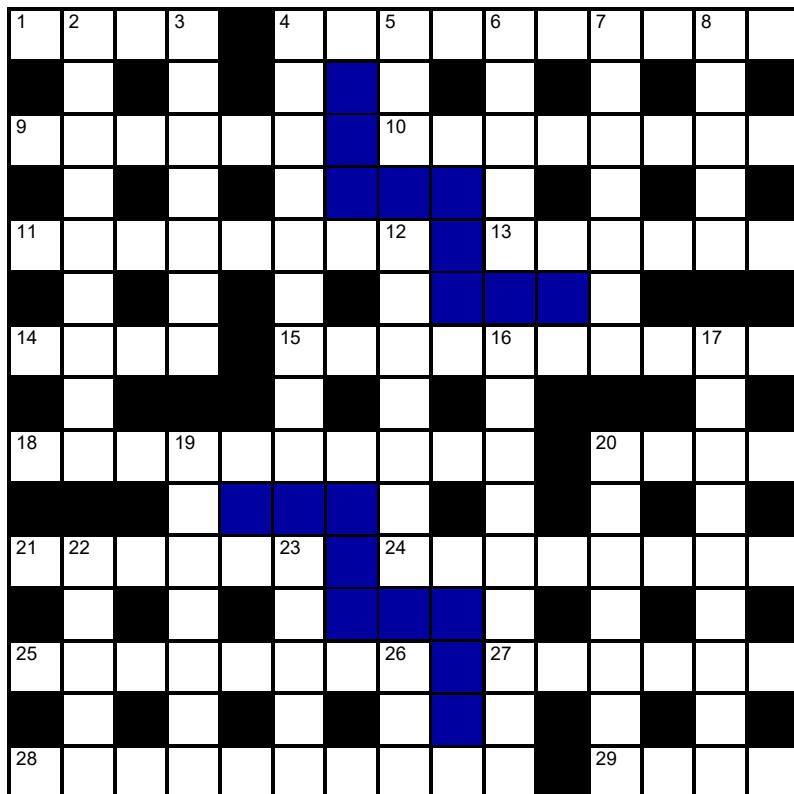


Surgeons?

Six across entries, clued without definition, could be thought of as eclectic members of a group of surgeons. A further six appear in the clues. The father of the surgeons must be highlighted in the final grid.



Across

- 1 Welsh Mr interrupts her hysterectomy (4)
- 4 Caught one who repairs pillboxes with coffin (10)
- 9 Keen shortening upper limb, bowel and earlobe to begin with (6)
- 10 To be sure catches doctor separating blockage (8)
- 11 Hormonal sign of growing up: males reach out (8)
- 13 Without doctors due, blood finally oozed out of the body (6)
- 14 Silly removing tip of crushed radius (primarily left) (4)
- 15 Messy GI reaction induced by surgeon? (10)
- 18 It measures over 1.435 metres from opening of back passage to first part of gut (area bulgier in places) (5-5)
- 20 Medicine man extracts heart – four times! (4)

- 21 Is operation connected with overdose – it may give the creepy-crawlies? (6)
- 24 Cheese found in Italy's army applied to lower limb - soldier skins toe (8)
- 25 At last, reconstruction without breaking nose (8)
- 27 Severe upset passes through any hole (6)
- 28 Monkey's bone is pointing the wrong way ... almost haemorrhaged (10)
- 29 Ventilates American first without limits (4)

Down

- 2 Perhaps Arab's shock from sore hands – dizzy and in need of air (9)
- 3 Almost complain medical lubricant is grating (7)
- 4 Holding new facial feature splitting canine part (9)
- 5 Relief uttered when start of surgery cancelled (3)

- 6 Labiate gland retaining only 66% energy (5)
- 7 Divert blood network around beaten body – dropping temperature! (7)
- 8 In short, US operating room's worried talk (5)
- 12 Confide in nurse in front of local hospital's governing body (7)
- 16 Far from skinny admirer is cycling prior to changing gear (9)
- 17 Designer of new technology shifts migraine swallowing drug (9)
- 19 Tradename is expunged from this postnatal repair according to a fixed rate, (7, two words)
- 20 Fury! Enormous amounts of bloody fluid originally lost (7)
- 22 Diaphragm's contracted by jolly strong wind (5)
- 23 Depresses doctor of surgery ringing hospital department (5)
- 26 Very black after ecchymoses initially recede (3)