

rate ; (b) local pain and rigidity of the abdominal muscles ; (c) temperature elevation. If the pulse rate steadily declines and the other two symptoms become less marked, the inflammation is regressing, and operative attack can be deferred.

3. But if there is a distinct progression as indicated by an increasing rapidity of the pulse, and more marked local pain and rigidity, irrespective of temperature elevation, operation is urgently demanded.

4. Abscess cavities call for immediate careful evacuation.

5. General peritonitis demands immediate operative interference, except when the general condition of the patient forbids a formidable procedure. Such latter patients do better if treated expectantly, and often enough these desperate cases improve, and then their subsequent surgical treatment depends upon the local condition.

These general principles of action will be found to govern the vast majority of cases. But one must never forget that appendicitis does not always run a typical course, and in the atypical cases the internist and the surgeon both must rely on their past experiences to enable them to decide for or against operation.

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