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1864-1943

American surgeon whose research into the causes and control of hemorrhage saved countless lives. Three developments were necessary for modern surgery to arise: control of pain (anesthesia), control of infection (antisepsis), and control of surgical shock due to loss of blood. Crile provided this third development in the 1890s. Among his books are *An Experimental Research into Surgical Shock* (1899), *Blood-Pressure in Surgery* (1903), and *Hemorrhage and Transfusion* (1909).