

Within the past year the hypophysis has been removed several times by the nasal route. In one of these there was present marked acromegaly. This case was not only relieved of the symptoms of the brain tumor, but greatly improved in so far as the acromegaly was concerned.

The interaction of the internal glands must be borne in mind. In some instances of enlargement of the hypophysis there may be no manifestation of the symptoms of acromegaly, because some of the other glands are more than usually active and control the symptoms that might have arisen. The hypophysis hypertrophies after castration. The injection of thyroid extract lessens the activity of the hypophysis. In myxœdema changes are found in the hypophysis.

Diabetes is now recognized as a disease that may be caused by serious derangement in the function of some of the internal glands. It has been noted on many occasions that there is an association of acromegaly with diabetes.

It is reasonable, therefore, to assume that those cases of tumor of the hypophysis not accompanied by acromegaly, may be explained by some controlling activity of one or more of the other secreting glands.

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### DOES IT PAY? NO!

It is with deep regret that the medical profession, as a whole, hears of any one of its members being convicted of the crime of causing an abortion. The question comes up at once, why does any doctor engage in this sort of practice?

Several answers may be given to this question. One is that an abortion is procured from sympathy for the unfortunate girl. This, we think, does not explain many cases; and would not justify the act. In the long run the medical man who does such an operation out of sympathy for any girl or family is pretty sure to lose their confidence before long. No lasting friendship can be built on a foundation of wrong.

In those cases where a doctor performs an illegal operation for the sake of the fee, the criminality of the act seems to be greater, though in the eyes of the law, both may be regarded as the same. It is to such doctors that our answer is particularly directed that it does not pay.

In the first place, it brings no pleasure, happiness, nor peace of mind. One of the grandest aims of the doctor should be to raise the social and moral status of his patients, as well as improving their physical condition. Every time that a medical practitioner does an improper act for a fee, he has gone a long way towards lowering himself in his own estimation; and this is the most dreadful misfortune that can befall any practitioner.