

### AUTOCLAVING OF EPINEPHRINE

*To the Editor.*—Apropos "Autoclaving of Adrenalin," Current Comment and Case Reports, *ANESTHESIOLOGY* 17: 366 (March) 1956, I should like to confirm Captain Traina's observation that epinephrine ampoules, 1:1,000, may be autoclaved to the change in color of a sterilizer indicator without clinically affecting their prolongation of spinal analgesia.

After a preliminary clinical test in 1952 of one and two repeated autoclavings, all ampoules of epinephrine used for spinal analgesia at the 5005th USAF Hospital (Alaska) over an eighteen-month period were autoclaved once. Multiple autoclaving does, in my experience, impair the potency somewhat.

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