

HYPERESTHESIA

To the EDITOR:

In reply to the inquiry by M. D. I wish to state that during some years of experience I have never noticed the occurrence of hyperesthesia in previously anesthetic spots. To make sure that I have not missed the occurrence I have recently examined and made enquiries from some 300 patients under active treatment, with consistently negative results.

Of course, the foregoing remarks only refer to those cases where we deal with longstanding anesthesia, as it is well known that in cases of early involvement, i.e., in the stage of acute swelling of nerves, hyperesthesia may alternate with anesthesia and vice versa.

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—EDITOR.]