Various circumstances influence the action of medicines, on account of which they cannot always be prescribed in the same doses, even to the same individual; but besides this, the mode of preparation, age, sex, mode of life, climate, and peculiar idiosyncrasies, but especially age,—all modify the doses in which Medicines should be prescribed. The Table formed by Gaubius is of some use as a general guide for age.

GAUBIUS' TABLE,

Regulating the ordinary Proportion of Doses according to the Age of the Patient.

For an adult, suppose the dose to be					1 or 60	grains.	
Under 1 year will require					$\frac{1}{12}$	,, 5	,,
,, 2	,,	,,	,,		$\frac{1}{8}$	,, 8	,,
,, 3	,,	,,	,,		$\frac{1}{6}$	,, 10	,,
,, 4	,,	,,	,,		$\frac{1}{4}$	,, 15	,,
,, 7	,,	,,	,,		$\frac{1}{3}$	,, 20	,,
,, 14	,,	,,	,,		$\frac{1}{2}$	,, 30	,,
,, 20	,,	,,	,,		$\frac{2}{3}$	,, 40	,,
,, 21	,, to 60,	the full dose, or			1	,, 60	,,

Above this age, an inverse gradation must be observed.

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