

Letter to the editors

Split-liver transplantations

To the Editors:

In reference to the work of Strong et al. (*Surgery* 1995;118:904-6) and others before them, it should be said for the record that split-liver transplantations date from at least 1969. In that year we performed two at New York Hospital, in both instances transplanting only the right liver lobe because of space limitations (after resecting the left lobe *ex vivo*). The first, a heterotopic transplantation, was performed in May 1969 in a 25-year-old woman with terminal liver failure. The second

was an orthotopic transplantation in August 1969 in a 20-month-old baby girl with intrahepatic biliary atresia. Brief reference to the first case can be found in *Surgery* (1977;77:600).

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CORRECTION

In the article "Reginald H. Fitz, Appendicitis, and the Osler Connection—A Discursive Review" (Golden RL. *Surgery* 1995;118:504-9) Reginald Fitz, Jr., should have been identified as Reginald Fitz throughout. R. H. Fitz III/Dr. Reginald H. Fitz III should have been identified as Dr. Reginald H. Fitz (son of Reginald Fitz and grandson of Reginald H. Fitz).