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As regards the treatment, the pathologic condition indicates that practically only one line of treatment can be beneficial, and that is evacuation of the septic material, arrest of the hemorrhage, and free drainage by surgical methods. Even though the mortality following operation in the acute stage is very high, 36 out of 59 operative cases proving fatal, yet when one considers the fact that the disease almost invariably ends fatally when not treated surgically, an operation is strongly indicated.