

Clinical Workshop

THE RECENT appearance of the Clinical Workshop as a new section of the Journal has simultaneously seen the discontinuation of the Current Comment section familiar to readers since 1941 (Vol. 2, No. 5). While the Clinical Workshop replaces Current Comment it does not imply only a change in name. The new section was initiated more appropriately to reflect the interests and needs of anesthesiologists within the framework of the Journal's overall mission. The scope of our specialty has been changing rapidly since 1941 and the original editorial makeup of Current Comment has simply been outgrown. As a result, in recent years, it evolved into a relatively amorphous editorial entity not best suited to fulfill its original purpose as a Journal section.

The Clinical Workshop section will have an expanded function in meeting editorial needs presently experienced by both readers and the Editorial Board. This section will consist of a grouping, into one portion of the Journal, of

brief reports mixed in content, but with readily apparent clinical implications. Although the usual review mechanisms and the same criteria for acceptance will apply to material submitted for publication as for other articles, contributions to Clinical Workshop can be structured less formally and prepared less completely than full manuscripts. Reports designed for more rapid publication, data of meritorious investigations of limited significance, case reports of particular instructional value, negative findings which merit recording, assessments of conventional and newer methods, techniques, instruments and appliances, descriptions of original techniques, procedures, and equipment will all be considered for inclusion in the new section which will also include correspondence from readers on its own contents. It is hoped that the Clinical Workshop will serve and sustain Journal reader interest in lively and profitable fashion.

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