

# Letter from James Morton to John Chiene regarding spina bifida

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Presented by Mr George Chiene, July 1937

### **1        1883, February 12**

Letter from James Morton to Professor John Chiene describing the quantity and solution required when injecting for spina bifida and relating in what circumstances he believes fluid should be drawn off the tumor and at what stage this should be performed. Morton, the originator of this method of treating spina bifida, asks Chiene to supply him with results of cases on which he has operated, both for Morton's own interest and because a committee of the London Clinical Society is conducting an enquiry into the matter, and Chiene's results will be more disinterested and therefore more convincing than the originator's.

### **2        nd**

A note that Morton was lecturer on Materia Medica at Anderson's College Medical School, Glasgow, 1855-1888, and of articles on the treatment of spina bifida by iodoglycerine injection, appearing in the BMJ, the Lancet and the Medical Times and Gazette, 1872-1883.

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