sensorium, producing safer, better and quicker anesthesia, with a saving in total amount of agents required. By this is meant ‘balanced anesthesia.’ . . .

"Modern anesthesia demands specially trained personnel. It has come of age as a new specialty—anesthesiology, and it permits the performance of many new and difficult procedures heretofore impossible because of high mortality." 42 references.

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"Basically, an endotracheal technic is one in which a tube is passed through the mouth (constituting an orotracheal intubation), through the nose (constituting a nasotracheal intubation) or through a tracheostomy opening (constituting a tracheostial intubation). Intubation may be performed under direct vision by the use of a laryngoscope or by the so-called ‘blind’ technic, the tube being maneuvered through the glottis by skillful manipulations. . . . Endotracheal anesthesia has much to offer the patient, the surgeon and the anesthesiologist. This technic diminishes many of the dangers of surgical procedures, facilitates the ease with which the surgeon may operate and renders more easily accomplishable the mission of the anesthesiologist, which is the guarding of the safety of the patient while at the same time aiding and facilitating the surgeon’s activity. This technic, good in the hands of the competent anesthesiologist, has hazards which increase tremendously in the hands of the incompetent.”

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"The use of procaine intravenously for the relief of pain and for surgical procedures as well as for childbirth has recently been reported. . . . It is essential that a sensitivity test be performed in all cases to exclude untoward reactions from extreme sensitivity to the drugs used. . . . Lundy claims that the systemic reaction is the only real contraindication. This occurs within ten minutes. Reactions to procaine, however, are rare. If the patient gives a history of previous procaine without ill-effects the skin test is unnecessary. . . . In obstetrical practice it is seldom necessary to proceed beyond the tranquil dream state which is reached, and often not even as far