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# EXAMPLES 0F MYELOID TUMOR: 

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BY R. P. HOWARD, M D., Prof. Clinical Medicine, McGill College, etc. (Read before the Medical Students' Society of MrGGill College.)

Gentlemen,-The great progress which has been made in the pathology of morlid growths, within the past few years, and which has resulted mainly from two causes, the employment of the microscope in the examination of morbid structures and the great attention which has been paid to clinical investigation, has tended to alter materially our modes of regarding and classifying tumors. Formerly, and not very long ago, all tumors were either malignant or benign; and an individual specimen was placed in either class, according to its nakel-eye characters, and the result of its removal. If it recurred either at the original site or rer stely from it, it was called malignant, even though composed appatently of fibrous tissue or cartilage. When the microscope began to be employed in the examination of structure, and it was discovered that those growths endowed with the greatest proclivity to recur and implicate parts far removed from the primary seat of diseasc, generally contained an abundance of cells with large nuclei, it was inferred that certain cells of specific character were the infallible test of malignancy, and iumors were pronounced malignant or benign, accordiug as they exhibited or not, the alleged suecific cells under the microscope.

More exterded and accurate investigation, however, is now leading pathologists to abandon the idea that there is one structural elementa cell-always capable of recognition by the practised eye-which is alone endowed with the fatal gift of malignancy, and to admit that growths composed of other elements, as uuclei, fibres, cartilage cells, and cells quite unlikt ihe so-called "cancer-cells," may have most, if not all, the attributes of malignancy-such as rapid and enormous growth, tendency to frequent recurrence both locally and remotely, aptnejs to ulecrate and protrude, exhaustion of the vital powers, etc. Nay, even, that well marked encephaloid tumors may exhibit no cells; but merely nuclei possessed of no special claracters. They are now recognising that the term maligmant is purely relative,-lhat there are degrees of malignancy,-that some growths are highly so, others slightly so, and that between these there are all grades of malignancy. Thus there are growths which only occasionally and exceptionally recur after removal; others which habitually and repeatedly recur, though only or chiefly at the original site;
others again which recur both loeally and remotely ; and yat others which not only recur locally and remotely, but infiltrate and absorb into their own mass the tissues in which they occur and the adjoining textures too, whether hard or soft.

Our knowledge is not yet sufficiently aceurate and comprehensive to enable us to fix the relative degrees of malignaney possessed by the several varictics of tumors; but, if we should attempt to draw up a table of morbid growths, classified and arranged on that principle, perhaps, the following would approach the truth in its general outlinc, though, of course, it would not be aecurate in all its details:-

| Scale of tumors according to their degrees of malignancy. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Malignant | (Encephaloid) |
|  | Colloid |
|  | Scirrhous Cancer. |
|  | Osteoid |
|  | Epithelial |
| Semi-malignant (they recur locally and remotely)..... | [ Cartilaginous. |
|  | Myeloid. |
|  | Malignant-fibrous. |
|  | Recurring-fibroid. |
|  | (Fibro-plastic. |
| Locally malignant (they recur locally) | (Fibro-nucleated. ${ }^{\text {a }}$, |
|  | Proliferous cysts containing vascular growths. |
|  | Glandula: tumors. |
| Innocent...................... | ( Fibro-cellular. |
|  | Fibrous. |
|  | Proliferous cysts containing cysts. |
|  | Barren cysts. |
|  | Osseous. |
|  | Fatty. |

You will pereeive that I retain the fibro-plastic as a distinct form. I do so, because, it is not quite certain whather the tumors included under that designation by Lebert, can all be assigned either to the myeloid, recurring-tioroid, fibro-cellular, or fibrous class. To refer now to this table: the growths which occupy its extreme ends certainly differ very widely from each other, so that we lave no hesitatic in calling a fatty tumor innocent, and an encephaloid maliguant; still, the several groups pass insensibly iuto each other, and tumors laving identity of structure, may be found occupying places both in the benign class and the locally malignant, or in the semi-malignant and the malignant.
The transition of the semi-malignant into the malignant is well illustrated by the cartilaginous tumor, which occasionally not only grows with great rapidity to an enormous size, but recurs when removed, and appears both in the lymphatics and in remote organs, as the lungs, Epithelioma, on the other hand, placed amongst the malignant, has little tendency to propagate itself, unless to contiguous parts; it occasionally does not recur when removed, and but rarely invades remote parts.
The fibro-plastic tumors placed at the lower end of the semi-malignant group, are plainly intermediate between that group and the locally malignant; for although they now and then recur after removal, it is generally only at the original site, and but seldom in remote parts.

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Respecting the fibro mucleated, enough is not yet known to justify their being placed elsewhere than in the locally malignant group; but, it is extremely probable, that, like the last two in the semi-malignant group, they will be found now and then to invade parts remote from that in which they first appear, and thus further corroborate the view I am now advocating.

Lastly, on this topic, while fibrous, osseous tumors and proliferous cysts, are generally quite benign or innocent, sometimes they exlibit some of the characters of malignancy, and thus come to occupy places in two distinct groups of the scale.

It inust then be admitted, that, tumors like all natural objects, do not admit of a classification inherently and absolutely correct; for the members of each group, by very imperceptible transitions, blend with the groups placed next in the scale, whether above or below them, and the chief utility of classifying them, is the practical convenience, resulting from collecting the individual varieties into groups, possessing several characters in common.

I have made these few remarks on tumors, by way of preparing you for some of the peculiarities of an interesting variety of morbid growth, which has only of late years been recognized, and described as a distinct variety.

Early in December last, my friend, Dr. Butler, of Waterloo, requested me to examine with him a patient of his, the particulars of whose case he thus describes:-
"L. H. K., farmer, aged 42 years, of sound constitution and temperate habits, consulted me for disease of the right knee, in the early part of last May. He informed me that in March, 1857, fourteen months previously, he had received a slight blow from a sleigh-tongue, upon the external aspect of the knee, a little above the condyle. A slight puffiness at the spot was the only immediate result, and it was not untila few weeks had elapsed that he began to experience slight pain at the injured part, which, however, was not severe enough to prevent his pursuing lis usual avocations through the spring and summer. In early autumin, he found it difficult to walk upon an uneven surface without an increase of pain and some lameness. On several occasions, an incautious step or accidental blow on the limb, very much augmented the pain and lameness for a few days; but this augmentation would subside and leave him in his former condition. During the fall, and part of the winter, an irregular practitioner exhausted his resources in vain attempts to cure the disease. In February, 1858, Mr. K. once more injured his knee, by slipping, and since then has been unable to leave his room or bear the weight of his body upon the member.

I found the joint considerably swollen; fluctuation perceptible, particularly above, on each side of the patella; entire absence of pain on moving the joint in every dircction it was capable of, or on furcible pressure of the articular surfaces against each otiner; no tenderness except over a small spot on the external condyle of the femur; he suffered a pain which he describes as of a 'burning or scalding character encircling the upper part of the knee-joint.' 'The pain was not intlu. enced by the weather, and was most severe during the day. The treat.
ment employed consisted of local counter-irritants, blisters, tincture of iodine, an issue; merenry, and iodide of potassium, in alterative doses for sume time. The joint was put up in the manner recommended by Scott; and again, immobility was secured by the double-inelined plane. At first, the pain was relieved completely by the issue, and, although it returned in the head of the femur in October last, and was accompanied by gradual inerease of the swelling, it did not regain its previous degree. All means laving failed to arrest the discase, I now made an exploratory puneture of the joint with a fine trocar, and obtained chielly a sangnineous-looking followed by a thin etraw-coloured fluid, a portion of which was forwarded by letter to yourself, for mieroseopic examination; bat you have informed me you never received it."

At the consultation, we found Mr. K. in very good health for a person confined so long to the house ( 10 months) ; thin, but not much emaciated; slightly anxious-looking, but hopeful; pulse rather frepuent, small and quick ; digestive functions well performed, and appetite fair; no cough, and nothing abnormal discoverod on $\boldsymbol{p}^{\prime}$ ysical examination of chest.
Since October last, he has suffered rather severe pain in the head of the femur or aeross the upper part of the knee, especially in the afternoons ; but it has been easily alleviated by a small dose of morphia, and has never been of an intolcrable or very severe charater.
The right knee presents a smooth :miform enlargement, extending from the head of the tibia upwards, sav four inches on the femur. It has very much the contour seen in thickening of the synovial membrane of this joint. The integument of the part is of the same colour as the rest of the limb; a few moderately large veins are visible beneath it ; there is no tenderness at any point unless very firm pressure is made over the external condyle. A somewhat clastic, somewhat dougly sensation is experieneed in handling this part, especially on each side of the patella Over the external condyle, the swelling is more yielding, and here two distinet plates of bones can be felt, apparently formed in the substance of the external lateral ligament, or in the thickened fibrous tissue of the part. Pressure on these osseous fragments easily foreed them inwards, and proved that the lower one, situate at the lowest part of the outer condyle, is irregular, while the upper one, extending from the latter in the direction of the external ligament, is long and narrow. No distinet fluctuation present auywhere; but it is somewhat simulated at this portion of the knee, and the opening made by the trocar is here situated. The patella does not float, and is but slightiy moveable. The popliteal space is filled up by a firm material. No pain whatever, is experienced on poreussing the heel or forcibly rotating the tibia on the femmr. The leg is partially flexed on the thigh, and admits of some movements of flexion and extension, but not to any great extent; it has been kept in this position for several months. He camnot lear any weight on the toes of the right foot, and in raising the limb from the bed he grasps the leg in his hauds to aid the pelvic and crural museles.

Careful manipulation proves the tumefaction to involve, chiefly, if not exclusivels, the condyles and lower part of the shaft of the femur, and to
be really an enlargement of that bone. The probe passed through the orifice made by the trocar, appears to enter the condyles of the femur, and, at the depth of 3 inches, touches bare bone. The diseased knce measures 3 inches more than its fellow; there is much wasting of the thigh and leg.

In discussing the nature of the case with Dr. Butler, I agreed with him that it was not an ordinary case of chronic articular disease with ulceration of the catilages and disorganization of the joint, although there was probahly some thickening of the synovial membrane; and gave it as my opinion, that it was probably an instance of myeloid disease of the end $\dot{o}^{+}$ the femur ; but admitted the possibility of its being malignant diseace.

My reasons for this opinion were the following: the blow received from the sleigh-tongue was not on the joint, but a little above the outer condyle; it was not immediately followed by swelling and tenderness of the articulation, suggestive of synovitis; nor, for some weeks, by pain at the injured part. At no time throughout the case had the pain been severe, as if the articulation were becoming disorganized; the fluctuation observed when Dr. B. first took charge of the case, disappeared under suitable treatment, but there was no corresponding improvement in the other symptoms, and the enlargement contimned to augment; although the disease had originated 21 months previonsly and had $\mathrm{r}^{\mathrm{r} n}$ dered the leg useless and incapable of bearing any weight, the ordinary symptoms of ulceration of the cartilages and caries of the articular surfaces, were absent, and \%ad never been present; the trocar had evacnated chiefly biood and a thin straw-coloured fluid, very unlike pus; the enlargement, when seen by me, involved very plainly the condyles and a portion of the shaft of the femur, rather than the knee joint; it was a circumscribed globular enlargement of the end of the bone, and the outer part of the tumor contained moveable, yielding bony lamme, a symptom which I had before noticed in a case of myeloid disease of the condyles of the femur.

These features indicated disease of the femur of the nature of a morbid growth, with slight secondary implication of the synovial mem. brane of the joint.

The circumstances which appeared to render it likely that the tumor was not carcinomatuus, were its comparatively slow growth; the absence of severe pain throughout his illuess; the unimplicated state of the integument, glands and internal organs; his tolerably fair state of health, without any distinct in lications of cachexia; the enlargement not extending aiong the bone so as to form an oval, elougated tumor, which is the rule in carcimona of bone and ostevil cancer; and the non-existence of malignant disease in his family.

Malignant disease being thas excluded, it remained chiefly to decide between cartilaginous and myeloid tumor, for next to the carcinomatous, these are far the most frequent varieties of tumor found involving the condyles of the femur. It was not possible to say with positiveness, which of these growths was present in this instance, as their general characters are very similar-but, inasmuch as cartilaginous tumors of long bones, almost invariably begin on the outside of the bone and form irregularly nodulated tumors, as they consequently must, very seldom
indeed, have osseous plates embedded, or set as it were in a yielding membrane, forming their exterior-and wonld be more likely, when pnnetured, to be found dry, or to emit a tenacious jelly-like or synovial looking, rather than a sanguineons finid, I thought it highly probable that we had to do with a myeloid hmor. This species, begins almost ex:lusively in the cancelloustissue within the ends of long bones, and canses a gradual expansion of the osseons walls into a smooth globular shell ; the ossific inatter may be at points deficient, and replared by a fibrous membrane, the periosteum, thus giving rise to a sign which I an disposed to regard as of mnel value as in indication of myeloid disease, viz : a distinet yielding of the tumor's walls under pressure, and a seusation, as if thin plates of bone, not unlike an egg-shell, yielded or even coke under the fingers. Mycloid tumors, moreover, being lighly vascular and eoutaining chiefly a substance of the consistence of flesh or spleen, would not only yiedd blood when punctured, but wonld permit a probe to be easily passel into their centre withont its inpinging on hard, resisting bone or cartilage.

An example of myeloid tumor of the condyles of the femur which I had an apportunity of seeing in the General Hospital of this eity, under the eare of my colleagne, $\mathrm{Dr}_{1}$. Scott, in the spring of 1854 , also presented the last three signs, and indeed, corresponded in almost every other feature with the case forming the sulject of this paper.

The patient was a tolerably healthy looking man, about 40 years of age, who, for a eonsiderable time (some two years I believe) had been the subject of an affection of the lower end of the left femur, which had been long and unsnceessfully treated as disease of the knee, in Glengarry, and was then sent to this city for further advice.

There was a smooth, uniform enlargement of the member above the articulation; this enlargement was most manifest over the external condyle, at which part it was somewhat yiehling and obscurely fluctuating; eareful manipulation detected at the lower part of the external condyle a thin shell of bone, which erarkled under the fingers, and was continuous with the more yielding wall of the enlargement higher up. The day before the removal of the limb, an exploratory puncture was made, when blood alone escaped, and the probe readily traveised the heart of the tumor and touched its opposite wall, which was formed by the internal condyle. The movements of the joint were very little impaired, and not attended with pain. It proved to be a myeloid tumor, originating willin the condyles of the femur, and causing at first their expansion, and ultimately the absorption of a portion of the onter side of the external condyle-but not implicating the articulation.

This ease instantly recurred to my recollection when examining Dr. Butler's jatient, and influenced my deeision very materially. Removal of the limb above the tumor was recommended, and a fortnight subsequently, the patient having consented, Dr. B. amputated at the centre of the thigh, and kindly sent me the diseased parts for examination.

The integument covering the enlarged knee of natural color; very few moderately large veins being visible in it. The joint is much enlarged, and has a circumferance of 16 inches on the level of the upper part of the patella. The enlargement extends upwards to about the extreme
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limit of the reflection of the synovial membrane of the joint. The erural museles are wasted and rather pale about the articulation ; some portions of .2 em at their attachments to the shaft, where it becomes continuous with the tumor are much altered in structure, being dense, indurated, semi-transparent, and infiltrated with a serous fluid; they eut as if they had undergone lardaceous degeneration. At two or three points, where in coutact with the anterior surface of the tumor, the musele to the depth of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch lias been transformed into a pulpy detritus of a pate brick color, all trace of fibre being lost. A good deal of very dense fat in the popliteal space. On removing all the soft parts, $n$ eqlobular tumor is exposed, oecupying the lower end of the femur, its condyles, and a portion of the shaft. This tumor, of a reddish brown hue on its anterior aspeet, and a dark bluish colour on its posterior, is composed almost coupletely of a thin shell of bone auteriorly, a thin, firm membrane posteriorly, with the healthy looking articular cartilage and alayer of the adjacent osseous tissue forming its lower boundary. At several points besides the posterior aspect, the bony shell is replaced by membrane, and this is most remarkable over the lateral aspeet of the external condyle, where two moveable plates of bone, contimnons with the thickened periosteum, forms about a third part of the outer wall of the tumor. The trocar had penetrated the tumor upon this aspect, and the probe introdued during life had here entered the cavity of the tumor, instead of the joint. The growth had not implicated the joint; the articular surtaces of which are free of ulceration and caries; the syno-ial membrane, however, is somewhat thickened, and covered by a piukish, tolerably firm, though easily broken down exudation, whieh has produced adhesion of the patella to the femur, and the other opposed surfaees forming the articulation to each other. No fluid exists in the joint, indeed there is no phace for any.

Cireuinference of the tumor above the condyles $12 \frac{5}{8}$ inehes, around the condyles, inchuding the adherent patella, $12 \frac{1}{8}$ inches.

A longitudinal section of tumor exposed the shatt of the femmr te:minating abruptly, as though broken off; half an inch within the osteo-membranous tumor. It now appears that the walls of the tumor are continnous with the periosteum of the bone, and apparently formed by or eovered with it. Along the upper and anterior aspects of the internal half of the tumor there, is unequally distributed bony matter, evidently consisting of the expanded conlyle, and perhaps of bone, newly formed from the inner surface of the periostemm; the latter, occupied the surfaer of the tumor, and the former, the lower extremity (artieular). Besides three or four osseons lamine projecting inward, from the walls, the contents consisted chicfly of a deep-red, sofi substance, generally of consistence of soft butter, but interspersed with irregulary branched lines of tougher and firmer consistence; various shades of reduess exist in this material, and it is streaked here and there with opayue yellowish white lines and spots, so as to remind one of a hepatized portion of lung traversed here and there by bonchi. This material, sare where motled by whitish streaks, resembles very mueh the spleen pulp in coler and consistence when that organ is slightly softened. Besides this red material, there is another of the colour of the marrow in the shaft, but softer;
it oecupies a serics of ovul, cyst-like expansions or cells in the bone, forming the auterosuperior aspect of the tumor. These loculi in the expanded lony portions of the tumor are munerous, and vary in size from those capable of holding a pea, to cue capable of holding a lantam's egg. The largest one contrinis a mixture of the rel and the whitish material. the former greatly preponderaiing. Indeed, the oval globulner arrangement is remarkable throughout the tumor, and the large central muss of pulp, is itself egg-shaped, and muy he as easily turned out, leaving the wull of the tumor free, as a kernel is out of a nut
The medullary canal of the femur for about one inch and a half from the cyst is filled with ossific, cancellated tissue.
The red pulp, eximined microseopieally, exhibited an abundance of large cells, enclosing numerons large oval nuclei ; most of these polynucleated cells were circular or oval, and only two or three appeared to have caudate processes ; indeed, they resembled the mother cells figured ly Lebert (pla'e xiv. figs 5 and 0 ), rather than those delineated by Mr. Gray, Drs. Gull, Bristow, and others. In the white portions of the tumor, the many nucleatell cells contained fatty granules, as though undergoing fatty degeneration. Many large cells also, contained numerous pigment granules. Innumerable fusiform cells, or clongated nuelei, were scattered throughout the tundor.
The term myeloid was proposed by Mr. Paget,* for a class of tunors first described by M. Lebert in 1845, under the title "Tumeurs fibro-plustiques ou sarcomateuses." $\dagger$ The latter pathologist ineluded under this head growths whose histological strueture consitted chiefly of clongated fibre-cells, like those found in granulations, or contained in addition, "mother cells," i. e. cells containing several distinct nuclei, identical in character with those of the diploe and marrow of foetal bones. The former pathologist regards growthis composed chiefly of the many-nucleated cells as quiie distinet in mature from these made up of elongated fibre-cells, although, he almits that both these structures usually co-exist in the myeloid growth; and to obviate oljections, I have not, except in one instance, tabulated any tumor which did not contain the poly-nueleated cells in sufficient abundance to justify the application of myeloid; the exeeptional case however, in its clinical history and anatomical nakedeye characters admits of no other allocation.
It is not my intention to furnish you with an account in detail of the history.-clinical, pathological and histological, of myeloil tumors-this you will find in the work: of the authors above mentioned, and in two excellent papers, in the Medico-Chirurgical Transactions for 1856, and Guy's Hospital Reports for 1857; the former ly Mr. Henry Gray; the latter by 1 h . $\backslash$, ilks.

I purpose merely giving the results of my examination of some of the features presented by 38 specimens of the disease recorded by conpetent authoritics. The table appended to this paper supplies the materials employed, and the sources whence they were derivel. There are four alditional cass's tabulated separately, as some doubt exists as to whether they were purely myeloid growths or not.

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1. Myeloid tumors appear to ocenr with about equal frequency in both sexes; thins, of the 38 cases, 15 v.cre males, 18 females, and in five the sex is not stated.
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4. It is an interesting feature in the history of myeloid tumors of bone as compared with cancerons, that the former oceur chiefly before 40 , while the latter are almost as frequent after 40 ; thus, of the 30 cases of myeloid thmor in which the ages are shewn, 27, i.e. 00 per cent were under $40 ; 3$, i.e 10 per cent were over 40 . Of 54 eases of cancer of bone $\left(^{*}\right) 33$, i.e. 61 per cent were under $40 ; 21, i . c .40$ per eent were over 40. On the other hand, it is not a little singular that eaneer is of equal fiequeney with myeloid in early youth, say under 20 : thus, of 54 cases of caneer, 21 , i.e. 30 per cent were under 20 ; of 30 cases of myeloid, 9 i. e. 30 per cent were under 20. If the comparison be extended to the decade between 20 and 30 , it will be found that myeloid disease of bone becomes mueh more frequent at that period of life than cancerous. Thus, of 30 cases of myeloid, 14, i.e. 47 per eent occurred between 20 and 30 while of 54 cases of cancer, ouly 11 , i. e 20 per cent occurred between, 20 and 30. Hence, if such limited numbers may be relied on, it follows, that if the patient be over 40 , the chances that a tmonor of a bone is eancer rather than myeloid are as 40 to 10 ; if between 20 and 30 , the chances are in favor of myeloid, as 47 to 20 ; but if under 20 , they are about equal.
5. The proelivity of the bones, especially of the long bones, and of these, their artienlar extremities, to myeloid tumors is shown by the table; thus, in 34 of the 38 eases, the bones were the parts affeeted; of these, 25 were long bones, or 73 per cent; and of the whole 25 the discase occupied the articular ends.

Even in the 4 eases in which osseous tissue was not involved, the growth was attached to the periosteum 3 times, and the dura-mater (analagous to periostemm) onec.
The special sites of the tumors were as follows:-
Condyles of femur. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . in 12
Head of tibia. . ....................................................... in 7
Upper extremity of fibula......................................... . . in 2
Lower extremity of fibula. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . in 1
Head of humerus................................................... in 2
Lower end of radius . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .................... in 1
Superior maxilla ................................................... . in 4
Inferior maxilla ..................................................... . . in 2
Sçpula ............................................................... in 1
Patella................................................................ 1
Vanlt skull.........................................................in 1
Dura Mater.........................................................in l
About great toe....................................................... in 1
Outside radius at wrist........................................ in 1
Periosterm or tibia near ankle...................................... in 1

In one instance, (c 28) the growth had extended from the femur into the articulation and involved the patella and tibia; and in another, (c 38), the synovial cavity and space bet een the artieular surfaces of the femur and tibia was occupied by the growth, and yet the cartilage eovering those surfaces was intact. Myeloid disease, like carcinomatous, is extremely litile pror to implicate cartilage.
6. The irritation exeled by the growth in the head of the bone may, and frequently does excite inflammation in the contiguous articulation, but this is of an adhesive, rather than of a suppurative anl destructive character. In the specimen now on the table, the cavity of the joint was obliterated by tolerably firm adhesions. In one of Sir. B. Brodie's eases, (c 7), old adhesions wore found beween the articular surfaces. The cireumstance that the inflammation of the joint which supervenes mon myeloid disease of the articular extremity of a bone, is allhesive rather than suppurative, is not peculiar to that growth, for it has been observed to obtain in cancer invading the same locality, and is no doubt also the rule in cartilaginous tumors.
7. The cases collected furnish no positive information as to the duration of life when myeloid disease is permitted to pursue its course without surgieal interference. Case 34 , in which the growth engaged the duramater, terminatel fatally two months after the first manifestation of the head symptoms; case 24, in which the cranial vault was the site of the growth, closed with head symptoms three years after the first indications of the disease ; how long these patients might have livel, har not the grewths iuterfered with the functions of an organ essential to life, it is impossible to say; ease 39 , be ides ireing of a doubtful nature, had its matural course modified, probably much accelerated by 35 tappings, 6 injections with iodine, and 2 setons.
8. An examination of these eases however, proves that the average duration of life affer removal of myeloid tumors far exceeds its average duration after renoval of eancer. Mr. Paget assigns as the average duration of life under these ciremmstanes, 28 months for medullary and 49 months for scirrhous cancer. But of 24 persons who survived the removal of myeloid tumors, and the duration of whose disease is

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stated, I find that the whole number but two, were alive when the cases were published, and had then individually attained an average of rather more than $5 \frac{1}{2}$ years from the fist indications of the disease. If the two deaths be omitted in the calculation, then the 22 individuals were alive five years and eight inonths, on the average, after the discase had manilested itself by svimptoms. How m:ch longer they may have continned to live, is a problem for future solution.
9. It is siguificant morcover to observe, that the cause of death in one at least of the two defunct persons, was of an aecidental nature; he suicumbed to phithisis five years after the removal of the disease, and $5 \frac{1}{2}$ years after its first diseovery (e 1). Aeute pleurisy, which suceceded an operation performed "a few days" previously, induced the fatal termination in the other case, but myeloid tumors were also found in the lungs (37).
10. So far as we yet know, myeloid resembic innocent tumors in their little proneness to recur after removal. The first recorded.instance of the re-appearance of pure myeloid tumor as myeloid, was published in the Medical Times and Gazette last January (e 37). About two years after the amputation of the patient's leg for myeloid discase of the head of the fibula, he discovered thee tumors on the stump, which on excision proved to be myeloid ; and at his death, which followed the removal of the tumors in a few days, the lungs were each found occupied by three or four myeloid tumors, the largest the size of the heart.
It is true, that it is only in 19 of the whole 38 cases of myoloid that it is stated whether the disease recured or not, and in some of these, the perioul that had elapsed between the removal of the growth and the report of the case, appears rather short to have afforded the opportunity for recurrence of the disease; however, two-thirds of the nineteen patients survived an average period of three years and five months without any return of the disease. The following table shows the interval which elapsed without recurrence between the removal and the date of publication of eacil case:

| No. of cases. |  | Intervol |
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Comparing pure myeloid with cancerous tumors, it may be said, that whereas recurence is the almost invariable rule in the hatter, it is the rare exception in the former; and while the great malignancy of cancer is shown in the rapidity of its recurrenee after the removal, the interval
being 7 months in medullary cancer and 14 months (*) for scirrhous, the comparative innocence of myeloid is proved by its non-recurrence after au avcrage interval of 26 months.
11. That malignancy is but a comparative term, as remarked at the commencement of this paper, is shewn by the discase now under consideration. In one instanec, related by a competent observer, Dr. Wilks of Guy's Hospital, a pure meeloid tumor recurred in the stump two years after the ablation of the original disensc, and similar pathological structures were found in the lungs; the discase in fact, re-appeared both locally and remotely. The lymphatics were, however, not affected, the patient exhibited no signs of cachexia, and his death was due to acute plearisy. (c 37).

Mr. Paget also, relates a case in which, while the microscopic and naked-eye characters of the tumor were those of myeloid, it exhibited some features of malignancy, for besides the presence of "four small masses of similar substance in the lungs," a "similar material was diffused in one of the cervical glands (c 39). In this instance then, one lymphatic gland was contaminated, as well as the lungs; still, the patient exhibited no cachexia, but was of "Healthy appearance."
12. Our present knowledge of myeloid tumors not only proves that malignancy is not peculiar to cancer, although both terms are generally regarded as equivalents in pathological meaning, but tends to show furthur, (A) that the same growth may contain the comparatively, innocent myeloid cells and the so-called specific cancer colls, and, (B) that a tumor apparently myeloid in structure, or, (C) mixed myeloid and fibro-plastic, mav after removal be succeeded by genuine eancer both at the original site and in the internal vicera.
(A) The same growth may contain "myeloid" and "cancer-cells." A lad, wat 18, had his leg amputated for a growth from the heid of the fibula, whieh, in its general appearance, resembled other myeloid tumors"; but "it contained a large amount of bone mixed with the soft material." "Much of the myeloid matter was of a milky white colour, and to the naked eye resembled cancer. The microscope, however, showed true mycloid cells, but at the sane time some very large single nucleated cells, elsewhere called "cancer cells" by the reporter. A few months after, the boy became paralysed, and growths, also containing myeloid and cancer cells, were found in the spine and in the lungs. This patient was markedly cachectic (c 42).
(13.) I have said a tumor apparently myeloid may be followed after removal by genuine eanecr, both lcanlly and remotely.
Mr. Paget records the history of a tumor of the mamma, which he concluded atter carctul examination to be "a myeloid tumor, suppurated or possibly mingled with eancer:" Six months after its removal a tumor re-appeared in the axilla, grew large, ulcerated, bled freely, and was really open cancer (e 41).
(C.) A mixed fibro-plastic and myeloid tumor may likewise be followed by cancer. A remarkable case is related by Mr. Hutchinson of a

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tumor consisting of fibro-piastic and my largely predominating however, and involv the removal of which was succeeded in 10 covs by genuine medullary eaneer, both at the site of the previous operation and in the lungs. The lymphatie glands, although eularged, contained no cells resembling cancor celis (c: 40.) This last example is a further illustration of the difficulty of a rigidly accuratc classification, for in the original tumor, two histological elements, now considered quite distinct and different, the fibroplastic and the myoloid co-existed; teaching us in fact, that tumors in their structure are often compound, and are competent therefore to the occupancy of one, two, or three locations in the seale of elassification, according as one or other of their histologieal elements is regarded as their essential characteristic.
12. If case 39, about whose real nature Mr. Paget expresses some doubt (not that it wanted the naked eye andmicroseopic eliaracters of myeloid, but that it differed from all that was chen known of that form of tumor), be regarded as genuine myeloid, then there are two instances on record in, which that growth implicated the internal organs as well as the external, and one in which a lymphatic gland in addition was involved, $i$. $\rho$.two out of 39 cases.

## recapitulation of conclusions respecting myeloid tumors.

1. They occur with about equal frequency in both sexes.
2. Local injury was the apparent exeiting cause of the growths in about one-fourth the entire number, and in 13 of the 38 cases no cause could be assigned.
3. Myeloid tumors occur chiefly before 30 years of age, for 76 per ecnt of the cases were under that age, and 90 per eent were under 40 ; they may occur at as advanced an age as 74.
4. While inyeloid and cancerous tumors are of about equal frequency under 20 , myeloid are more frequent than eancerous in the ratio of 47 to 20 at the decade between 20 and 30 .
5. The bones are of all parts of the body most prone to myeloid growths; in about $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the cases it is the long bones which arc implicated; and in perhaps all cases, the disease begins in and is confined to the articular extremities of such bones.
6. The condyles of the femur is the part of the body most obnoxious to these tumors, ?robably the head of the tibia next, and the superior maxilla next. Several other localities cxhibit about equal suseeptibility, viz: the head of the humerus, the head of the fibula and the inferior maxilla.
7. No bone is probably exempt.
8. Of the soft parts, it is chiefly the fibrous tissues, and especially those in proximity to boncs and articulations, that are most liable to mycloid growths; but they have been ra:ely seen in the lungs, in the neck, in a lymphatie gland, and in the mamma; in the last site, it was probably associated with cancer.
9. Thesc growths very seldom extend into an articulation; this event having been noticed only twice in 25 eases, in which the disease occupied $t$ Tharticular extremity of long bones: eren should the articulation be eutered by the growth, the cartilages are not usually implicated.
10. Secondary inflammation occasionally is exeited in the contiguous articulation, but it is of an adhesive, rather than a suppurative character.
11. Data are wanting to determine the average duration of life when myeloid tumors are not interfered with.
12. The average duration of life after removal of myeloid tumors far exceeds its average duration after removal of cancerous; a large proportion of the spigeets of the growth were alive five years and eiglith months subsequently to the operation.
13. Of two de iths which followed removal of the tumor at the respective intervals of five and two years, the cause was accidental and not conuected with the discase.
14. So far as we know, pure myeloid disease exhibits little proneness to recur after removal, there being only one instance yet recorded of that event (c 37 ); ${ }^{*}$ ) but, then, in only half the cases collected is the subject of recurrence mentioned, and in miny others sufficient time had scarcely elapsed to justify any opinion.
15. While meduliary cancer recurs on the average in 7 months, and seirrhous cancer in 14, myeloid tumor in 18 Enstances, had not returned after an average interval of 26 months, and in 12 of these or twothirds, the period of non-recurrence, was three years and five months.
16. Myeloid may exceptionally recur as myeloid both locally and in remote org ins; thic lymphatics enjoying immunity, and there being no cachexia.
17. It may c 3 -exist in an external part, in the lungs and in alymphatic gland, and even prove fatal without the presence of constitutional cachexia ( c39).
18. The samo growth may comprise both myeloid cells and so-called "cancer cells," although in general appearance resembling myeloid tumors, and be succeeded by similar compound tumors in the lungs and spine, with marked eachexia (c 42.)
19. A tumor apparently myeloid, even on microscopic examination, may be followed after removal by genuine open cancer in the vicinity of the original tumor (c 41).
20. A tumor composel chiefly of fibro-plastic structure and partly of myeloid, may be attended with enlargement of the glands, and when removed, be rapidly sneceeded by cancer at the site of removal and in the lungs, the glands though enlarged not being cancerous (c 40).
21. Of 42 examples of growths apparently myeloid, two of which, however, probably contained cancer cells, and one fibro-plastic elements; there were five in which the growth either recurred after removal, or had iuvolved remote internal organs.

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(*) I purposely have omitted some cases of myeloid disease of the maxilla which re-appeared after removal, apparently in consequence of having been only partly excised.
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| 16 | 30 | M. | Head fibula. N | No cause known. | Left in 1 month. 1 | Alive8 mos.after ${ }^{\text {N }}$ | Not known after N a month. | Nov., '56. | Wilks, Guj's Hosp. C Rep., vol. iv. | Cartilage healthy. |
| 17 | 27 | F. | Aeromion process. ${ }^{\text {N }}$ | None known; fell 15 months afterwards. | Alive $1 \frac{1}{2}$ years after. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 2 \text { yrs. after tu } \\ \text { mor appeared. } \\ \text { but symponis } \\ \text { 1an previously. } \end{array}\right.$ | None for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ years. J | Jan., ’56. | Do. Do. Do. |  |
| 18 | 36 | M. | Lower end radius. | None known; subject to rheumatism. | Died in 3 weeks, 7 | 7 months. | None. | Sept., 40. | Mr. Key, \& Do. Do. Drs. Butler and R. P. | Healthy <br> Adhesions be- |
| 19 | 42 | M.'' | Condyles femur. | Blow. | $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Alive2 months } \\ \text { after. }\end{array}\right.$ | $2 \mathrm{yrs}$. after klow. | None for 2 mos. | Dec., '53. | Howare, Med. Chroniele, March, 1854. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { tween artieular } \\ \text { surface } \end{array}\right.$ |
| 20 | 40 | M. | Do. | Not stated. | Not stated. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Supposed be-- } \\ \text { tween } 2 \text { and } 3 \\ \text { years, but not } \\ \text { eertain. } \end{array}\right.$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Thought to have } \\ \text { died of eholera } \\ 5 \text { or } 6 \text { mos. after. }\end{array}\right.$ | March, 54 | Dr. Scott and R. P. Howard, Med.Chro nicle, Marel, 1859. Mr. Stanley, Paget's | Healthy |
| 21 | M | 18 | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { Lower maxilla- } \\ \text { symphisis. } \end{array}\right.$ | Do. | Alive 6 yrs. after. | $6 \frac{1}{2}$ years. | None for 6 years |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mr. Stanley, Paget's } \\ & \text { surg. Path., p. } \\ & 450, \text { Am. Ed. } \\ & \text { Mr. Lamince. }-1 b \text {. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 22 | F. | 21 | Alveoli of superior maxilla. | Do. | Alive2 yrs. after. | Alive 3 yrs.after | None for 2 years. |  |  |  |
| 23 | 22 | F. | Superior maxilla. | Do. | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { Alive about } 2 \\ \text { years. } \end{array}\right\}$ | \{ Alive about $3 \frac{1}{2}$ \{years after. (3 years; dicu | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { None for } 2 \frac{1}{2} \text { yrs } \\ \text { arter eomple } \\ \text { aremoval. } \end{array}\right.$ | e $\Lambda$ pril, 's1. | Do. Do. |  |
| 24 | 15 | M. | Vault skull. | Repeated blows. |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { with head } \\ \text { wymptoms. }\end{array}\right.$ |  |  | Mr. Stanley, Do. Lebert's Phy. Path., |  |
| 25 | 14 | F. | Inferior maxilla | None known. | Not stated. | Not stated. | None. | Nov., 42. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { vol. ii., p.144. } \\ & \text { Do., p. 141. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 26 27 | 23 | F. | $\qquad$ | No cause. | Not stated. |  | S | Dec.,' 56. | Mr. B. Childs and Dr. Bristow, Path. Trans., vol. vii. | A few old adhe$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { sions between } \\ \text { surfaces. }\end{array}\right.$ |
| 28 | 36 | M. | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { Condyles femur, } \\ \text { patella and } \\ \text { head tibia. } \end{array}\right.$ | Sprain. | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} 10 \text { years and } \\ \text { not said to } \\ \text { be dead, } \end{array}\right.$ | \% 16 years. | None for 10 ycars. | S. | Sir B. Brodie and Mr. Gray, Med. Clürugical Trans., vol. 39. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Disease had ex- } \\ \text { tendedintojoint } \\ \text { and attacked pa- } \\ \text { tella and tibia } \end{array}\right.$ |



| 29 30 | 26 | F. | Condyles femur. | Not stated. | Not stated. | $\left\lvert\,\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Not stated : } \\ \text { had it 5 ycars } \\ \text { before remov'l } \end{array}\right.\right.$ | Not stated. | May, '54. | Mr. Ward and Mr. A. Adams, Yath. Traus. vol. v. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Healthy; except } \\ \text { absorption of } \\ \text { cartilage to ex- }\end{array}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | 28 | M. | Condyles femu | Noi | Alive 10 years after. | Alive 14 years after. | None for 10 years. | 1844 | r. P. Hewitt.-Ib. | tent of 3d. $0^{+}$stated. |
| 31 | 74 | F. | D. matter over potrous bone. | None apparent. |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Died of pneu- } \\ \text { monia about } 2 \\ \text { mos.ater ma- } \\ \text { nifestation of }\end{array}\right.$ |  |  | Lebert; Phy. Path, $t$. 2, p. 148. |  |
| 32 | 46 | F. |  | None apparent | Not stated. | years before removal. |  |  | Do. Do. |  |
| 33 | 28 | F. | Periosteum, lower part leg. | N | Ali | ve 11 years fter. | N |  |  |  |
| 3 | 12 | F. | Head tibia. | Appeared 2 mos. after an injury. | Aliv | $\text { ve } 81$ | None for 6 mos . |  | Mr. Shaw ; Patholog. Trans, vol. vii. | te |
| 35 | 19 | M. | Lower end fibula. | None apparen | Alive 4 yrs .after. | Alive 5 yrs.after. | None |  | Messrs. Parker, Paget and Gray; Medieal Chir. Trans, vol. 39. | Do. |
| 36 | 40 | F. |  | Do. | Alive2 mos.after Alive $2 \frac{1}{2}$ years | ve 12 to 15 ears after. | None for 2 months after complete removal. <br> ( 2 yrs, after firs | Dec., '51 | Mr. B. Cooper; Med. Times \& Gaz., Feb., 1852, p. 214. | Health |
| 37 | 32 | M. | Head fibula | Do. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Anve } \text { 2 }_{1} \text { years } \\ \text { died few days } \\ \text { after 2d remo- } \\ \text { val of pleurisy } \end{array}\right.$ | yea | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 2 \text { yrs, after first } \\ \text { removal, } 3 \text { mye-- } \\ \text { loid tumors in } \\ \text { stump. } \end{array}\right.$ | Nov., '58. | Mr.Coek \& Dr. Wilks; Med. Times \& Gaz., Jan., 1859, p. 71. | C |
|  | 17 | F. | Condyles femur. | Frequent blows. | ys when rerted. | Alive 8 or 9 mos. alter. |  | Jan., '59. | Simon and Sidney nes.-II. Feb.,'59, | owth oceud joint, but |

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[^0]:    * Lectures on Surgical Pathology, American edition, p. 446.
    $\dagger$ Physiologie Pathologique, tome 2, p. 120.

[^1]:    (*). This rate is obtained by calculation made from Mr. Paget's table at $p$. 525 of his work, American edition.

