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In Reply—In our patients with masseter muscle spasm, the average dose of succinylcholine was 1.17 mg/kg, and no patient received more than 1.6 mg/kg. This is a conservative dose, consistent with a dose of 1–2 mg/kg in use in our department at the time. Unfortunately, we cannot report the interval between succinylcholine administration and onset of masseter spasm. Finally, jaw tightness was not consistently confirmed by a second anesthesiologist. The old records are unclear on this point which, of course, is a problem with retrospective chart review.

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Modified Anesthetic Screen for Pediatric Surgery

To the Editor—The conventional anesthetic screen divides the operating table into two areas; i.e., a clean working area for the surgeon and a working area for the anesthesiologist. The position of the screen is critical when we are working on small infants, especially during tho-

FIG. 1. Modified anesthetic screen positioned on the table.

FIG. 2. Draped screen.