PAIN FREE
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Rene Favaloro pioneered the coronary bypass operation,
And, as a result, had an international reputation.
While I was in Buenos Aires, he had a patient whose Ductus Arteriosis wasn’t closed,
So to operate on her with the CO2 laser was consequently proposed.
This we did and, as could have been expected,
It didn’t really matter how the duct was transected,
But, from the thoracotomy, there was little pain indeed
And postoperative intensive care the patient didn’t need.
By this, Favaloro was very impressed
But I said that it was something that one could have guessed,
Because, if the perineal part is done with the laser in the operation known as Miles
The patient is sitting up the next day with his face all smiles.
And also, what happens to be a very good test,
If the laser is used for radical surgery for cancer of the breast,
The patient can move her arm freely after the operation
Because of the reduction of pain in that situation.
And after Hemorrhoidectomy that also applies
So this should not really be a surprise
And for thoracotomy the laser should be introduced,
If for no other reason than for pain to be reduced.

THE CO2 LASER AGAIN
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So, I felt that it is worthy of mention
In order to call it to attention.

PRURITUS
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When chronic pruritus has to be treated,
The CO2 laser has no match
And even if the treatment must be repeated,
The laser should be used from scratch.
(And, because I think it’s fun,
I don’t apologize for the pun.)
Pruritus Vulvae perchance,
Is an example par excellence,
And, for the treatment to be right,
The beam is scanned over the affected sight,
Defocused and at the power of five watts or less,
To be sure that the treatment is a success.
A topical anesthetic can usually be left out,
But can be applied, if in doubt.
Afterwards, washing is all that’s required,
But ointments can be applied if desired.
Now, this applies to Pruritus Ani too,
Since this, in my opinion, is the best thing to do.
The itching in Psoriasis can also be excessive
And when treated this way, the results are impressive.
And so, in conclusion, it is my intention,
To this application of the laser to draw attention.

CAVERNOUS HEMANGIOIMA
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ABSTRACT
The purpose of this paper is to try to make clear
How to treat cavernous hemangioma when and where it may appear.
The role of the CO2 laser in this connection will be shown,
Although its value as a surgical modality is well known.

CAVERNOUS HEMANGIOIMA IN THE NEWBORN
In these cases, to “masterful activity” one should adhere,
Until the child reaches its fifth or sixth year.
Because, there is a tendency for the lesion to regress,
Which gives eventual surgery a better chance for success.
The redundant part which is then excisable,
Should be excised with the laser as is advisable.
Since, not only because of the reduction of bleeding
But, an accurate assessment of the cosmetic result, one
is able to obtain. Although the practice of steroid injection is rather wide, My own view is that it is certainly not justified. Figures one to five should demonstrate What, above, I tried to indicate.

When the hemangioma interferes with function, Immediate surgery should be performed without compunction. Figures six and seven show a case Where feeding was hindered by the lesion’s place.

CAVERNOUS HEMANGIOMA IN THE ADULT
Here, wherever the hemangioma may have occurred, Its excision with the laser should be preferred And to figures eight and nine you may be referred.

CONCLUSION
In conclusion, I wish to stress That one can treat cavernous hemangioma with success, Without the application of x-rays As was done in olden days, Or the injection without fail Of boiling water or sclerosants, to no avail. And the parents must be persuaded perforce To allow the hemangioma to take its course. And not, because of their understandable alarm, Look for so called treatments that may do harm. The photographs below Are intended to show A demonstrative case Involving the face.

Here, a small part of the lesion was obstructing the vision, So, the part that caused the obstruction was subjected to excision. And, also, to persuade the parents, I managed to succeed That extreme patience for several years was a vital need. The skin was lax at the affected site, So a face lift was done to make it tight.