

Acute suppuration of the ethmoidal cells is not often met with. A few cases are reported, and the writer has recently seen two in which the diagnosis was established. The patients had severe headache, with a nasal discharge, first of a watery nature and then becoming purulent. Examination of the nose showed the mucus membrane red and swollen, with some pus on the middle turbinated body. Irrigation and making a free exit for the pus was followed by rapid relief and a disappearance of the discharge.

In the sphenoidal sinus acute suppuration has not often been recognized clinically, but several cases are described by Schaffer. The symptoms are those of an intense nasal and nasopharyngeal inflammation with intense pain in the occipital region and on the vertex of the skull. Vertigo was also a prominent symptom. An objective examination in the acute stage will probably show a red and swollen membrane in the posterior part of the nose and muco-purulent or purulent secretion may also be visible.

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