

PROFESSOR GOLIGHER

Not as a purely fistula operation, as a rule, except very occasionally to make sure there is good drainage. I think if you are seriously contemplating surgery in such a case, it will mean a rectal excision, and whether that is indicated or not would depend on the amount of trouble the patient is having. If you remove his rectum and he has a lot of fistulization around the anus, there is a good chance you will end up with a perianal wound that continues to discharge. You want to be very careful what you offer with a rectal excision to such patients.

MR. PARKS

Generally, I just drain the abscesses that form quite simply; however, when there is a very superficial fistula, I think you can lay it open; it takes months and months to heal, but it is sometimes worth it. Generally speaking, however, I adopt a very conservative approach indeed.

DR. GOLDBERG

Gentlemen, you see we have come a long way since John Arderne in the thirteenth century. Thank you for your attention. We'll see you in New Orleans next year.

Obituary

ROBERT A. SCARBOROUGH, M.D.

Dr. Robert A. Scarborough, a member of the Editorial Board of *Diseases of the Colon & Rectum*, died on May 8, 1976, in San Francisco, California, at the age of 74.

Dr. Scarborough was born in Bloomfield, Connecticut, on August 5, 1901. He received his M.D. degree from Yale University School of Medicine in 1926 and completed his internship at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York. He served with the U. S. Navy during World War II and attained the rank of Commander.

He joined the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons in 1935, was elected to Fellowship in 1939, and honored with Senior Fellowship in 1966. He served the Society as President in 1952-53 and again in 1963-64. Dr. Scarborough was a Diplomate of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and the American Board of Surgery. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Medical Association, California Medical Association, San Francisco County Medical Society, San Francisco Surgical Society, Pan Pacific Surgical Society, and past president of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association. He was a staff member of the Presbyterian Medical Center, San Francisco, and clinical professor of surgery at Stanford Medical School.