

CARCINOMA OF THE RIGHT FALLOPIAN TUBE
READILY PALPABLE THROUGH
THE ABDOMEN.

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Cancer forms a very small percentage of the pathological [20] conditions of the Fallopian tube. As pointed out by Hurdon,¹ carcinoma was noted only three times in the tube, as compared with some four hundred cases of cancer of the uterus that came under our observation in the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Among the more important American articles on this subject are those of LeCount² and Hurdon.³ In the Johns Hopkins Bulletin of 1905, Vol. XVI, p. 399, I reported a case of adenocarcinoma of the tube in which as a result of extensive involvement of the pelvic peritoneum and of the surrounding tissues I found it necessary to remove not only the entire uterus with the adnexa but also several inches of the sigmoid flexure and about one-third of the pelvic peritoneum.

Alban Doran,⁴ of London, has given a complete survey of the literature and collected in all sixty-two cases. A further admirable monograph on the same subject by the same author⁵ appeared a few months ago. In this the number of cases of carcinoma of the tube had been increased to one hundred.

¹ Elizabeth Hurdon, Kelly, H. A., and Noble, C. P. *Gynecology and Abdominal Surgery*, Phila., 1907-08, I, 175.

² LeCount. *Johns Hopkins Hosp. Bull.*, 1901, Vol. XII, p. 55.

³ Elizabeth Hurdon. *Johns Hopkins Hosp. Bull.*, 1901, Vol. XII, p. 315.

⁴ Alban Doran. *J. Obst. & Gynæc. Brit. Emp., Lond.*, 1904, VI, 285.

⁵ Alban Doran. *J. Obst. & Gynæc. Brit. Emp., Lond.*, 1910, XVII, 1.