In 1981, when the Wood Library-Museum trustees sought seminal works in intravenous therapy, they turned to bookseller Emil Offenbacher of Queens, New York. From 1945 until his passing in 1990, Offenbacher specialized in locating pre-1800 imprints for academic institutions worldwide. The antiquarian bookdealer located a 1691 text for the Wood Library-Museum from the Amsterdam publishing house of Jean Aubic. Authored by Michel Ettmüller (1644–1683), Nouvelle Pratique de Chirurgie Médicale et Raisonnée noted, in translation, that “some time there has been a new method of introducing remedies into the body by injecting them immediately into the veins, which is known as infusion.”

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