

Notices.

CARBACHOL.

MESSRS. BURROUGHS WELLCOME AND Co. announce the issue of Carbachol (carbamylcholine chloride), the chemical originally introduced under the trade-mark Doryl. It is stated to be a choline ester, having a pharmacological activity similar to that of acetylcholine, but much more resistant to hydrolysis; it is effective both by mouth and parenterally, and is exceptionally stable.

Carbachol is considered to be particularly useful in the treatment of hyperpiesia when not due to organic disease, and to be of considerable value in cases of intestinal atony. It is stated to be effective in relieving post-operative gas-distension and pain, and retention of urine due to atony of the bladder wall or even to reflex spasm of the bladder sphincter. Carbachol can also be used for lowering intra-ocular pressure and contracting the pupils in glaucoma.

Carbachol is issued as a "Tabloid" product of 0.002 gramme for oral administration; as a "Hypoloid" product of 0.25 milligramme in 1 c.c. for subcutaneous or intramuscular injection; as "Wellcome" (Ophthalmic) Solution of Carbachol, 0.75 per cent, with a convenient dropper; and as "Vaporole" (Nasal) Solution, of 0.05 per cent.

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A specimen of the Uropac booklet has been sent to us by Messrs. Pharmaceutical Specialities (May & Baker) Ltd., Dagenham, who, we understand, will be glad to forward a copy on request to any member of the medical profession.

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