

# [Cure for Cancer] Dr. William James Almon

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Ingredients

narrow leaved dock root

soft water

port wine

honey

dock root

linen

gauze

Places

Halifax

Nova Scotia

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Description

A recipe for treating cancerous ulcers with a dock root decoction applied to gauze and linen; treatment to be accompanied by a glass of port and honey, p. 156.

## Transcription

### CURE FOR CANCER

Take the narrow leaved dock root, boil it in soft water, wash the ulcer with the strong decoction, warm as it can be borne; fill the cavity with the liquor for two minutes, then scrape the hulk of the root, bruise it fine, put it on gauze and lay it over every part of the ulcer, dip a linen cloth in the decoction and put that over the gauze; repeat this three times in twenty-four hours, and at each time let the patient take a wine glass of the tea made of the root with one third of a glass of Port wine sweetened with honey.

Cure for Cancer recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/169>