

cases of disease showing pain as the sole symptom, pain is regarded as an important symptom, "when it exists without an assignable cause, continues without early evidence of disease, and its locality is not defined, when its removal is not affected by medical aid, when local examination does not add to its severity and when the general condition is not at first affected," probably pain conforming to all these conditions would be a more important symptom from a surgical point of view with the possibility of clinching the diagnosis by an exploratory laparotomy, but it is very doubtful whether any final-year man would care to have as his first patient, one who showed no other symptom than pain.