

CASE II.—Mrs. J. M. K., aged 39; West Leipsic, O. Physician, Dr. C. E. Beardsley, Ottawa, O. September 8, 1904. The patient was mother of four children. Eighteen months before had fallen in such a way as to strike the point of the right shoulder. No bruise was noticed at the time, but some soreness had persisted and had been attributed to rheumatism. A lump had been noticed two weeks before. Pain was of a dull character. Motion of the arm somewhat limited. Patient was an exceedingly well-nourished woman, the picture of health. The tumor involved the right scapula, was smooth in outline, and somewhat elastic. Did not extend above the spine. Skin not involved. The tumor seemed to be about two inches thick. (A brother of the patient had died of osteosarcoma.)

At the operation the entire scapula was removed, the operation being attended with no special difficulties. The disease seemed to be limited to the body of the bone, though both anterior and posterior surfaces were involved. The spine and other bony processes seemed to be free from disease. No involvement whatever of the clavicle, humerus, or the joint.

Patient made a rapid convalescence and returned home in fine condition, and with very satisfactory use of the arm. She remained free from any evidence of return until the following February; then there was a gradual development of a general sarcomatosis, and she died October 5, 1905.

The extent of the tissue involved in the first case led necessarily to a very unfavorable prognosis, and the recurrence was so prompt as to render it perhaps questionable as to whether anything was gained by the operation. At the time of the operation, however, every motion of the arm was attended with great distress, and this was entirely relieved by the surgical intervention. In the second case there was a clear gain of several months of good health, and I think life was unquestionably prolonged by the operation.

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