

# ANNALS OF SURGERY

---

VOL. XL

AUGUST, 1904

No. 2

---

## ORIGINAL MEMOIRS.

---

### OBSERVATIONS ON THE RESULTS IN 125 CASES OF SARCOMA.<sup>1</sup>

BY ANDREW J. McCOSH, M.D.,

OF NEW YORK,

Surgeon to the Presbyterian Hospital.

THE subject of sarcoma still remains a fruitful field for investigation both by the pathologist and the surgeon. We are absolutely in the dark as regards its etiology, and as to its prognosis and treatment we are but little farther advanced than were our colleagues a quarter of a century ago. Perhaps we now appreciate more fully the importance of traumatism as an occasional exciting cause. More than this, however, we cannot claim, for we must acknowledge, I think, that the painstaking and excellent work done in some of our laboratories in an endeavor to explain the etiology of malignant tumors has been rather disappointing in its results, certainly, at least, as far as sarcoma is concerned.

It is apparent, certainly to the practical surgeon, that at the present time tumors varying greatly in their characteristics are classed under the general name of sarcomata. Under this title are still included certain new growths which will probably

---

<sup>1</sup> Read in part at the New York Surgical Society, April 13, 1904.