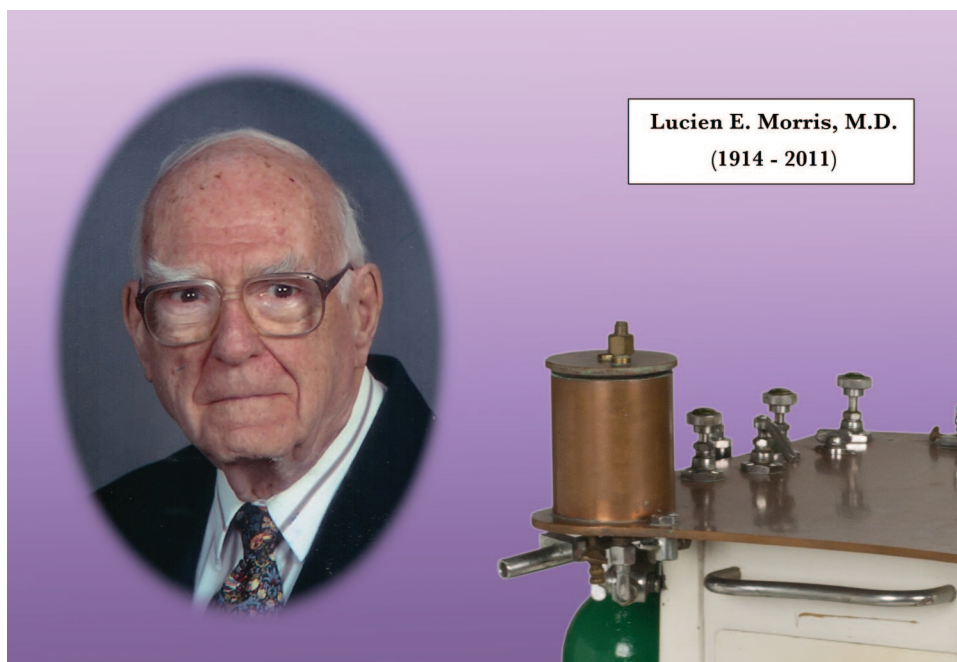


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Lucien Morris: “Put the Kettle On!”



After clinically pioneering his iconic “Copper Kettle” in Wisconsin in the spring of 1948 as one of Professor Ralph Waters’ residents, Dr. Lucien Morris (*left*, 1914–2011) would eventually report on “A New Vaporizer for Anesthetic Agents” in the November 1952 issue of *ANESTHESIOLOGY*. Dr. Morris would teach anesthesiology and the virtues of “the world’s first precision vaporizer” from academic professorships in Iowa City, Seattle, Toronto, and Toledo. A towering intellectual, he insisted that I call him Lucien but also that I understand that his prototype machine’s copper table top (*lower right*) was critical for proper “transfer of heat ... to the liquid to be vaporized.” When I proudly escorted the irascible professor past one of the copper vaporizing cylinders that I had removed (for display purposes) from one of his machines, Lucien wryly observed, “Why, George, you have amputated my Copper Kettle!” (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image also appears in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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