GREETINGS!

It was great seeing so many of you in Miami last month. The meeting had a record registration. It was the best attended Florida Post-graduate Seminar in history: almost 800 doctors interested in Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology!! I've heard nothing but good reviews and to answer the many inquiries - yes, there will be a published proceedings. Currently, Frank Moya and I are working on the tapes and within a year, the book should appear.

The next big big meeting will be in Paris: "Obstetrical Anesthesia at the Tour d'Argent." The cast includes everyone from Apgar to Van de Wiele - to name a few: Bonica, Dawes, Caldeyro-Barcia, Kubli, Wolff, Fink, Mark, Moore, Finster, Cosmi, Panigel, Moya, Stembera, Tuchmann-da-Plessis, Nahas, Hyman, James, Adamson, Sureau, Papper, Foldes, Turnstall, Strauss, Barrier, Saling, Bromage, and many many more.


Other meetings of interest are:

February 25-26: Phoenix, Arizona - Newer Concepts in Delivery of Obstetrical and Perinatal Care. Contact: Dr. Donald J. Ziehm, Symposium Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Good Samaritan Hospital, P.O. Box 2989, Phoenix, Arizona 85036.


March 1-4: Miami Beach, Florida - Medical Malpractice/A Legal Course for Doctors. Sponsored by the University of Miami Law Center and the University of Miami School of Medicine. The Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.


March 15-17: Los Angeles, California - First Annual Congress of the California Association for Maternal and Child Health, Inc. Theme of the congress is "Delivery of Health Services - First Step in Reducing the Infant Mortality Rate." Contact: California Association for Maternal and Child Health, P.O. Box 965, Los Altos, California 94022.
March 20-31: Boston, Massachusetts - Course in Obstetrics and Gynecology including a clinical review of obstetric and gynecologic disorders and their medical and surgical management. Contact: Associate Dean, Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School, 25 Shattuck Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115.

May 8-12: University of Tennessee Anesthesiology Review, talk on Resuscitation of Newborn and Physiology and Pharmacology of Uterus by James D. Jones II.


Also, thank you all from Gene Nagel - your answers to the questionnaire on Cardiac Arrest in the Delivery Room made for an excellent presentation at the Post Seminar Convention in St. Thomas.

Finally, Alice Basford and Ed Crawford will be writing to you very soon regarding this year's S.O.A.P.'s meeting at the Writer's Manor Motel, 1370 South Colorado Blvd, Denver, March 24-26. As I understand it, there will be an invitation for papers on clinical or laboratory research in progress. You are all encouraged to submit abstracts. This is informal and should not preclude presenting this material when completed at the A.S.A. or A.M.A. meetings.

See you all in Denver!

Sincerely,
HELLO!

The 1972 S.O.A.P. meeting in Denver was an unqualified success. Alice Basford and Ed Crawford deserved all the compliments they received for their superb organization of both the scientific and social aspects. This is one meeting that is going to be very difficult to match. There were 17 scientific presentations of original research. Drs. Bowes, Barton and Abramson gave excellent reviews of Important Advances During the Past Year in Obstetrics, Anesthesiology and Pediatrics. During the business meeting, it was decided that future meetings will be extended by one day. Officially, a meeting will begin Thursday night and will end Sunday AM. Next year, the meeting will be held in Lexington, Kentucky. The host will be P.V. Dilts and the dates are March 31st and April 1st. The site of the 1974 S.O.A.P. meeting will be San Francisco. The current officers are: Alice Basford, President; P.V. Dilts, Secretary; Sol Shnider, Vice President; Brad Smith and Gertie Marx, Representatives of the A.S.A. as co-chairman of the Obstetric Anesthesia Committee; Frank Greiss, representative of the A.C.O.G. The two directors at large are David Abramson and Bob Hustead. Also, the editor of the newsletter will be a member of the council.

It was suggested that S.O.A.P. contain a registry for "unusual treatments." The first of these will contain data on blood patch epidurals. Because of the increasing use of blood patch epidurals for the treatment of severe post dural puncture headaches and the enthusiasm by many that use it, but because of the fear that untoward complications might occur, it was suggested that we collect as many cases as possible and periodically review the data. Gerard Ostheimer has suggested that possibly we might collect 500 cases in a relatively short time if we get cooperation from the S.O.A.P. members. I am enclosing a blood patch epidural data sheet which you may modify as you see fit. Please xerox this copy and as you collect cases every few months, forward the supply to me. We will report on the status of blood patch epidurals in Lexington, Kentucky. Please help!!!

I just learned with much pleasure, from J. Selwyn Crawford in Birmingham that for the past three years, there has existed in England, an organization very much like ours. It is called the Association of Obstetric Anesthetists and they meet twice a year. I will be receiving some of their agendas and will include them in future S.O.A.P. newsletters.

If you are in California in June 1972, there will be several scientific sessions that you might want to attend. June 8, 9, 10 and 11th at the Hotel Sahara Las Vegas, the Annual of the California Society of Anesthesiologists will include refresher courses by George Gregory on resuscitation of the newborn; by John McDonald on technique of epidural anesthesia in obstetrics; by George Lewis on pediatric anesthesia. The scientific sessions will also include papers on anesthetic management of emergency cesarean section by McDonald and controversies in obstetrical anesthesia by Shnider.
In San Francisco, June 18-22 at the 121st Annual Convention of the American Medical Association, there will be an interesting symposium on "Prescribing Drugs for Children and Pregnant Women," with papers on drug therapy of pregnant women; drug therapy of the neonate and drug therapy of women who may become pregnant. That is Wednesday, June 21, 9:00 AM.

Best regards to all!

Sol M. Shnider, MD
"Blood Patch"

Hospital ___________________________  Recorder ___________________________

Patient (initials) ___________________________  Hosp. Number ___________________________

Age ___________________________  Sex ___________________________  ASA Status ___________________________

Procedure ___________________________

Date ___________________________  Anesthetic ___________________________

Type and size of needle ___________________________

Interspace ___________________________  Position (of patient) ___________________________

Comments (include prep, degree of difficulty, attempts, etc.) ___________________________

Headache began ___________________________  (hour and date); (severity) ___________________________

Comments ___________________________

Blood Patch done (hour and date) ___________________________

Blood Patch explained - YES _______  NO _______

Hospital Permit signed - YES _______  NO _______

If YES, kindly enclose a copy.  If NO, What do you tell the patient? ___________________________

Describe technique of "Blood Patch" (include needle type, interspace, etc.) ___________________________

Successful - YES _______  NO _______  If NO, Why? ___________________________

Further Comments ___________________________

Follow-up ___________________________

Personal evaluation of method ___________________________