

The oldest patient was fifty-eight years of age. Seven patients seen during these years were over twenty years of age, two of the number being each forty and two over fifty years.

Permit me to summarize:

1. Hip disease is a local manifestation of a constitutional disease.

2. Early operative interference is seldom justifiable.

3. As soon as softening can be determined, the surgeon should operate and obey indications, observing all care not to injure needlessly the mechanical integrity of the joint, and knowing that he is but aiding nature by removing tissue which she has already cast off.

4. In the future management of the wound, the principles of asepticism and antisepticism must be carefully observed.

5. From the earliest moment, efficient protection for the joint should be secured and constantly maintained by a well-fitting mechanical appliance.

6. Constitutional treatment is indicated as in other tubercular affections. Great emphasis should be laid on obtaining the freest exposure to sunlight and fresh air.

7. After excision a perfect recovery is never effected, the mechanical integrity of the joint having been interfered with.

8. Following mechanical and constitutional treatment, perfect restoration of function is sometimes obtained.

9. Even when softening of tissue occurs, and necessitates incision, there is sometimes a perfect restoration, and frequently a highly useful return of joint function.

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