

## Discussion

*Chairman:* DR ROGER WILLIAMS

DR MARTINI (Marburg): In your experience Mr Dawson, does renal failure occur after other abdominal operations or infections not confined to the biliary tree, e.g. appendicitis?

MR J. L. DAWSON (London): We do not see renal failure after peritonitis. In fact it is not common after biliary tract surgery, except when the patient is jaundiced.

PROFESSOR H. E. DE WARDENER (London): What is the

composition of the solution Mr Dawson uses to hydrate his patients before surgery?

MR DAWSON: 1/5th normal saline with 4% dextrose.

PROFESSOR DE WARDENER: We do advanced surgery on patients with chronic renal failure with administration of normal saline the day before and throughout the operation. This prevents deterioration in renal function in these patients.