

The pancreas is examined after removal of the intestines, though except in such cases' as cancer involving its substance or spreading from the stomach, or in abdominal aortic aneurism, this organ is not often taken out and is of little value as a rule in medico-legal inquiries.

In the case of a male, after the opening of the ureters, the bladder and prostate, with the lower end of the rectum, can then be removed and examined.

If the case should be one involving the female generative system, or there be any suspicion of unlawful interference with any of the pelvic organs, very great care is to be observed.

First, take the case of a supposed rape in a female child or adult, or of the procuration of criminal abortion on a woman. The external organs must be very gently handled by the fingers and no instrument introduced. After inspecting and examining the vulva, the labia are to be separated and the orifice of the vagina with the clitoris noticed. The organs may then be removed from the body. To affect this, continue the central body incision through the Mons Veneris to the vulva ; then cut the attachment of the recti and internal oblique muscles, etc., to the crest of the pubes, and saw through the rami of the pubes on either side from above inwards and downwards, and remove the bodies of the pubes by dissecting it from the anterior ligaments of the bladder and the levatores ani muscles.

The bladder, vagina, uterus and ovaries, with the broad ligaments and appendages, can be now taken out with the lower part of the rectum. The bladder is first opened and then the vagina along its anterior wall. After inspecting the uterus, this organ can be cut into either from without along the anterior median line, or from within by a bistoury or scissors. It is better to run the blade of the bistoury or scissors along a director, so as to avoid any unnecessary damage to the internal walls. The ovaries must then be examined with the Fallopian tube and broad ligaments. The presence of the corpus lutea of pregnancy and menstruation should be carefully noted.