

## THE USE OF ANESTHETICS.

No house physician shall administer an **anesthetic** without the permission of an attending **obstetrician**.

In all serious operations, and in all operations on patients in a serious condition from disease or other cause, an official anesthetist shall administer the anesthetic.

The term "attending obstetrician" refers to the individual members of the visiting Burnside staff, and to all physicians who have charge of patients in the private wards.

All obstetricians in charge of private patients are requested to observe these rules.

Examine every male child on the seventh day after birth, to ascertain the condition of the prepuce. If found adherent, "strip" the glands, and secure, if possible, a prepuce freely movable. If this cannot be done after using the prepuce-forceps, and a probe or director, report to an attending obstetrician, who shall see that circumcision is done if required.

During labor and the puerperium, record, or let nurse record, as far as possible, the following: Length of first stage, length of second stage, length of time before expulsive pressure is used over the fundus of the uterus, length of time of such pressure, total length of third stage, time of washing of vulva, time of application of abdominal binder, time of putting patient in bed, time of first weighing baby, time of first washing baby.

In forceps delivery, record when forceps are applied, when head is extracted, when body is expelled or extracted.

In all other operative procedures record length of time of operation.

## REMARKS.

When Solon gave laws to the Athenians, he was asked, "Are these the best laws you can frame?" He answered, "No; but they are the best laws that the Athenians can keep."

We have endeavored to profit by Solon's wisdom, and have tried not to frame rules that are too elaborate. The tenure of office of our nurses and house physicians is very short, and the frequent changes make the training of the staff somewhat difficult. We find that a printed set of rules, which are to a large extent similar to those used in other maternities, especially in the United States, is very serviceable in many respects. We have made our rules simple, and we hope they will prove useful for our young graduates.

We have considered for several years that it is difficult or impossible to keep the Kelly pad perfectly sterile, and we use it only to a limited extent. We, therefore, remove the Kelly