

adjunct in the cardiovascular laboratory during cardiac catheterizations, and a means of monitoring patients in the operating room, recovery room, and intensive care unit.

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#### Surgery

**TRANSURETHRAL RESECTION** Three serious complications are avoidable and, at the present time, can be attributed to carelessness. Intravascular hemolysis can be prevented by use of an isotonic nonelectrolytic solution for irrigation. Hypervolemia and hyponatremia can be reduced by avoidance of overdistention of the bladder, use of arterial hypotension, and administration of mannitol. Intravesical explosion will not occur if all accumulated hydrogen and oxygen are released from the bladder frequently. (Creevy, C. D.: *Reactions Peculiar to Transurethral Resection of the Prostate, Surg. Clin. N. Amer.* 47: 1471 (Dec.) 1967.)