

What Is New in Anesthesiology?

The 25th Annual Stoneburner Lecture Series, held at the Medical College of Virginia, February 25-26, 1972, was devoted, for the first time since its inception in 1946, to Anesthesiology. Nineteen outstanding speakers from various parts of the country covered a wide range of pertinent subjects.

Anesthesiology is a relatively new medical specialty and is expanding rapidly. Guided by the dictum "primum non nocere," the modern anesthesiologist has to evaluate thoroughly any new anesthetics or techniques before accepting them as the best and the safest. The Stoneburner Lecturer, Dr. C. Ronald Stephen, Mallinckrodt Professor of Anesthesiology, gave an in-depth description of the 1972 trends in anesthesia and made predictions for the future.

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