

2. The importance of extensive and adequate topical anesthesia of pharynx, glottis and upper trachea is stressed and the method of accomplishing it is described.

3. A series of 80 cases not studied completely has been followed with regard to major complications.

4. The method has given satisfaction and will be continued.

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By Ralph T. Knight, M.D., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

"Continuous Drip Spinal Anesthesia."

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