

5. Vaginal myomectomy and hysterectomy should be performed by simple or V-shaped anterior median section of the uterus.

6. Large interstitial tumors are scooped out by the cutting-tube (tube tranchant) and extirpated by morcellation in "lozenges."

7. The ablation of large pedunculated fibromata by laparotomy presents its special indications. Abdominal myomectomy is only rarely indicated.

8. The operation of choice for multiple and large interstitial fibromata is total abdominal hysterectomy by subserous decortication of the inferior segment of the uterus, with closure of the pelvic peritoneum.

### Differential Diagnosis of Pelvic Peritonitis and Pelvic Cellulitis.

Ely Van de Warker, in the *American Gynecological and Obstetrical Journal* for March, 1899, gives the following differentiating points:

#### PELVIC PERITONITIS.

Following labor or abortion in a few days.  
Beginning in a rigor.  
Severe fever, face pinched, prostration.  
Pain acute, sharp.

Great tenderness of abdomen.  
Tumor generally behind pubis.  
Tumor, as a rule, not above pelvic brim.  
In early stage more evident in vaginal cul-de-sac.  
Suppuration rare.

Purulent pelvic peritonitis attended with symptoms of peritonitis.  
Purulent mass, intra-abdominal.  
Pus confined.  
Pus tends towards viscera, or encysted.

No retraction of thigh.  
When mass extends into the iliac fossa it is not well defined.

Tumor elastic or fluctuating.  
Always uterine displacement with peritoneal mass.

Never involves abdominal wall.  
Relapses from slight causes frequent.  
Sometimes an intestinal percussion note over mass.

Never extends to vaginal wall.

Often associated with specific infection of vagina.

Occurring without lesion of genitalia.  
Pain always intrapelvic.

Phlebitis not observed.

#### PELVIC CELLULITIS.

Eighteen to twenty days after.  
No rigor (Bernutz).  
Less fever, no facial or general reaction.  
Pain dull, throbbing-like, beginning abscess.

Lesser tenderness.  
Tumor usually in iliac fossa.  
Tumor at or above brim.  
In early stage less evident in cul-de-sac.

Suppuration very frequent in phlegmons (Bernutz).  
No symptoms of peritonitis.

Purulent mass in iliac fossa, subperitoneal.  
Pus often diffused and burrowing.  
Pus tends toward abdominal wall or deep iliac fossa.

Retraction of thigh.  
In cellulitis always well defined.

Tumor more solid.  
May be absent with very large pelvic mass.  
Often involves abdominal wall.  
Relapses rare.  
Dull on percussion.

Extension of cellulitis from broad ligament or iliac fossa into vaginal wall.  
Usually no specific infection.

Often following lesion.  
In addition, pain in anterior and inner side of thigh to leg and foot.  
Phlebitis an occasional complication.

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### Repair of Injuries of the Pelvic Floor.

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For some time most of the extensive pelvic-floor injuries in my service at the Long Island College Hospital have been repaired at intervals of one or two days to a week or more