

Account of a case in which the anus was wanting, successfully cured / by William Kennedy ; communicated to Dr Duncan senior.

Contributors

Kennedy, William.
Royal College of Surgeons of England

Publication/Creation

[Edinburgh] : [publisher not identified], 1801.

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/b8q4f6ph>

Provider

Royal College of Surgeons

License and attribution

This material has been provided by This material has been provided by The Royal College of Surgeons of England. The original may be consulted at The Royal College of Surgeons of England. where the originals may be consulted. This work has been identified as being free of known restrictions under copyright law, including all related and neighbouring rights and is being made available under the Creative Commons, Public Domain Mark.

You can copy, modify, distribute and perform the work, even for commercial purposes, without asking permission.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

XIII.

Account of a Case in which the Anus was wanting, successfully cured. By Dr William Kennedy, Physician, Inverness, and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. Communicated to Dr Duncan senior.

ON the 13th of March last, I was requested to visit a male child, at the house of the Reverend Mr Grant, one of our clergymen.

The child was four days old, and had been brought from the parish of Bolleskine, upwards of twenty miles distant.

It was supposed, that neither the urinary nor alvine passages were open.

On examining the urethra with a small bougie, I passed it with ease into the bladder; but, on looking for the anus, there was not the smallest appearance where it should have been.

It

It appeared to me necessary immediately to make an artificial opening, to give the infant a chance of living. Accordingly, an opening was made, (where the anus should have been), about half an inch deep, and more than an inch in length; but I could not find the end of the rectum. I continued the incision until I could turn the point of my finger within the pelvis. I then found the end of the gut, round, and pointed like a cone, quite tense.

An opening was made into it: a vast quantity of meconium, perfectly black, was discharged, which had a most putrid smell. The incision was kept open by means of sponge.

The child has ever since discharged the feces naturally, is nursed by the mother, and thriving well in every respect.