on initial diameter of capillary endothelium, (6) the dose given.”

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“Local anesthesia has a very limited value in urological surgery. . . . Pentothal sodium . . . is definitely a drug which has proved highly successful in many minor urological conditions and also in some major procedures. . . . Cyclopropane, also of the more modern anesthetics, must still be considered an ideal inhalation anesthetic agent. . . . Spinal anesthesia cannot be considered a modern anesthetic in the true sense of the word, but we must give it a modern place for it is still an anesthetic of choice in any genitourinary operation. . . . Preoperative sedation is important in spinal anesthesia. . . . One of the greatest modern additions to the armamentarium of the anesthesiologist is curare. This product is in no sense an anesthetic agent but a drug which in a supplemental capacity does help very materially in that necessary relaxation needed in upper abdominal urological surgery.”

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“The operation of thoraco-lumbar splanchnicectomy and sympathectomy provides several interesting problems in anaesthesia. 1. The patients suffer from essential hypertension . . . 2. For good exposure a long oblique incision is made from the lateral margin of the erector spinae to the lateral margin of the rectus abdominis. . . . For this approach the patient must be in the right or left lateral position with acute flexion to widen the ilio-