

want profound anesthesia, not especially to prevent pain, but to keep the patient quiet during our manipulation. The violent movements of semi-intoxication may cause serious injuries. You should therefore do one of two things :

1. Administer no anesthetic.

2. Get an assistant to completely anesthetize the patient.

Surgeons generally observe a good rule in making the administration of anesthetic the work of one man who shall assume full responsibility therewith. Obstetricians would do well to adopt the same rule, which is really the only safe one. Many practitioners allow the nurse to give the anesthetic. Although they direct the nurse and watch the patient as carefully as possible, such practice involves a certain amount of risk which occasionally may be considerable.