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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Blood Replaced 3 Times; Young Mother Fights for Life

Transfusion to Aid Anemia Victim Believed
First of Kind Ever Performed on Adult

BOSTON, Sept. 10 (UPI)—Doctors maintained a constant vigil yesterday over an unconscious young Maine mother whose blood was drained and replaced three times in what was believed the first such transfusion ever performed on an adult in the United States.

Hospital attaches said Mrs. Jeannette Saperis, 24, of Old Orchard, Me., was breathing better and showed an improved pulse and blood pressure. She was "dying" before the three-hour transfusion Tuesday night, they said.

Dr. William Damashek, professor of clinical medicine at Tufts Medical School and hematologist at the New England Medical Center, said he performed the operation as a "desperate last-ditch measure" in the absence of facilities for a tested treatment.

He said Mrs. Saperis became ill a week after birth of her first child, Aug. 16, at Portland, Me. Her condition was diagnosed as severe anemia largely caused by an ailment that prevented her kidneys from purifying her blood.

Partial transfusion failed to aid her, since the new blood also became impure. When she developed convulsions Saturday, she was brought here and Dr. Damashek was consulted.

Doctors first hoped to use a "cannula" with an "artificial kidney," a device which is attached to a patient's blood system, bypassing the kidneys which thus are allowed to rest and recuperate.

Only two of the devices are in the United States, however. One was in New York. The other was in emergency use at another Boston hospital.

Dr. Damashek decided on the treatment when Mrs. Saperis became unconscious Tuesday. While blood supplied by the Red Cross and Boston hospitals was pumped into her right arm, her own blood was drawn from her left leg.

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