

Now as to the lessons to be learned. First, is the need for repeated search for hernia in every case of persistent vomiting. My belief is that in this case there had been a reducible hernia existing for two years, as patient afterwards said she often had found a lump in the groin which would disappear. The first vomiting was probably not due to the hernia, rather the latter was forced down, subsequent to my examination, by the vomiting, and then became strangulated. Secondly, careful attention to details will secure asepsis even under the most adverse surroundings. The only pus in this case was round a stitch at lower part of wound and could have been obviated probably, had time permitted a more thorough scrubbing.