

TREATMENT

In times past, local applications were sometimes made; at a later date some of the tumors were aspirated, but the fluid tended to return. In cases similar to mine complete removal of the sac is the only satisfactory solution of the problem. Here it was necessary not only to get rid of the secreting surface, but also to remove the large free foreign bodies. Under no circumstances should irritants be injected into the sac as was formerly done. The surgeon cannot, as a rule, determine definitely before operation whether these bursæ communicate with the joint or not. The results from operative treatment should be most satisfactory.

Monroe's beautiful atlas containing a description of all the "Bursæ Mucosæ" of the human body, published in Edinburgh in 1788, should be read by every surgeon. It will undoubtedly stimulate increased study of this subject and materially help to clear up many imperfectly understood conditions originating in the bursæ in various parts of the body.

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