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THE EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA. The poor results derived from the treatment of tabes is often due to the fact that an early diagnosis has not been made or that patients do not apply for treatment in the early stages of the disease. Erb (Med. Workenschr.) details a series of cases which had all been preceded by symptoms of secondary syphilis, some as far back as twenty-four years. In one group of cases the tendon reflexes were normal even after four to seven years' duration of slight lancinating pain, bladder insufficiency, sensory disturbances, easy fatugue, slight pupillary sign and "Rhomberg's Symptom." A second group presented no subjective symptoms whatever, and but very few and almost unnoticeable objective symptoms. Still another group was attended by marked gastro-intestinal disturbances, not typical of tabes, and with bilateral paresis of the sixth nerve and pupil sign. The author insists on the necessity of always investigating the knee-jerk and pupil reflex in suspected cases." Tabetic symptoms with an antecedent syphilis are always serious. Absence of a syphilitic symptoms does not establish the existence of tabes, even though some symptoms may exist. For the pains in tabes dorsalis, Antikamnia & Salol Tablets have been found most excellent when given in doses of two tablets every two or three hours. The Antikamnia acts particularly on the spinal cord and its sensory tracts, and consequently takes the place of opium and its alkaloids so often used to relieve patients subject to these attacks. The favorable effect of Salol in this and similar condition is well known.

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