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New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Wood:

In 1902, while teaching in the University of Illinois, I coined the word ANESTHESIOLOGY, and defined it as follows: the science that treats of the means and the methods of producing various degrees of insensibility to pain, with or without hypnosis.

An ANESTHETIST is a technician, and an ANESTHESIOLOGIST is the scientific authority on anesthesia and anesthetics.

I can not understand why you do not term yourselves the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS.

Sincerely yours,

M. J. Seifert, M. D.



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