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Announcement

REAPPRAISAL SECTION

SURGERY announces the institution of a Reappraisal section.

Many authors who contribute to SURGERY and other surgical journals limit their publications to a small number of sound papers, widely spaced in time. Others describe concepts still in the process of development. In the belief that readers are at a loss to know the current stands of many authors and will welcome from them fresher statements relating to their present positions concerning the problems at hand, the Editors are adding a new section to SURGERY (see page 342 of this issue). This Reappraisal section should serve the special purpose of acquainting our readers with an author's current views upon a subject concerning which he has earlier expressed himself. Such reappraisals may pertain to techniques, physiologic implications, therapeutic approaches, or considerations of pathologic physiology.

The Editors of Reappraisal will select from the surgical literature papers or concepts which seem to come into this category of interest. Specific questions will be asked of selected authors. Initially, attention will be concentrated on papers that have appeared in surgical journals, largely American, within recent years. We will be pleased to include in Reappraisal contributions which seem appropriate for publication in this section.

It is believed that the opportunity to reorient readers concerning any changes in points of view will be welcomed by authors, especially since these reconsiderations can usually be documented very briefly. We hope that, in the near future, former authors who have found reason to revise previously published conclusions will contribute spontaneously their present concepts to the Reappraisal section. These contributions will be welcomed and will be published if the Editors judge them to hold pertinent meaning to surgeons.

It is our hope that contributions to this section will prove helpful in providing the profession throughout the broad field of surgery with an understanding of the present views of leaders in the various aspects of that field.

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