenger, even should 200 milligrams be placed therein, provided the container is maintained at a distance of 4 or more inches away.

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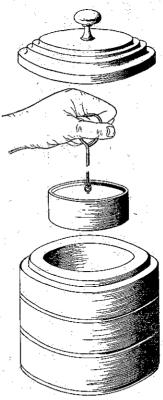


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