

A CASE OF PRIMARY SARCOMA OF THE PLEURA.

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J. M., aged sixty-seven, male, was admitted to the Montreal General Hospital on the 1st of May, 1897, complaining of pain in the left side of the chest, restlessness, and shortness of breath.

His previous health had always been good and his habits temperate.

The family history was one of longevity. The father died of cancer of the jaw, aged seventy-eight.

For three or four weeks before admission the patient began to suffer slightly from pain in the side, which was never severe; he became weak, felt unsteady in walking, suffered from severe cough without expectoration, and within the past two or three days noticed his breathing to be very short on slight exertion.

On examination he was a well-nourished elderly man, the muscles were rather flabby, the subcutaneous fat was well marked, and Heberden's nodules were present on the terminal finger joints.

The respirations were twenty-eight and slightly laboured; there was restlessness and inability to sleep.

The left side of the thorax was a little full, and expansion