

Ben Eiseman, MD

- St. Louis, Missouri ... November 2, 1917
- Yale University ... BA / SCL - 1939
- Harvard Medical School ... MD / AOA – 1943
- Massachusetts General Hospital ... Intern – 1943-44
- US Navy Medical Corps →



Military Service

U.S. Navy Medical Corps (Amphibious Corps) 1943-46

- Five Invasions – including Normandy
- Two years – Europe, Mediterranean, Pacific

Active Duty

World War II

Korea

Vietnam

Gulf War



Rear Admiral (MC) USNR – retired 1974

- V-E Day May 8, 1945
- V-J Day August 14, 1944
- BE & M Day December 22, 1945



Academic Visionary

Surgical Residency, Barnes Hospital (Evarts Graham), 1946-50

ABS / ABTS

Chief of Surgery, Denver Veterans Administration Hospital , 1953-61

Founding Chairman of Surgery, University of Kentucky, 1961-67

Founding Chief of Surgery, Denver General Hospital, 1967-77

Chief of Surgery, Denver Rose Medical Center, 1977-88



1st 7 Appointees became Chairmen



Salvaging the Denver General

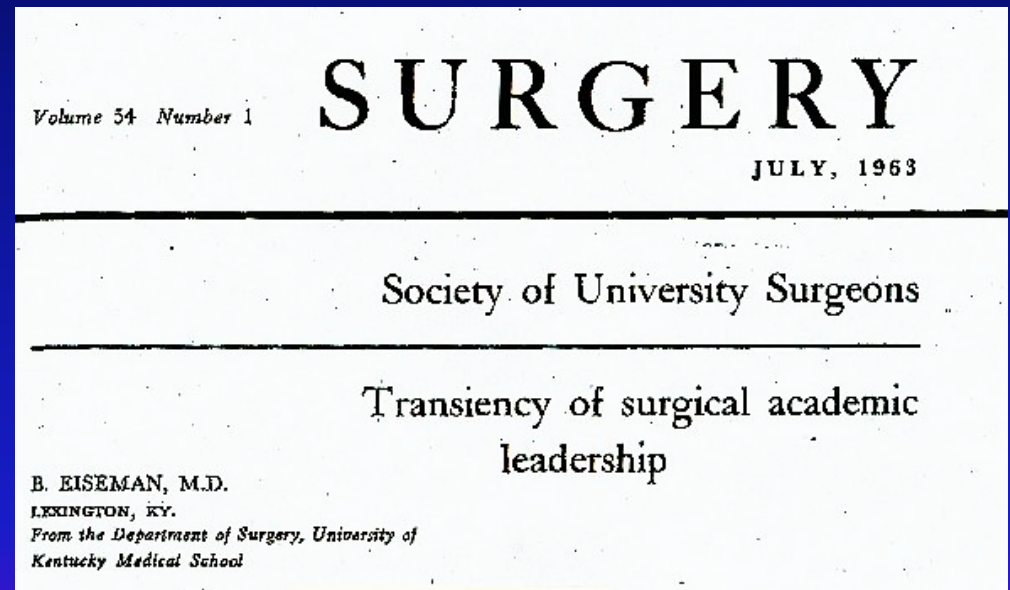
Distinguished Physician, Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Professor Emeritus, Surgery and Medicine, University of Colorado



Society of University Surgeons

- Executive Council 1955-57, 1959-61, 1963-65
- Captain ... SUS Slalom Team
- **President ... 1962**



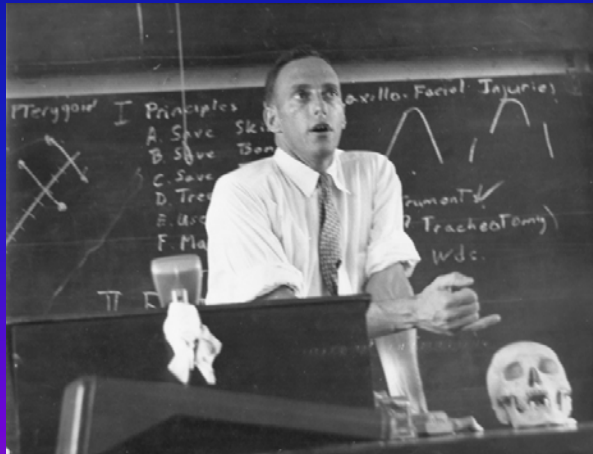
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Vice President **American Surgical Association** 1982-84

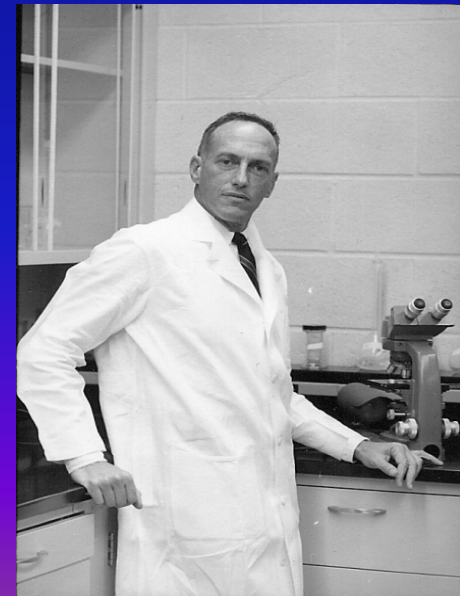
Vice President **American College of Surgeons** 1985-86

Scientific Ingenuity

- Postoperative talc powder granulomas Ann Surg 1947
- **Tuberculostatis chemotherapy** J Exp Med 1948
- Pedicle grafts for the upper esophagus J Thor Surg 1949
- **Intravenous coconut water** Arch Surg 1954
- Human adrenal cortical autografts Ann Surg 1955
- **Ammonia metabolism in hepatic coma** Am J Med 1956
- Islet cell adenoma and peptic ulceration Gastroenterology 1956
- **Hypothermia in pneumococcal peritonitis** J Clin Invest 1956



- **Extracorporeal Hepatic Support**
- **Gortex Graft**
- **Multiple Organ Failure**



Eiseman B ... The Classics

Surgical problems in the tropics

Hypothermia in general surgery

Cerebral ammonia metabolism

Aorta-iliac thrombosis

Cerebrovascular disease in psychosis

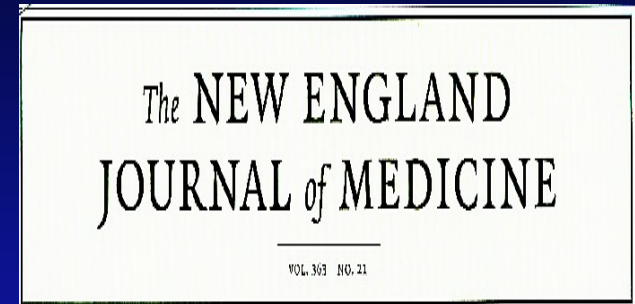
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Devocalizing Sea Lions

B. Eiseman, M.D.; R. Dilbone, D.V.M.; J. Slater, A.B.

THE HOARSE bark of a sea lion is a familiar nuisance to zoo keepers and to others who keep these exotic diving mammals. At first the bark is only an infrequent noise but becomes louder and more persistent as the male matures. In this report, a surgical technique for eliminating the sea lion's bark is described.

Operative Cases

A 1½-year-old male sea lion (*Pinnipedia Otaria jubata* or *Zalophus californianus*) weighing 200 lb. and a 2-year-old female weighing 160 lb. were anesthetized and operated on in an attempt to achieve devocalization. The sea lions, along with other diving mammals, were confined in a large salt water pool in Naples, Fla.

Catching an untrained sea lion in a large open pool is difficult and requires a heavy

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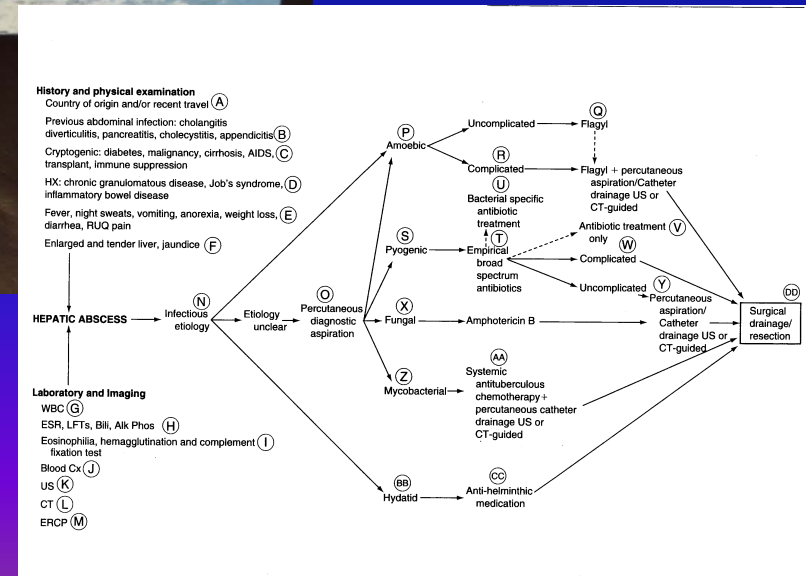
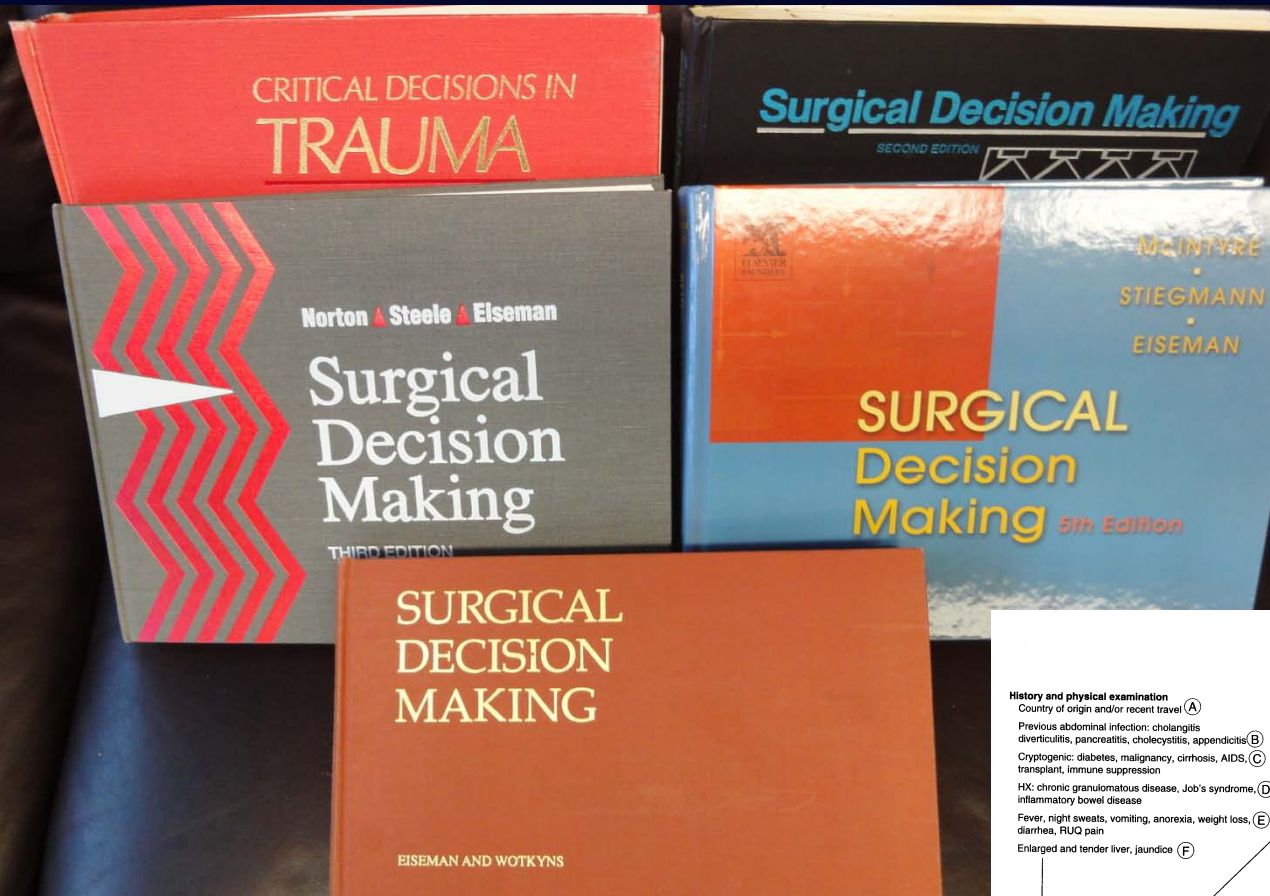
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Surgical Decision Making



Ambassador for American Surgery

Founding Chairman ... American College of Surgeons
Committee on International Relations 1961-67

Honorary Fellow

- **Royal College of Surgery (England) 1990**
- **Royal College of Surgeons, Thailand**
- **Colombian College of Surgeons**



Accomplished Mountaineer

Colorado 14,000 + feet

... climbed all 55

Himalayas and Tibetan Plateau
Medical Support Expeditions

East Face Everest 1983
Mustagh Ata 1985
K-2 1986



Chairman of the Board ... Colorado Outward Bound

Founder Tenth Mountain Division Association



The Ultimate Mentor



The Eiseman Family



Married: Mary Harding

Sons: John and Andrew

Daughters: Jane (Scribner) and (Lucy Achenbach)

Grandchildren: Mara, Carrie, Ben , Ted, and Dan



65th Anniversary

Current Academic Activities

- Offices { **Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center**
University Hospital
- **0600 – 1130** **Monday-Friday**
(100% Surgery Grand Rounds)
- **Weekends ... Ranch Sangre de Cristo Mountains**
(Seven miles from electricity)



Ben Eiseman MD :

Lifetime Achievements

- Military Service
- Academic Visionary
- Scientific Ingenuity
- Ambassador
- Academic Mentorship
- Mountaineering
- The Eiseman Family

