# 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



Salvaging the Denver General

1st 7 Appointees became Chairmen

## Distinguished Physician, Veterans Affairs Medical Center

**Professor Emeritus, Surgery and Medicine, University of Colorado** 

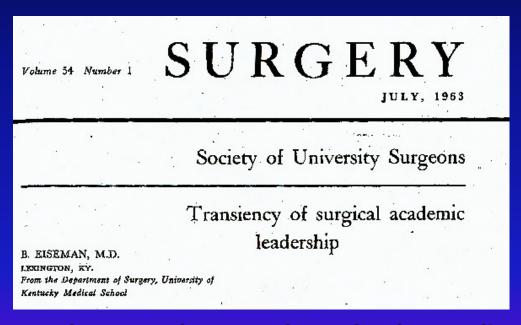


# **Society of University Surgeons**

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



**Vice President** 



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Vice President American Surgical Association 1982-84

**American College of Surgeons** 

1985-86

# **Scientific Ingenuity**

- Postoperative talc powder granulomas
- Tuberculostatis chemotherapy
- Pedicle grafts for the upper esophagus
- Intravenous coconut water
- Human adrenal cortical autografts
- Ammonia metabolism in hepatic coma
- Islet cell adenoma and peptic ulceration
- Hypothermia in pneumococcal peritonitis

Ann Surg 1947

**J Exp Med 1948** 

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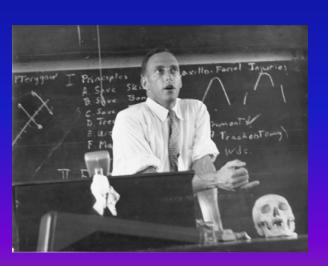
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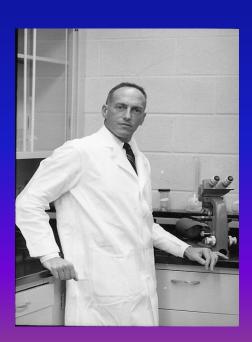
**Am J Med 1956** 

**Gastroenterology 1956** 

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** 

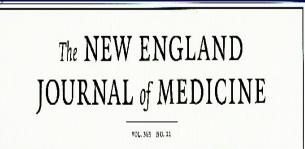
1953

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1965



#### **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 *Zalophua 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.

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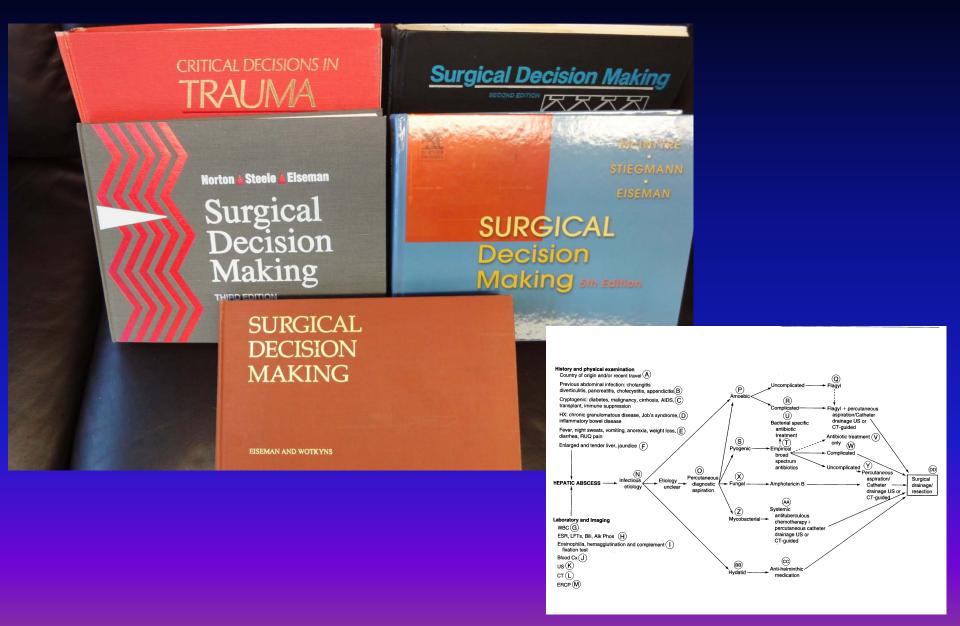
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# **Surgical Decision Making**



# **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

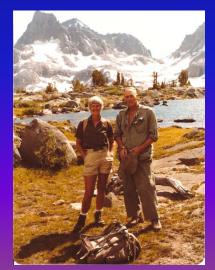
Medical Support Expeditions

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









