

growth, the first encapsuled portion being distinctly fibrous in character, and perhaps best designated as a melanotic fibro-sarcoma, whilst the softer, deep-seated growth was evidently a round-celled sarcoma. In both, we are confronted with a wide deviation from the well-known propensities of these growths.

Assuming, as I think we may, that the primary lesion was a pigmented choroidal sarcoma, the date of its recurrence in the orbit after removal of the eye may fairly be placed at the period when the persistent orbital and neuralgic pains returned—that is, within a year or two after the eye was removed—inasmuch as the patient was entirely free from them for a year or two after the first operation, but since they returned, has never enjoyed more than a few days relief at any time.

So long as the growth had not extended beyond the limits of the encapsuled portion, its presence would certainly not have been revealed to the patient or to an unskilled observer, since it had not attained a sufficiently large size to encroach visibly upon the surrounding parts and alter their appearance; and in view of its fibrous character, it may very well have been growing slowly for years. The tendency to slow, or comparatively slow, growth in the more fibrous melanotic tumors is, I believe, generally admitted, but I have not been able to find any case on record *that so strongly emphasizes the principle or law as this one does*. Then, again, the round-celled, deep-seated growth can hardly have originated later than four years ago, when the orbit was found to have been nearly filled up.

The sudden enlargement and inflammatory attack of two years ago may have been due to a hemorrhage into its substance, and the obvious tendency to extravasation discovered by the microscope renders this assumption highly probable; nevertheless, the inflammatory attack might reasonably have been expected to excite or increase the tendency to rapid growth, which round-celled sarcomata are well-known to possess. This, however, clearly did not occur, and in spite of the apparently favorable conditions for rapid development, the case preserved its original torpid character to the end, and it is to be hoped the anticipated recurrence will follow in the same line.