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The Pentothal Tubing Bag of Frank L. Faust, M.D.



Measuring 13 × 4.5 in (33 × 11 cm), this cloth bag (*high*) sheltered rubber tubing dedicated to intravenous administration of sodium thiopental (branded as “Pentothal”) during the mid- to late-1940s by “F. L. Faust” (*low*), better known as Frank Leo Faust, M.D. (surgeon and anesthesiologist, New Orleans, Louisiana) (1916–2013). Perhaps a bag like this one held the “Pentothal tubing” used by Dr. Oral Crawford in the September 1949 *ANESTHESIOLOGY* article, “A Simplified Inexpensive Method for Holding Syringes of Pentothal Sodium for Continuous Injection.” Dr. Faust had trained initially in surgery under Dr. Rudolf Matas and alongside Drs. Michael DeBakey and Alton Ochsner. Following his 1944 “short course” in anesthesiology at the Lahey Clinic, Dr. Faust joined his lifelong colleague, Dr. John Adriani, in transforming the practice of anesthesiology in New Orleans. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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