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Ettmüller's Classic on Intravenous Therapy



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 Aubie. Authored by Michel Ettmüller (1644–1683), Nouvelle Pratique de Chirurgie Médicale et Raisonnée noted, in translation, that for "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." (Copyright ⊚ the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in the Anesthesiology Reflections online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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