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Ovariectomy in a child of twelve years.

DR. T. BARLOW read notes of this case, which had been under the care of himself and Mr. Howard Marsh at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond-street. The enlargement was on the right side of the child's abdomen, and consisted on the extreme right of a hard mass, internal to which, and attached to it, was a tight cyst. The whole tumour was slightly movable and painless, and had been eighteen months growing. The child had scarcely any symptoms; she suffered only from a little constipation. Her temperature was normal. Chloroform having been given, a hypodermic syringe was introduced into the cyst two inches below the umbilicus, and one drachm of clear straw-coloured fluid was withdrawn. Next day the temperature had risen to 94.4° . Four days subsequently the tumour was considerably collapsed, the abdominal surface was flattened, and the hard part of the tumour was now quite definite. It evidently contained some material as hard as bone. The cyst had become quite soft and flabby, and gave no evidence of fluid. After about six days the cyst refilled. Fifteen days subsequently it was completely aspirated, and six pints of fluid were removed. The cyst, however, again filled. Ovariectomy was then performed by Mr. Marsh. There were no adhesions between the tumour and its surrounding parts. When it had been thoroughly exposed by the incision into the abdomen, it was tapped, and eighty ounces of light brownish-green fluid were drawn off. The remaining solid portion of tumour was still too large to be drawn through the opening, which was three inches long; it was consequently extended nearly to the pubes. The thick and fleshy pedicle was clamped by Mr. Spencer Wells's method and divided. Bleeding points in the omentum were secured by catgut; and the wound was closed with sutures. No subsequent bad symptom occurred. Pain in the abdomen was treated with morphia suppositories. After the eighth day several sutures were removed; the bowels acted spontaneously on the twelfth