

normal menstrual flow at or about the menopause. This may be a small loss of blood at other than the regular period, or appearing at variable times after the menopause. It is at first excited by some physical exertion such as, straining at stool, lifting some weight, or it may come on after sexual intercourse.

Leucorrhoea is almost always present, at first watery and odorless, then becoming thicker and yellowish, and finally of a dirty bloody reddish nature, with a peculiar, characteristic, as well as a disgusting odor.

Pain may not be present. Frequently cases occur where the disease is very far advanced before any pain is experienced. If the pelvic connective tissue is involved there may be referred pain in the groin, thighs, etc. In such cases there may be also oedema of the legs from venous or lymphatic involvement. Cachexia only occurs late in the disease.

On examination, if the cervix is the part involved, the examining finger may detect a hard, irregular nodular surface, which when gouged by the finger nail, or caught with a tenaculum, is found to be quite friable, and to bleed very readily. If this mass has begun to ulcerate there is little doubt as to the diagnosis of infiltrating, or nodular cancer. If any doubt exists a small scraping should be submitted to microscopic examination.

The cauliflower cancer is much more readily recognized, although it may be mistaken for papillary erosion. On examination of a well marked case the examining finger encounters an irregular friable mass, feeling not unlike soft boiled cauliflower. If any doubt exists a small piece of the suspected growth should be submitted to microscopic examination.

The early diagnosis of cancer of the cavity of the cervix is not so easy on account of its non-accessibility to the sense of touch or sight. The growth may go on to quite an advanced stage before trouble is even suspected. If there has been much destruction of tissue the speculum may reveal the nature of the trouble. Early in the disease, however, nothing may be noticed until the cervical canal has been explored. On dilating the cervix bleeding is profuse and the part is seen to have that characteristic friability peculiar to cancer.