Editorial Comments

M. Hillel Feldman Celebrates
Golden Anniversary in Dental Practice

The only organization in anesthesia in dentistry which has a long history is the American Society for the Advancement of General Anesthesia in Dentistry. Now thirty years old, it still draws hundreds of faithful members to each of two meetings every year.

This society was originated by M. Hillel Feldman and it survives today primarily through his efforts. On March 23, the organization met at the Hotel Shelburne in New York City and honored Dr. Feldman for fifty years of devoted service to dentistry.

Dr. Feldman stood alone for many years in attempting to elevate the standards of general anesthesia in the dental office. Through the society and numerous contributions to the scientific literature, he preached the importance of “oxygen-rich anesthesia”. At a time when asphyxial technics were still commonly in use, he advocated that a patient under general anesthesia was entitled to as much oxygen as he breathed in normal air.

To those of us who accept this concept as axiomatic today, it should be recognized that it took many years before it was generally accepted. Anesthesia progress in dentistry did not begin until the profession realized that “oxygen-rich anesthesia” was a basic necessity. To M. Hillel Feldman goes the credit for leading in this pioneering drive.

As he reaches the milestone of his golden anniversary in the practice of dentistry, the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology takes off its hat in tribute to the “grand old man” of anesthesiology in dentistry, M. Hillel Feldman.

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Disposable Dental Syringes and Needles Now Available

It is very much against the policy of the Journal to give publicity to any one manufacturer of anesthetic products.

Nevertheless, on two different occasions the Journal commented editorially on the need for disposable needles for dental local anesthesia.

Cook-Waite Laboratories are to be congratulated for a first in this field. We are not "plugging" the product itself, but wish to express our pleasure that disposable needles have become available and express the hope that they will eventually displace the antiquated equipment now commonly in use.

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