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Use of Surgical Clip Is Defended by Inventor

MEMPHIS, Oct. 30 (AP)—Ninety-five per cent of the clips surgically implanted to trap blood clots are not followed by the bleeding and shock that has afflicted former President Richard M. Nixon, says the clip's inventor.

"Internal bleeding can happen in any operation, and anticoagulants can give rise to bleeding," said Dr. Robert M. Miles.

Dr. Miles invented the vena caval clip under a grant at the Baptist Memorial Hospital's surgical laboratory in 1962 after 2½ years of research and development.

Dr. Miles said a survey conducted in 1969 showed that placement of his vena caval clips had resulted in a 95 per cent success rate.

"There were minor flare-ups in slightly more than 4 per cent of the 120 cases surveyed," he said.