Surgical Observations

Tumours,

Cases and Operations.

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was a principal in an incident that took place at the Massachusetts General Hospital on October 16, 1846. There he removed a vascular tumor from the left neck of a patient put to sleep with ether by William Thomas Green Morton. "Gentlemen, this is no humbug," exclaimed Warren, as he ushered anesthesia into history.

Warren's Observations are a collection of case reports, carefully presented in 607 pages with 16 color plates. This was before the histological era of tumors. As such, it includes entities that would not be considered under neoplastic diseases by presently accepted criteria. The book eschews theorization and is a good example of descriptive compilations of cases that issued from the post-Hunterian surgeons. It was reprinted in England by J. Churchill and translated into German by H. Bressler in 1839. It received good reviews and was well known to contemporary pre-Listerian surgeons. The work is now obsolete, except as a historical record.


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