is battery-operated, compact (9½"l, 4"w, 2"d), and light-weight (1.6 lbs). Easily stored on block carts, it can even be carried in a jacket pocket. (Comparable "portable" monitors are 10 times as heavy and three times as expensive!)

Our preference in a busy obstetrical anesthesia practice is to insert the epidural catheter early in labor. Epinephrine testing with ECG monitoring is done at this time. The ECG electrodes remain in place for subsequent test dosing, while the monitor can be used with sequential patients.

Quick transfer can be made when a distressed infant is delivered. ECG monitoring is greatly superior to cord palpation during oral suctioning–endotracheal suctioning for meconium aspiration and resuscitation efforts. Hands are, thus, freed for measures other than pulse monitoring. Thus, arrhythmia monitoring is provided, which can easily be moved with the newborn from the delivery suite to the newborn care unit.

Other uses for this versatile monitor have quickly emerged. We have utilized the Microcor electrocardioscope as a second monitor for simultaneously observing anterior and inferior wall myocardial ischemia (the low frequency response is 0.05 Hz). Built-in electronic calipers allow for comparison, using the freeze-frame and memory features, in quantifying ST-segment changes.

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Another Method to Secure Drapes on IV Poles

To the Editor:—It is common practice during surgery to separate the operative field from the anesthetic area with the help of a screen. In some cases, this partition is created with the help of the ether screen and, in others, the drapes are hooked to the IV poles with the help of towel clips.

We have found easy use of a disposable horseshoe-shaped clamp adaptor from the Pharmaseal® Central Venous Pressure Monitor Kit (Cat. No. 4338A) (fig. 1). This semicircular plastic part snugly fits onto the ¾ in diameter pole. We use this part to secure the drapes instead of towel clips. The drapes stay at the same place and do not fall down, as it happens sometimes with towel clips.

We think this piece of information may be useful to others in the field of anesthesiology.

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Fig. 1. Figure shows drapes clipped with clamp adaptor and the CVP monitor kit. Spare clamp adaptors are also seen clipped to the IV poles.