

Abstracts

Siegel, R.J., Vistnes, L.M. and Laub, D.R. : Use of the water bed for prevention of pressure sores, *Plast. Reconst. Surg.*, 51 : 31, 1973.

The Authors using Jobst Hydro Float bed with a control of V. A. hospital bed studied the pressure actually obtainable on the water bed, effect of special insulating liner in Jobst Space Cloth and factors which reduce the pressure reduction of the bed. The pressure produced over bony prominences of 10 volunteers was studied. The pressure was less than 20 mm Hg (capillary pressure) when correctly fitted. The results obtained demonstrate that water bed may be very good for prophylaxis against pressure sores. This bed may be put to other pressure reducing uses as described by the authors.

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Wexler, M. R. and Oneal, R. M. : Areolar sharing to reconstruct the absent nipple, *Plast. Reconst. Surg.*, 51 : 176, 1973.

This is presentation of a case where

areola-nipple sharing is done along with reduction mammoplasty in which reconstruction of nipple-areola was required on the other side. The advantages and disadvantages of this technique compared to using of labia minora are enumerated.

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Orticochea, M. : A new method of total reconstruction of the penis, *Brit. J. Plast. Surg.*, 25 : 347, 1972.

The author describes a method of penis reconstruction using musculocutaneous flap from the thigh containing gracilis and the thigh skin. This forms the outer lining and provide the muscle. The urethra is derived from inverted skin tube from the other thigh. The paper is well documented and results produced by the author are excellent. The penis with good sensations and erection, with proper sexual function has been achieved.

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