

infection of any of the surrounding tissues; and, secondly, thorough and efficient drainage. If these two principles are kept in mind the operator can sacrifice thoroughness in his work for the sake of the benefit of haste to his patient. Many of these patients do not withstand the shock of a prolonged operation and the length of time occupied is of great importance. In the pelvis we have been endeavoring to do away with drainage while in this region we provide the most thorough drainage. The conditions are different.