

where it would have endangered the patient's life to prolong the operation even a few minutes. Owing to gradual improvements in the technique, we can do the operation of appendectomy in less than six minutes in such a safe way that it does not add even one per cent. of risk to the average abdominal section. When I have done this in addition to the dilatation and curetting, amputation of the cervix and anterior and posterior colporrhaphy, then removed the tubes and ovaries, explored the gall bladder and done ventrofixation, I feel that I have done thorough work and that I will be spared the mortification of having my patients going to another operator to have my work completed.

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