



History of British Intensive Care, C.1950-c.2000 (Paperback)

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University of London Queen Mary College, United Kingdom, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 188 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Intensive care developed in the UK as a medical specialty as the result of some extraordinary circumstances and the involvement of some extraordinary people. In 1952, the polio epidemic in Copenhagen demonstrated that tracheostomy with intermittent positive pressure ventilation saved lives. Those infected with tetanus (common in agricultural areas) soon benefited and the delivery of care built upon the development in war-time shock tents of triage, monitoring, transfusion and teamwork. At the same time a number of different specialists, including respiratory physiologists, anaesthetists and commercial manufacturers of respiratory equipment improved the possibilities of emergency treatment. These advances were rapidly extended to the care of post-operative patients, particularly with developments in cardiac surgery. At St Thomas Hospital, London, Ron Bradley devised a mobile trolley of diagnostic equipment that was moved around the hospital as a rapid response unit; dedicated units appeared in the early 1960s in Cambridge, London and Liverpool; and later specialist care units were created for prenatal, cardiac and dialysis patients, bolstered by specific Department of Health building guidelines. The importance of...

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