

In a review of the literature on the subject I find most authorities agree that the affection is excessively fatal in infants; that they generally succumb to exhaustion from the persistence of the inflammation. Its tendency to wander over the general surface, with the development of a peculiar induration of the cutaneous and subcutaneous tissues. Trousseau confessed that he had never seen an infant less than a month old recover, and quoted Dubois, Moreau, Moynier and others to similar effect. Of six cases less than six weeks old recorded by J. Lewis Smith, all died. Exceptional recoveries have been recorded, but they only serve to accentuate the high rate of mortality of the disease in tender infancy.

HEMOPHILIA—SYNONYMS, HEMORRHAGIC DIATHESIS
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HEMORRHAGE—GER. BLUTERKRAUKHEIT
OR BLUTUNGSSUCHT.

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Definition.—An hereditary and congenital disease characterized by a tendency to frequent obstinate and prolonged hemorrhages and frequently uncontrollable.

Etiology.—Most frequently met in males, the proportion being about 10 to 1. Hereditary disposition is so essential that its absence in a supposed case is said by some authorities to negative the diagnosis.

Symptoms.—Frequent obstinate and prolonged hemorrhages, spontaneous or traumatic, and affection of the joints.

Site of Hemorrhages, as quoted by Legg and by Osler.—Spontaneous hemorrhages, from the nose, 169 times; the mouth, 43; stomach, 15; bowels, 36; urethra, 16; lungs, 17; cerebral hemorrhage, 2; swollen place on scalp, 4; tongue, 4; finger tips, 4; ear, 5; eyelids, 2; tear papilla, 3; female generative organs, 10; ulcer of skin, 2; navel, 2. Fatal hemorrhages have occurred from the following wounds: Blow on head, 11 times; slight scratches on skin or abrasion of dermis; laceration of frenum of the lip; slight cut in a duel wound; bite of tongue (7 cases); fall on mouth; blow on nose; blow of a stone on finger; cut in paring nails; fall on head, with meningeal hemorrhage (2 cases, brothers), and rupture of hymen on night of wedding.