

Clinical Reports.

SARCOMA OF ORBIT SECONDARY TO INTRA-OCULAR GROWTH.*

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Patient male, aged 61. Strong and robust in appearance. First consulted me over 6 months ago on account of rapidly failing sight. He was a gentleman of good family history, regular and temperate in his habits. Had received a blow on the head some 15 years previously, which he seemed inclined to blame for the trouble in his eye. Ophthalmoscopically nothing could be made out but a slight detachment of the retina in the anterior and upper part. It hung down like a curtain, plainly visible when the eye was turned upwards.

I gave an unfavorable prognosis as to the vision, but did not suspect anything worse. I asked the patient to write me of any change, and if any unexpected symptom arose to come and see me again.

The patient returned in about 6 months, presenting all the outward symptoms of acute glaucoma, although the eyeball was but very slightly, if at all, increased.

An examination revealed but too plainly the condition then existing and the eye was enucleated the next day.

As you will observe, the photos (which I pass round) give a very good representation of the growth.

About a month after removal of the eyeball, when the patient returned for his artificial eye, I snipped a small portion of tissue from the orbit and submitted it to microscopic examination.

Dr. G. G. Melvin, of this city, who kindly mounted the specimen for me, gave as his opinion, in which I was sorry to be obliged to concur that the field showed an abundance of round cells, strongly suspicious of sarcoma.

This unfortunate extra-ocular appearance of the growth made it necessary to perform a second operation. With the assistance of Dr. Murray MacLaren of this city, and Dr. Wade of St. Andrews, the contents of the orbit were removed as affording the only remaining chance

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