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P R E F A C E

In the textbooks of Physical Diagnosis normal signs are so intermingled with pathologic signs that the average beginner in this subject finds himself hopelessly at sea in attempting to discover a clear description of just the normal.. This brief compilation of normal findings in the healthy individual is assembled primarily to aid such students. The signs of disease are omitted. The note book form has been adhered to for the sake of brevity. Class room instruction is relied upon to amplify the skeletal arrangement.

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CHAPTER I

REGIONAL ANATOMY

Topography of the Chest (Anterior)

SUPRACLAVICULAR REGION (Right)	SUPRASTERNAL REGION	SUPRACLAVICULAR REGION (Left)
Pulmonary apex.	1. Thyroid. 2. Trachea. 3. Esophagus.	Pulmonary apex.
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CLAVICULAR REGION (Right)		CLAVICULAR REGION (Left)
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INFRACLAVICULAR REGION (Right)	UPPER STERNAL REGION	INFRACLAVICULAR REGION (Left)
1. Lung (upper lobe). 2. Pleura. 3. Vena cava (superior). 4. Right auricle. 5. Primary bronchus.	1. Thymus. 2. Aortic arch. 3. Mesial pulmon- ary borders.	1. Lung (upper lobe). 2. Pleura. 3. Left auricle. 4. Pulmonary artery. 5. Primary bronchus.
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MAMMARY REGION (Right) (Below the 3rd rib)	LOWER STERNAL REGION	MAMMARY REGION (Left) (Below the 3rd rib)
1. Lung (upper and middle lobe). 2. Pleura. 3. Liver (convexity).	1. Right heart. 2. Fissure between upper and mid- dle lobe. 3. Mesial border of right lung.	1. Lung (upper lobe). 2. Pleura. 3. Liver. 4. Left ventricle. 5. Right ventricle.

INFRAMAMMARY REGION
(*Right*)

(*Below the 6th rib*)

1. Lung (lower lobe).
2. Pleura.
3. Liver (right lobe).
4. Colon (transverse)?

INFRAMAMMARY REGION
(*Left*)

(*Below the 6th rib*)

1. Lung (lower lobe).
 2. Pleura.
 3. Liver (left lobe).
 4. Stomach (fundus).
 5. Spleen.
 6. Colon (transverse).
 7. Traube's semilunar space.
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Topography of the Chest (Posterior)

SCAPULAR REGION
(*Right*)

1. Lung
(upper lobe).
(lower lobe).
2. Interlobar
fissure.
3. Pleura.

**INTERSCAPULAR
REGION**

1. Esophagus.
2. Trachea.
3. Primary
bronchi.
4. Great vessels.
5. Auricles.
6. Heart.
7. Lungs
(upper lobe).
(lower lobe).
8. Pleura.
9. Interlobar
fissure.
10. Lymph glands.

SCAPULAR REGION
(*Left*)

1. Lung
(upper lobe).
(lower lobe).
 2. Left ventricle.
 3. Pleura.
 4. Interlobar
fissure.
-

INFRASCAPULAR REGION.

(*Right*)

1. Lung (lower lobe).
2. Pleura.
3. Liver.
4. Kidney (upper pole).

(*Left*)

1. Lung (lower lobe).
 2. Apex of heart.
 3. Spleen.
 4. Kidney (upper pole).
 5. Pleura.
 6. Stomach (fundus).
-

Topography of the Chest (Lateral)

RIGHT AXILLARY REGION

1. Lung (upper lobe).
(middle lobe).
(lower lobe).
2. Pleura.
3. Interlobar fissure.
4. Heart.
5. Great vessels.
6. Trachea.
7. Bronchi.
8. Esophagus.
9. Liver.

LEFT AXILLARY REGION

1. Lung (upper lobe).
(lower lobe).
2. Pleura.
3. Interlobar fissure.
4. Heart.
5. Great vessels.
6. Trachea.
7. Bronchi.
8. Esophagus.

RIGHT INFRAAXILLARY REGION (Below the 6th rib)

1. Lung (lower lobe).
2. Pleura.
3. Liver.
4. Kidney (upper pole).

LEFT INFRAAXILLARY REGION (Below the 6th rib)

1. Lung (lower lobe).
2. Pleura.
3. Spleen.
4. Stomach.
5. Kidney (upper pole).

Abdomen (Anterior)

RIGHT HYPOCHONDRIMUM

1. Liver
(right lobe).
2. Colon (hepatic
flexure).
3. Kidney (part).

EPIGASTRIUM

1. Liver (right and
left lobes).
2. Gall bladder.
3. Stomach (part).
4. Duodenum.
5. Pancreas.
6. Spleen (part).
7. Kidneys (part).
8. Adrenals.
9. Jejunum.

LEFT HYPOCHONDRIMUM

1. Stomach (part).
2. Spleen (part).
3. Pancreas (part).
4. Colon (splenic
flexure).
5. Kidney (part).
6. Liver (left lobe).

Line of the Costal Margin (10th Costal Cartilage)

LUMBAR (Right)	UMBILICAL	LUMBAR (Left)
1. Colon (ascending).	1. Colon (transverse).	1. Colon (descending).
2. Kidney (part).	2. Duodenum (part).	2. Jejunum.
3. Ileum?	3. Jejunum.	3. Kidney (part).
	4. Ileum.	
	5. Mesentery.	
	6. Omentum.	
	7. Kidney (part).	
	8. Ureters.	

Interspinous Line

ILIAC (Right)	PUBIC (Hypogastrium)	ILIAC (Left)
1. Cecum.	1. Ileum.	1. Sigmoid.
2. Appendix.	2. Bladder (distended).	2. Jejunum.
3. Ileum.	3. Uterus (gravid).	3. Ileum.
	4. Sigmoid.	

Quadrants of the Abdomen

Right Upper Quadrant.	Umbilicus.	Left Upper Quadrant.
Right Lower Quadrant.		Left Lower Quadrant.

*Abdomen (Posterior)
(back)*

RIGHT LUMBAR	LEFT LUMBAR
1. Lumbar muscles.	1. Lumbar muscles.
2. Right kidney.	2. Left kidney (lower pole).
3. Ascending colon.	3. Descending colon.
4. Small intestine.	4. Small intestine.
5. Ureter.	5. Ureter.

Sacral Region

1. Rectum.
 2. Bladder.
 3. Uterus.
 4. Adnexa.
 5. Prostate.
 6. Seminal Vesicles.
-

LINES**Thorax.****Vertical—**

1. Midsternal.
2. Sternal (sternal border).
3. Midclavicular.
4. Parasternal ($\frac{1}{2}$ way between 2 and 3).
5. Anterior axillary (anterior axillary fold).
6. Midaxillary.
7. Posterior axillary (posterior axillary fold).
8. Scapular (inner border of scapula).
9. Posterior, mesial.

Horizontal—

1. Cricoid.
2. Clavicular.
3. Third chondrosternal juncture.
4. Sixth chondrosternal juncture.
5. Horizontal axillary (6th rib).
6. Upper scapular border.
7. Lower scapular angle.
8. Spine of 12th dorsal vertebra.

Abdomen.

1. Midline.
2. Mid-Poupart's line. (Prolongation of mid-clavicular.)
3. Infracostal (10th costal cartilage).
4. Interspinous (between iliac spines).

Natural Lines—

1. Linea alba. (Midline symphysis to xiphoid.)
2. Lineae semilunares. (Outer border rectus.)
3. Lineae transversae (3 to navel).
4. Transverse sulci of the fat.

Thoracic Areas.

1. Supraclavicular.....{ Above clavicular line.
Below cricoid line.
Lateral to sternal line.
2. Clavicular.....Behind clavicle.
3. Infraclavicular.....{ Above 3rd chondrosternal line.
Below clavicular line.
Lateral to sternal line.
4. Mammary.....{ Above 6th chondrosternal line.
Below 3rd chondrosternal line.
Lateral to sternal line.
5. Inframammary.....{ Below 6th chondrosternal line.
Lateral to sternal line.
6. Suprasternal.....{ Below cricoid.
Above clavicular.
Mesial to sternal lines.
7. Upper sternal.....{ Below clavicular line.
Above 3rd chondrosternal line.
Mesial to sternal lines.
8. Lower sternal.....{ Below 3rd chondrosternal line.
Above 6th chondrosternal line.
Mesial to sternal lines.
9. Axillary.....{ Above by arm pit.
Below by horizontal axillary line
(6th rib).
Laterally by anterior and pos-
terior axillary lines.

10. Infraaxillary..... { Above by horizontal axillary line.
Laterally by anterior and posterior axillary lines.
11. Scapular..... { Above by upper scapular line.
Below by lower scapular line.
Mesially by scapular line.
12. Interscapular..... { Above by upper scapular line.
Below by lower scapular line.
Mesially by mesial posterior line.
Laterally by scapular line.
13. Infrascapular..... { Above by lower scapular line.
Mesially by mesial posterior line.

Abdominal Areas

1. Hypochondrium..... { Above by 6th chondrosternal line.
Below by infracostal line.
Mesially by mid-Poupart's line.
2. Epigastrium..... { Above by 6th chondrosternal line.
Below by infracostal line.
Laterally by mid-Poupart's lines.
3. Lumbar..... { Above by infracostal line.
Below by interspinous line.
Mesially by mid-Poupart's line.
4. Umbilical..... { Above by infracostal line.
Below by interspinous line.
Laterally by mid-Poupart's line.
5. Iliac..... { Above by interspinous line.
Mesially by mid-Poupart's line.
6. Pubic..... { Above by interspinous line.
Laterally by mid-Poupart's line.
7. Upper quadrants. { Above the horizontal umbilical line.

8. Lateral quadrants. { To right and left of
 { midline.
9. Posterior Lumbar { Below costal margins.
 Regions..... { Above iliac crests.
 { Lateral to mesial posterior line.

Topography of each organ is discussed further under separate organs.

CHAPTER II

SOUND

Its Physics and Application to Physical Diagnosis

Sound is the most important aid to physical diagnosis.

The understanding and application of the principles of physical diagnosis are impossible without the possession of a clear knowledge of the physics of sound.

Percussion and auscultation are entirely matters of the interpretation of sound.

Sound—

The auditory perception of air waves set in motion by a body in vibration.

Source of Sound—

Any body capable of elastic vibrations.

Nature of Sound Wave—

An elastic vibration.

Transmitted in all directions.

Waves are longitudinal vibrations.

The medium may be air or any other elastic material.

Sound waves do not pass through a vacuum.

The wave path shows alternate condensation and rarefaction.

Velocity of Sound—

Independent of pitch.

Varies with temperature, humidity, and the medium.

In air—333 meters per second.

Water—1435 meters per second.

Steel—4975 meters per second.

Wood—3300 meters per second.

Reflections of sound occur

1. When waves strike a hard object or
2. when waves pass from a medium of one density to another.

Musical Sounds (tones) have an assignable pitch.

Noises—Too irregular to fix pitch.

Four important characteristics of Musical Sounds—

1. Intensity (loudness)—amplitude of wave.
2. Pitch—rapidity or length of wave.
3. Quality—shape of wave.
4. Duration—only used in physical diagnosis.

Intensity (loudness)—

Least important.

Proportional to nearness and energy put into sound production.

Expresses amplitude of wave.

Sound waves may be “damped” by internal friction of air.

Sound waves may be focused or concentrated at a point by a hollow cone. (Ear and stethoscope examples.)

Loudness may be increased by resonance chambers. (Air chamber of violin.)

Pitch—

The rate of vibration of the wave varies with the length of the wave.

The more rapid the vibration, the shorter the wave.

The shorter the wave, the higher the pitch.

Extreme limits of pitch up and down cannot be heard by the human ear.

Pitch depends on vibration rate or wave length.

Range of human ear 30 to 40,000 per second.

Quality—

Two sounds of same intensity and pitch may vary.

This variation is quality.

In this way a piano, violin, the human voice exhibit quality.

The form of the sound wave determines quality.

The form of the wave varies with the waves of higher frequency (overtones) which accompany the fundamental.

The quality of the human voice is determined by the shape, size and opening of the mouth, nose and sinuses.

Duration—

This has no musical significance but the duration of sounds is used constantly in physical diagnosis.

Resonance—

Example—speaking in an empty room or into an empty jar.

A resonator reflects sounds from its inner walls.

If they are of the proper pitch for the resonator they are reenforced by the resonator on entering

its opening and may be so distinguished ("spherical resonator").

Resonators are selective, each responding to its own fundamental pitch.

Fundamental Tone—

Produced by any musical source.

The source vibrates as a whole.

It vibrates in its simplest and lowest mode.

May be produced (for example) by a stretched string drawn to one side by its middle point and released, the string vibrating more or less as a whole.

Overtones (Partials)—

Due to superimposed vibrations.

They are higher pitched than the fundamental.

They are due to the failure of the source of sound to vibrate entirely as a whole.

Thus if a stretched string is struck sharply with a hammer, it vibrates according to nodes, its several parts moving independently.

What is true of a string, applies to solids, air, and fluid.

Acoustics of the Thorax in Physical Examination

Sound Waves arise from disturbances in the particles of an *elastic body*. Pitch depends upon the elasticity and mass of the body. In the case of the chest, pitch chiefly depends upon mass, because its elastic walls are under atmospheric pressure. The pitch of tubes varies with their length, being low in long tubes.

Resonators—

Resonators (ideal) respond to only one tone (their own fundamental). Resonators (soft wall) respond to other tones also. Vibrations induced in a resonator which are not of the frequency of the resonator are said to be forced on it. The tones of a violin string are thus forced on the body of the violin. When an air space vibrates with the production of its proper tone, the vibrations are called *free* vibrations. Volumes of air confined in elastic walls respond best to their free vibrations. Vibrations which approximate its fundamental are easiest to force on it. Other vibrations are forced with difficulty. Bushnell lays great emphasis on the thorax as a resonator. His contentions are as follows: The larynx is the generator of breath sounds because in a wide open larynx there is silence over the lung as well as over the trachea. The vocal cords act as do the reeds of a pipe organ.

Peculiarities of the Thoracic Resonator—

1. It is compound, being made up of
 - (a) large pulmonary resonator.
 - (b) small tracheobronchial resonator.

The first responds to low tones.

The second responds to high tones.

2. The pulmonary resonator contains solid structures under tension. (Alveoli, pleurae, bronchi.)

The *Fundamental* note of the thoracic resonator is low-pitched. It responds by increasing the intensity

of all tones of its own pitch. It likewise shows a zone of resonance for sounds with a pitch near that of the fundamental.

1. When percussed it gives out vesicular resonance which is the low pitched sound we would expect to be amplified by the thoracic resonator. Other sounds of higher frequency to which the resonator cannot respond are damped. Such high-pitched sounds arise from the—

(a) the pleximeter finger,

(b) the chest wall, and

(c) the bronchial tree,

and may actually represent more energy than the sound really heard.

2. During normal breathing the respiratory murmur is heard over the chest. This is again a low-pitched sound. It is a component of the noise made by the friction of the breathing air current against the vocal cords. Only the low tones are responded to by the thoracic resonator. The high-pitched ones which are responded to by the tracheal resonator are suppressed by the pulmonary tissue which acts as an insulator.

3. During phonation some sounds are heard well over parts of some chests. These are the sounds of low pitch, which likewise fall in with the fundamental frequency of the thoracic resonator. This is called vocal resonance. It is heard in bass-voiced males.

4. Strong response by the resonator to vocal sounds near the fundamental pitch may set the chest wall in vibration so that it is tactilely discriminated. This is vocal fremitus.

The pitch of the resonator is determined by the volume of the air space. The larger the space, the lower the pitch. Examples: violin, viola, violin cello, bass viol. The pitch of the percussion note varies also with the size of the chest. It is thus different in man, woman and child.

Percussion vibrations pass from anterior to posterior aspect of the chest along the course of the ribs and not in the horizontal plane.

A different explanation for the sounds of percussion and auscultation over the chest has been given by Martini. He does not consider the resonator effect of the chest important. He believes that breath sounds do not originate in the larynx but in tracheobronchial vibrations. The percussion note (normal pulmonary resonance) is a fusion of sounds arising from the chest wall as well as the lung. By graphic methods and the use of boxes as models of the chest, he has attempted to establish this theory.

The vesicular murmur he believes to be made up of vibrations from—

1. the bronchial system and
2. the sudden tensing of the aveolar cell walls.

The pitch of the percussion resonance and the vesicular murmur are almost the same.

Bronchial breathing shows a fundamental tone with a frequency of about 300 per second.

The vesicular murmur shows a frequency of 100 to 200 vibrations per second.

The pitch of the percussion note is the same as the pitch of the vesicular murmur in each individual chest.

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CHAPTER III

INSPECTION

Definition—

That method of examination which makes use of the sense of sight.

It is, of course, the oldest method of study of human disease. It was the chief means of investigation of Hippocrates and his followers down to modern times.

Most physical diagnosticians regard it as primary. With it should begin every study of a patient.

It should not be done hurriedly.

It should be practiced in an orderly way.

It should begin at the head and end at the feet.

Observations should be recorded as they are made.

One should constantly drill himself in accurate observation.

Not every impression that is made on the retina reaches the brain. By training we can greatly increase the number that do.

Practice inspection with your classmates, on the street corner, on the trolley, at the theatre. It is the only kind of examination to which every one is exposed whether he wishes it or not. The world is a great free clinic for inspection. Make use of it. You can recognize cretins, goiters, myxedemas, pituitary disease, rickets, acromegaly, nephritis, tabes, paralysis agitans, and many other diseases on the street corner. It is good practice to observe the signs of disease in all you meet.

Technic—

1. Patient's clothes off.
2. Good light.
 - (a) Day light
 - (1) Direct
 - (2) Oblique (shadows—pulsations).
 - (b) Artificial light — (transillumination, throat, ears, etc.).
3. Order (head to foot).
4. Carefully and completely.
5. Time—do not hurry.
6. Record—as observation is made.

What to Observe—

1. GAIT—
 - (a) Coordination. (Cerebellum and cord.)
Alcohol.
 - (b) Absence of weakness. (Muscles and nerves.) Lead.
 - (c) Absence of stiffness. (Brain and cord.)
Hemiplegia.
2. POSTURE—
 - (a) *Standing*—
Head—erect (torticollis).
Trunk—straight (spinal curvatures, etc.)
Abdomen—(protuberant or retracted).
Legs—on both (paralysis of hip).
Feet—arch—inverted.
 - (b) *Sitting*—
In bed—(orthopnea).

(c) *Lying*—

Lateral—

1. on affected side.
2. to stop cough.
3. for cardiac comfort.

Prone—

1. colic.
2. cardialgia.

Dorsal decubitus—peritonitis.

Position of head and legs—

Active posture—restless, moving.

Passive posture—weak, lax (ill).

What is Opisthotonos?

What is Emprosthotonos?

3. **EXPRESSION**—

Listless.

In pain

Excited.

Perturbed.

Worried.

Ill.

or

Cheerful.

Bright.

Happy.

Intelligent.

Quiet.

Index of—

I—Emotions.

II—Mental condition.

Hippocratic Facies?

Risus Sardonicus?

4. **NUTRITION**—

Adipose—(panniculus adiposus).

Lean.

Emaciated.

5. DEVELOPMENT—

Musculature.....
 {poorly developed.
 {well developed.

6. BONY ARCHITECTURE—**1. Cranium****Size—**

(Much variation even in Caucasians except in height.)

Megacephalic—(large head).

Mesocephalic—(average head).

Microcephalic—(small head).

Symmetry—(usually asymmetrical). (Piersol,
page 230.)

Left side longer.

Right side higher, etc.

Shape—

Extreme forms in Caucasians.

Racial variations.

Cephalic Index— $\frac{100 \times \text{breadth.}}{\text{length.}}$

Brachycephalic—(80+) round head.

Mesaticephalic—(75-80) average head.

Dolichocephalic—(75—) long head.

Prognathism—(projection of face).

2. Face

Leptoprosopic—(long face).

Chamaeprosopic—(broad face).

(Marked alterations in size and shape of head occur in
certain diseases.)

3. Thorax

1. Symmetrical (usually asymmetrical).

2. Surface rounded.

3. No sharp angles or depressions.

4. Substernal angle 90° .
5. I. C. S. seen only in lower chest.
6. No angulation of sternum.
7. Anteroposterior diameter less than transverse.
8. Pyramidal shape.
9. Offset above by shoulder girdle in male and breasts in female.
10. Shoulder horizontal.
11. Scapulae flat and on same level.
12. Clavicles not prominent.
13. Fossae not deep.

Respiratory Movements—

1. Equal.
2. Regular.
3. Normal excursion.

Abnormal Types—

1. Barrel (emphysema).
2. Flat and long (paralytic).
3. Pigeon (rachitic).
4. Funnel.
5. Kyphotic.
6. Asymmetry (unilateral disease).

4. Spine

1. 4 curves.
 - 2 concave backward (cervical and lumbar).
 - 2 convex backward (thoracic and pelvic).Thoracic spine deflected to right. (Heart and aorta).
2. Spinous processes.
3. Movements (usually mixed).
Extension—best in cervical and lumbar.

Flexion—best in cervical and lumbar.
Extension freer than flexion in neck.
Flexion freer than extension in lumbar region.
Lateral motion best in neck.
Lateral motion least in lumbar.
Rotation best in neck.
Rotation least in lumbar.
All of these spinal movements vary—
1. with individual.
2. with age.

5. Extremities

1. Symmetrical.
2. Same length.
3. Equal motion.
4. Size and surface condition.

7. INTEGUMENT—

The skin is of interest not only because of skin diseases, but many systemic disorders are manifested in changes on the surface of the body.

Reliance is placed almost entirely on inspection in the study of the skin.

1. Color.

Normally pinkish white. (Flesh color).

Due to—

- (a) Number of r. b. c. in skin.
- (b) Hgb. of r. b. c. in skin.
- (c) Thickness of integument.
- (d) Pigment in skin.

PALLOR—

Pale faces occur in health.

Due to—

- (a) Poverty of facial blood vessels.
- (b) Thickened skin.
- (c) Local vasomotor disturbance.

Inspection should never be relied upon to say if pallor represents anemia.

Examination of mucous membrane always helps.

No opinion should be entertained without a blood count.

PIGMENTATION—

Granules in deeper layers of epidermis.

More pronounced in brunettes.

Preference for—

exposed parts—(face and hands).
axillae.
nipples.
linea alba.
genitals.
anus.

Increases in pregnancy.

Increases in sunshine (protective).

FRECKLES (EPHELIDES).

Hands and face.

Increase with red hair.

Increase in summer time.

Pigmentation determines the classification into albinos, blondes, and brunettes.

(A) ALBINOS—Rare.

Show absence or extreme scarcity of pigment in skin or appendages.

Hair—White, yellowish or reddish.

Iris—Pinkish or transparent.

Pupil—(Choroid)—pinkish.

Skin—Pinkish.

Light hurts eyes, therefore often blinking.

(B) BLONDES—

Small amount of pigment in skin and hair.

Hair—Various shades of yellow.

Iris—Blue to gray.

Pupil—Black.

Skin—Fair.

Areola of breast—Pale.

Vaginal mucous membrane—Pale and lacking scarlet.

Easily freckle in the sun.

(C) BRUNETTES—

Skin and hair contain the most pigment.

Hair—Brown to black.

Iris—Brown to black.

Pupil—Black.

Skin—Dark.

Areola of nipple—Dark.

Mucous membrane of vagina—Blue scarlet.

Whole skin turns darker with exposure to sun—tanned.

(D) CANITIES—

White hair whether premature or after advance of years.

Iron gray hair occurs in some young people.

DISEASES WITH PIGMENTATION—

Melanosarcoma.
Addison's Disease.
Hemochromatosis.
Tuberculosis.
Pediculosis, etc.

Other abnormal color changes in the skin:

Jaundice.
Cyanosis.
Redness.
Argyria.

2. Moisture—

- (a) Normal skin slightly moist.
- (b) Dry (dehydration) diarrhea, diabetes, etc.
- (c) Sweating—nervousness, fever.

3. Swellings—(Edema).**4. Circulation—**

Collateral circulation in venous obstruction—

- (a) Chest (obstruction in chest).
- (b) Lateral abdomen (obstruction in iliac veins).
- (c) Ventral abdomen (obstruction in portal veins).
- (d) Dendritic zone at costal margin unexplained.

5. Scars—(Vaccination, boils, buboes, tuberculous glands, syphilis, operation, cupping).**6. Desquamation — (Recovering from exanthemata).**

7. Striae—(Pregnancy, edema, fat, tumors).

Also look for tophi, eruptions, tropic changes, hemorrhages, etc.

8. Mucous Membranes—

Mouth and nose.

Anus.

Conjunctivae.

Vagina.

Lips—

Look for—

Pallor.

Eruptions.

Jaundice.

Cyanosis.

Scars, etc.

9. Hair—**1. Distribution—**

(All parts of body except palms and soles).

(a) Head—

Usually scanty at birth.

Whole scalp covered in young.

Baldness conforms to frontalis.

Encroachment on forehead in certain individuals.

(b) Face—

Beard of male. (Begins 16 to 17 years).

Scattering of long hairs in certain females.

(c) Axilla—

Both sexes. (Begins with puberty).

More marked in males.

(d) *Pubes*—

Both sexes. (Begins with puberty).
Upper line of male pointed to navel.
Upper line of female straight.

(e) *Chest*—

Patch over sternum in certain males.
Rare in females (about nipple).

(f) *Abdomen*—

Midline patch joining pubic with
sternal hair in certain males.
Rare in females.

(g) *Arms*—

Common on forearm of male.
Rare in female.

(h) *Hand*—

Common on ulna side of dorsum of
male.

(i) *Leg*—

Common on calf, occasional on thigh
of male.
Occasional in female.

(j) *Foot*—

Few on dorsum.
Brunettes tend to show more hair than blondes.

2. Color—

Depends on amount of pigment.
Varies from white to black.
(Albino, canities, blonde, brunette).

3. Sex—

- (a) Peculiar distribution.
- (b) Increase in male.

4. Age—

Infancy. Scanty on head, lanugo on body.

Childhood. Abundant on head, lanugo on body.

Puberty. Abundant on head, changing on body.

Adult. Abundant on head, characteristic on body.

Old age. Scanty on head, characteristic on body.

(Color—whitening)

5. Texture—

- (a) Coarse.
- (b) Fine.

6. Form—

- (a) Straight.
- (b) Curls.
- (c) Kinks.

7. Amount—

Alopecia (baldness).

Hypertrichosis (hirsuties).

- 8. Microscopic study of pulled specimen in K O H**
should constitute the routine in cases of disease.

8. EYE—

By daylight—(patient facing light.)

Lids—

- 1. Thickness.
- 2. Color.

3. Position (ptosis).
4. Condition of margins.
5. Ability to open and close eye.
6. Size of palpebral fissure.
7. Lachrymal puncta.

Tear Sacs—Swollen or not.

Conjunctivae—

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Color. | 3. Thickness. |
| 2. Smoothness. | 4. Secretions. |

Technic of Eversion of Upper Lid—

Lay pencil or probe in fold of upper lid. Suddenly fold lid back over it. Patient looks down as sulci are examined.

Patient looks up while lower lid is retracted with thumb. The lower sulcus is then inspected.

The Globe—

1. Position—(pushed out or back).
2. Parallelism (strabismus).
3. General appearance.
4. Movements.
5. Sensation.

Pupils—

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Size. | 4. Reaction to light. |
| 2. Shape. | |
| 3. Equality. | 5. Reaction to accommodation. |

Technic of Examination—

In a dark room shine bright light in eye. Note quickness of response. (Contraction.)

In the light, cover eyes with hands and then remove hands. Note same.

Fix eye on distant object. (Pupil relaxes.)

Fix eye on near object. (Pupil contracts.)

Cornea—(Use oblique illumination and dark room).

1. General condition.
2. Reflex.

Media of Eye Ball—

1. Ophthalmoscope at a distance.
2. Indirect illumination.

Oculi Fundi—(Ophthalmoscope).

Observe.....	{	Vessels.
		Retina (orange red).
		Disc (color, margins, cup).
		Macula.

Importance of this examination?

9. EAR—

1. Auricle—

1. Architecture.
2. Size.
3. Comparison with other.

2. External Auditory Canal—

(Use speculum, head mirror and good light.)

1. Color (pink).
2. Smoothness.
3. Wax.

3. Membrana Tympana—

1. Color (pearl gray).
2. Long handle of malleus.

3. Cone of light.
4. Umbo.
5. Folds (anterior and posterior).
6. Short process.
7. Position of membrane.
8. Mobility of membrane.

10. NOSE—

External—

1. Color.
2. Shape and size.

Nares—

1. Patency (unilateral blowing).
2. Size (distended, pinched).
3. Secretions.

Internal—(Head mirror, speculum, light).

1. Color of mucous membrane.
2. Secretions.
3. Architecture (septum, turbinates).

11. MOUTH—

Technic of Examination—

1. Good light (facing window or reflected from head mirror).
2. Mouth wide open.
3. Tongue depressed or put to one side.
4. Patient says "Ah."

Pharynx—(With mirror or flash light).

1. Color.
 2. Condition of mucous membrane (smooth, swollen, rough, etc.).
- (Patient says "Ah" to lift soft palate.)

Tonsils—

1. Size.
2. Color.
3. Prominence.
4. Crypts and contents.

(Aspirate with suction for bacteriological examination.)

Soft Palate—

1. Size and length.

Hard Palate—

1. Intact?
2. Morphology.

Nasopharynx—(With mirror).

1. Condition of turbinates.
2. Amount of lymphoid tissue.

Tongue—(“Mirror of Stomach”).

Anatomy — (Medium furrow, fungiform papilla, circumvallate papilla, foramen cecum, lingual tonsil.)

1. Color (roseate).
2. Moisture.
3. Coating—Varies in health.

Cause—Epithelium which is thickened, stained by various things especially entangled food.

Worse in morning and P. C.

Worse on liquid diet.

4. Size and shape (atrophy).
5. Movements (tremor—paralysis).

Teeth—

1. Cleanliness.
2. Staining (tobacco).
3. Soundness (decay, vitality).
4. Dental work (fillings, crowns, bridges, plates).
5. Presence (false and gaps).
6. Shape (rachitis, syphilis).
7. Number.

Dentition—

1st onset 7-9 months.....	}	Milk teeth—20
Complete 20-30 months.....		
2nd onset 5-6 years.....	}	Permanent—32
Complete 16 years, except wisdom.....		

Gums—

1. Color (lead line).
2. Relation to teeth (recession).
3. Swelling, etc.
4. Pus.

Endoscopy

Inspection should not be limited to the exterior. Valuable information is derived from inspection of the cavities of the body. Often this can be accomplished by properly reflected light. In other instances elaborate instruments are necessary. The physical diagnostician should master the simple methods. Of the more complicated methods he should know their value as well as their limitations, though he does not assay to master the technic himself. A doctor cannot know too much.

1. Rectal Examinations

(With rectal speculum)

(Piles, fissures, fistulas, tumors, ulcers.)

2. Sigmoidoscopy

(With sigmoidoscope.)

(Tumors, ulcers, inflammation, etc.)

3. Vaginal Examination

(With vaginal speculum)

(Tumors, ulcers, inflammation, injuries of vagina and cervix)

4. Cystoscopy

(With cystoscope)

(Tumors, ulcers, inflammation, stone, etc., of the bladder.)

5. Laryngoscopy

(With laryngoscope)

(Shape, size, color, movement, secretions of the larynx, etc.)

6. Bronchoscopy

(With bronchoscope)

(Foreign bodies, inflammation, tumors, etc.)

7. Esophagoscopy

(With esophagoscope)

(Strictures, tumors, inflammation of esophagus.)

8. Endoscopy (Abdominal and Thoracic)

(a) Abdomen inflated with air to inspect contents and peritoneum.

(b) Thorax to inspect pleura.

9. Ophthalmoscopy
(With ophthalmoscope)

10. Otoscopy
(With otoscope)

Movements

Movements seen upon the surface of the body.

1. Heart—

- (a) Apex impulse.
(Position, rate, force, direction, rhythm.)
- (b) Cardiac heave.
- (c) Abnormal impulses.
- (d) Retractions.

2. Vessels—

- (a) Pulsations. (Direction.)

3. Lungs—(Respiratory movements).

Inspiration—Ribs move upward and outward.

Expiration—Ribs move downward and inward.

- (a) Equal.
- (b) Regular (rhythm).
- (c) Force and expansion.
- (d) Rate.
- (e) Type (abdominal or thoracic).
- (f) Cough.
- (g) Retraction of interspaces.

4. Diaphragm—

Litten's Sign.

- (a) Patient on back, feet to window.
- (b) Doctor at side.

- (c) Shadow moves seventh to ninth rib during inspiration.
- (d) Shadow moves ninth to seventh rib during expiration.
- (e) Two and one-half inches in extent.
Especially clear in the thin patient.
Always present in normal persons.

Explanation—Diaphragm “peels off” the chest wall in the costophrenic angle during inspiration and the lung descends to fill the angle. This movement causes the shadow.

Significance—

It is equal and always present on both sides in health.

It is an index of diaphragmatic movement.

In disease involving the diaphragm or the costophrenic angle, this shadow disappears.

5. Abdomen—

- 1. Pulsation of abdominal aorta (thin people).
- 2. Respiratory movement (abdominal breathing).
(Characteristic of men.)

Joints and Extremities

- 1. Shape.
- 2. Size.
- 3. Movements.
- 4. Color.
- 5. General appearance.

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CHAPTER IV

PALPATION

Definition—The art of eliciting by the sense of touch the size, shape, position and consistency of organs, as well as temperature, swelling, tenderness and other physical states in the skin and underlying structures.

History—Palpation in the diagnosis of disease is not a new accomplishment of medical science. It was used by Hippocrates 375 years before Christ.

Kinds—

1. With the flat of the hand. Used to make out gross changes.
2. With the finger tips. Used to elicit delicate changes, such as a thrill or a friction rub.

Technic—

1. Sensation is keenest in the palm of the hand.
2. Very light touch essential to appreciate the finest tactile impressions.
3. The end organ, the nervous paths and the brain of the examiner must be developed for receiving, conveying and registering tactile impressions. This requires practice, attention and the determination to learn.
4. The method of palpation varies with the object in view and the part of the body under examination.
5. A good technic is essential.

What to Feel for—

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Texture. | 7. Thrills. |
| 2. Temperature. | 8. Friction rubs. |
| 3. Moisture. | 9. Pulsations. |
| 4. Morphology. | 10. Movements. |
| 5. Position. | 11. Resistance |
| 6. Size. | 12. Tenderness. |
| 13. Consistency. | |

Where to Use Palpation—

1. In examining the surface of the body.
2. In examining the contents of the abdomen.
3. In examining the extremities.
4. In pelvic examinations.
5. In rectal examinations.
6. In examining lymph glands.
7. In examining the genitalia.
8. In examining blood vessels.
9. In examining the thoracic contents.
10. In examining the eye for—
 - (a) Ciliary tenderness.
 - (b) Tension of globe.
 - (c) Presence of tumors near it.
11. In examining the neck.
12. In examining the mouth.

How to Palpate—

1. Flat of hand very lightly applied to skin.
(To detect fine vibrations—thrill.)
2. Ulnar side of hand very lightly applied to skin.
(To verify fine vibrations.)
3. Flat of hand firmly applied.
(To detect pulsations.)

4. Finger tips lightly applied.
(To detect pulsations, moving borders of organs, etc.)
5. Bimanual palpation.
(One hand to support the organ or bring it into the field for the other hand to detect.)
6. Hand on Hand palpation. One hand exerts pressure while the other remains sensitive to impressions.
(Use for deep lying objects, chiefly in the abdomen.)

In mastering the art of palpation, help is not obtained from written descriptions to the same extent as in the study of percussion or auscultation. The student must in large measure find his information for himself. He must constantly practice. He should palpate every abdomen he can, with great attention, making the effort to think with the ends of his fingers.

Palpation is developed fully under the heading of the *Abdomen*.

Webb maintains that vocal fremitus is best detected with the back of the hand. This is due, he thinks, to bone conduction.

CHAPTER V

PERCUSSION

History.—Leopold Auenbrugger (1722-1809) invented and developed percussion as a method of diagnosis. “*Inventum Novum*” was a small work of 95 pages published in Latin, 1761, and received scant notice at the time. Later it was translated into French by Napoleon’s physician, Corvisart (1808). It was, therefore, introduced just a few years before Laennec’s auscultation.

Definition.—Percussion is the art of eliciting and interpreting sounds produced by sharp blows struck on the surface of the body. It may be deep or light, mediate or immediate.

Uses—

1. To outline organs as the heart, bladder, etc.
2. To determine change in position.
3. To determine change in consistency, as when fluid replaces normal pulmonary tissue.
4. The following organs are accessible to examination by percussion:

Lungs.	Stomach.
Heart.	Cecum.
Kidneys.	Colon.
Spleen.	Small intestines.
Bladder.	Liver.
5. Chiefly applicable to the thorax.

Deep percussion is that type of percussion in which a hard blow is struck in order to bring out the note of a deep-seated organ.

Light percussion implies an easy blow and is used to bring out fine shades of difference in parts immediately under the finger.

Mediate percussion is that in which a pleximeter is used. A pleximeter may be a finger which is struck by another finger or a plate struck by a rubber hammer.

Immediate (direct) percussion is that in which no pleximeter is used. The blow is struck directly with the finger or flat of the hand.

Threshold percussion (Goldscheider) is that in which a light stroke is made over the bent second phalangeal joint of the pleximeter finger. Useful in fine discrimination.

Palpatory percussion is a combination of palpation and percussion. Stress is laid upon the sense of resistance as much as upon the sound elicited.

Auscultatory Percussion.—With the stethoscope applied to the surface, a series of blows is struck in the line of an arc of a circle the center of which holds the stethoscope. Sounds are much intensified and with light percussion shades of difference are more clearly discriminated. Used chiefly in outlining such organs as the stomach.

Successful percussion means—

1. The possession of a good technic.
2. The training of one's self to listen and analyze and interpret sounds and

3. The cultivation of a sense of resistance.
(In a quiet room. Do not be hurried. Attempt to catch and interpret each sound.)

Technic—

A. (On part of examiner.)

1. Index or middle finger of left hand with palmar surface against chest. Blow is struck with crooked middle or index finger of the other hand.
2. Ends and not pulp of percussing finger used.
3. Movement confined to wrist joint.
4. Pressure of pleximeter finger should be firm.

Function of Pleximeter—

It really becomes a part of the chest. It compresses and pushes apart the soft parts and thus furnishes a plain or convex surface on which to receive the blow.

5. Blows should be quickly given and quickly withdrawn. (As when "keys of pianoforte are struck.")
6. Force of blow, light or moderate. Always uniform.
7. Progress of examination from symmetrical or corresponding points.
8. Percusser should be in front of, or behind patient,—not to his or her side.
9. There should be a series (5-7) of rapid blows—not 1 or 2.
10. Blow should be perpendicular.
11. Parallel to ribs.
12. Finger nail should be cut short.

B. (On part of patient.)

1. *Position*—Sitting or standing best. In bed or on table sounding board effects are often confusing.
2. *Attitude*—Must be relaxed and “act naturally.”
3. Must hold himself in a symmetrical position.
4. In examining back, head should be forward, back bent and arms folded in front.

Physics of Percussion—

Of chief importance is the analysis and interpretation of the percussion note or sound. This sound, as elsewhere, has to be broken up into its constituents for description and study. We have to consider its—

1. Intensity.
2. Pitch and
3. Quality.

Intensity—Intensity is an expression for the loudness of the sound. It is dependent primarily on the energy put into the percussion stroke and is, therefore, the least important characteristic of a percussion sound.

Suppose we are percussing the left infrascapular region. The intensity of the note, or resonance as we call it, may be feeble or loud depending on the force of the blow. There are other factors influencing intensity—

- (a) “Volume of lung, and therefore, varies with the age and size of the individual,
- (b) Elasticity of costal cartilages,
- (c) The thickness of the soft parts.”

Intensity is variable.

Pitch—Pitch is most important. It may be high, medium or low. Pitch is relative. We have to compare one percussion note with another in order to express it. Thus the note over the normal lung is low. Over the lower part of the liver it may be high. Over the right apex it may be medium. These comparisons are confined to physical signs, because, of course, the high note over the liver would be low when compared to the note of a canary.

Quality—Also important. This is an individual thing. The quality of the note of percussion as heard over the lungs or the heart or the stomach or the small intestines or elsewhere is different in each locality. The quality of the pulmonary note is as characteristic as the note of the violin. The quality of the violin cannot be described other than to say it is violin quality. So of the pulmonary note. We speak of it as the *normal pulmonary resonance* or the *normal vesicular resonance* or simply *normal resonance*.

The quality of this percussion note gotten over the lungs can be imitated by percussing a loaf of bread, a sponge or inflated calves' lungs.

There is no such thing as a standard note which is the same for all normal chests, even in corresponding locations. Every individual varies in the intensity, pitch and quality of his normal resonance. To determine, therefore, whether or not an individual chest is normal, one has to carry in his mind the average normal chest. But as disease usually attacks one side of the chest, we avail ourselves of the other side to serve as a normal for that individual.

Analysis of Various Percussion Sounds—

QUALITY.	PITCH	INTENSITY	LOCATION
Resonance (1).....	Low	Variable	Lungs
Flatness (absent resonance).....	High	Feeble	Liver
Dullness (diminished resonance).....	Medium high	Variable	Rt. apex
Tympanitic resonance.....	Higher than (1)	Variable	Traube's Space
Vesiculo tympanitic resonance.....	Higher than (1)	Increased	Emphysema
Amphoric resonance.....	Low	Variable	Trachea
Cracked pot (clinking).....	High	Variable	Crying child

Areas of Normal Pulmonary Resonance—(Chest).

1. Left apex.
2. Right and left clavicular region.
3. Right and left infraclavicular region.
4. Right and left mammary region.
5. Right and left infrascapular region.
6. Lateral regions.
7. Interscapular (lower part) region.

Resonance=many overtones.

Tympany=fundamental.

Normal Dull Thoracic Areas—

1. Right apex.
2. Scapular region right and left (muscle).
3. Inframammary region right (liver).
4. Inframammary region left. }
5. Mammary region left. } Heart.
6. Inframammary region left (spleen).
7. Infrascapular region (base) (liver).

Normal Tympanitic Thoracic Areas—

1. Sternal region (upper) (trachea).
2. Traube's semilunar space (stomach).
3. Interscapular region (upper part) (trachea).
4. Infrascapular region (base) stomach *occasionally*.

Normal Flat Pulmonary Areas—

1. Right inframammary region (liver) (low).
2. Left mammary (heart).

Percussion Note Characteristic of Thoracic Areas—

1. *Supraclavicular*—
 - (a) Right—dull.
 - (b) Left—normal pulmonary resonance.
(Vesiculo-tympanitic toward sternum [trachea])
2. *Clavicular*—Right and left—normal pulmonary resonance.
(Vesiculo-tympanitic toward sternum [trachea])
3. *Infraclavicular*—Right and left normal pulmonary resonance.
(Vesiculo-tympanitic toward sternum [primary bronchi])
4. *Mammary region*—(a) Right.
Diminishing resonance (increasing dullness)
from 4th rib down (liver).
(b) Left.

Dull	} over pericardium.
Flat	

Elsewhere normal pulmonary resonance (diminished by pectoral muscles.)

5. *Inframammary*—(a) Right—flat (liver).
Tympanitic occasionally—(colon).
(b) Left.
 1. Flat (liver—left lobe), close to sternum.
 2. Tympany (stomach—Traube's semilunar space, between liver and spleen).

3. Dull (spleen), 9th to 11th ribs posterior to anterior axillary line.
6. *Sternal*—
- (a) Upper (above 2nd rib)—tympanitic.
 - (b) Resonance mixed,
dullness from underlying organs.
7. *Suprascapular*—Right and left.
Normal pulmonary resonance (though not intense).
8. *Scapular*—Right and left.
Diminished resonance (dull).
(Bone and muscle).
9. *Interscapular*—Right and left.
Resonance less than infrascapular.
Resonance greater than scapular.
Upper part tympanitic (trachea).
10. *Infrascapular*—
- (a) Right—Normal pulmonary resonance.
Extreme base dull (liver).
 - (b) Left—Normal pulmonary resonance.
Extreme base occasionally tympanitic (stomach).
11. *Axillary Region*—(to 6th rib)—
Right and left—normal pulmonary resonance.
12. *Infraaxillary Region*—
- (a) Right—dull—to flat (liver).
 - (b) Left—dull (spleen)—
tympany (stomach).

Corresponding Regions Which Are Dissimilar in Resonance—

1. Mammary.
2. Inframammary.
3. Infraaxillary.
4. Infrascapular.

Factors Influencing the Percussion Note in Health—

1. Age (changing elasticity and thickness of walls).
2. Thickness of chest wall (fat, muscles, breasts).
3. Distention of colon or stomach.
4. Lying on side (upper more resonant).
5. Respiration (more resonant in inspiration).

Webb advocates ambidextrous percussion and palpation while directly facing the patient. He believes in one blow rather than in a series of blows. Advises that the examiner go from below up.

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CHAPTER VI

AUSCULTATION

Definition—

The science of listening to and interpreting sounds made within the human body. Chiefly applicable to examination of the cardiorespiratory system.

Application—

1. Examination of the lungs (respiration, voice, whisper, cough).
2. Examination of the bronchi.
3. Examination of the pleura.
4. Examination of the heart and pericardium.
5. Examination of the aorta and other vessels.
6. Examination of the stomach and intestines.
7. Examination of the spleen and liver.
8. Examination of the pregnant uterus.
9. Examination of the esophagus.

Remember: Auscultation, especially of the lungs, is most difficult to master.

It is important to know perfectly the auscultatory signs of the normal person.

Sounds which are normal when heard over one part of the body may be the signs of disease when heard elsewhere.

In mastering normal auscultatory signs, therefore, a knowledge of most of the pathologic signs has already been acquired.

History—

The Hippocratic School knew something of auscultation. Example: Hippocratic Succussion; Râles.

Nothing more was discovered until the great master Laennec's *L'Auscultation Médiate*, 1819. Laennec was the inventor of the stethoscope. He worked out a remarkable science of mediate auscultation with his new instrument, based upon a correlation of pathologic laboratory findings and bedside observation. Little has been added in the last one hundred years. Distinguished men who have added to this science are Skoda, Wintrick, Traube, and in this country, the elder Flint and Gerhardt.

Kinds of Auscultation—

1. Immediate.
2. Mediate.
3. Obstetric (study of fetal heart, placental murmurs, etc.).
4. Stroke (stroking surface with finger tips and listening to the sound).

Immediate Auscultation—

The ear (finger stopping other ear) placed directly against the patient's body.

"Sounding Cloth"—a square of thin cloth placed between ear and patient's body for decency.

Objections—

1. Patient's sense of delicacy.
2. Doctor's sense of cleanliness.
3. Inability to reach axilla, etc.
4. Inability to localize sounds, such as cardiac murmurs.

Advantages—

1. Picks up faint bronchial breathing not audible through stethoscope (central pneumonia).
2. Aortic regurgitant murmurs (high pitched and blowing), heard better than with stethoscope.

Comparable to low power of microscope of which stethoscope represents the high power.—Cabot.

Should always be used in the examination of the lungs.

Mediate Auscultation—

To intensify sounds and focus attention. Some form of stethoscope is used.

Stethoscope—

Invented by Laennec (1819).

First instrument: Straight wooden cylinder 12 inches long, 1.6 inches in diameter. Small central bore about $\frac{1}{3}$ inch in diameter. Capable of breaking in two parts. One end plugged by removable stopper. This was a monaural stethoscope. This is type of instrument now used in Europe. The modern monaural stethoscope is much shorter and more convenient than Laennec's.

Binaural Stethoscope—

Invented by Cammann of New York. Many modern makes—Ford and Tieman, examples. Variation chiefly in chest piece. This may be:

- (a) Large or small.
- (b) Bell or funnel-shaped.
- (c) Diaphragm. (Bowles.)

Points in Selecting a Stethoscope—

1. Try it on as you would a shoe.
2. Get a good one.
3. Get a simple one.
4. See that ear piece fits (painful if loose).
5. Tubes should be flexible and short.
6. No movable joints. No noise.
7. The proper sort of chest piece. (Funnel-shaped is best.)
8. Not too strong a spring.

Uses of a Bowles Chest Piece—

1. Children.
2. Very ill patients (back).
3. Aortic diastolic murmurs.

Rules for Auscultation (Thoracic)**Patient—**

1. Do as doctor says.
2. Demonstrate as well as tell patient what to do.
3. Comfortable—seated or lying.
4. Breathe normally.
5. Breathe with mouth open.

The mouth should be entirely open. Breathing through the partially open mouth or nose may cause sounds which may exaggerate the bronchial element or the vesicular element. Do not relax velum palati.

6. Breathe more deeply than normally.
7. Inspire, expire, cough.
8. Rhythm and rate normal.
9. Relaxed and seated.
10. Sit symmetrically.
11. Arms by side (frontal examination).

12. Arms on head (side examination).
13. Arms crossed over chest (back examination).
14. Keep quiet and still.

Doctor—

1. Do not move quickly from one area to another.
2. You cannot examine one spot too long.
3. Examine corresponding sides.
4. Compare them as you proceed.
5. Order (from above down).
6. Constant pressure with chest piece.
7. Take comfortable position seated.
8. Do not lean over patient (blood to ear).
9. Cultivate concentration (close eyes if necessary).
10. Learn to disregard external noises (room, street).

Multiple Electrical Stethoscope—

1. Magnifies sound by amplifiers.
2. Electrical filters eliminate certain vibrations at will. This enables one to listen to one sound at a time.
3. Phonographic records have been made of heart and breath sounds.
4. Chest sounds may be reproduced by a loud speaker.

Advantage—

Many can hear at once. (More than 500 have listened at once.)
Speaker's voice can be heard.
Closely associated sounds can be analyzed.
Otherwise inaudible sounds can be heard.

Sources of Error—

(Pulmonary auscultation more difficult than cardiac.)

1. Hair crepitation (rubbing stethoscope against hair).
 - (a) Synchronous with respiration.
 - (b) Throughout both inspiration and expiration.
 - (c) Increased by moving stethoscope.

Confused chiefly with râles.

Relieved by (1) Water } to skin.
(2) Oil }
(3) Shaving.

2. Skin friction. Relieved by firm pressure.
3. Fat in female breast. Crackling like pulmonary râles.
4. Patient scratching himself or swallowing during examination.
5. Muscle sounds. Due to
 - (1) Shivering
 - (2) Voluntary contraction (trapezius).

Characteristic—roaring.

Can be simulated—

- (a) Close ears and contract masseters and listen.
- (b) Place stethoscope over contracting pectoral muscles.

Where especially heard—

- (1) Pectoral region (anterior).
- (2) Trapezius (posterior).

Confused with—

- (1) Râles.
- (2) Rough breathing.

Prevented by—Examining in a warm room. Holding breath does not eliminate.

6. Not applying stethoscope evenly and firmly to chest.
(One edge up, sounds from mouth get in producing effect of resonator.)
7. Hand of doctor rubbing stethoscope.
8. New or poor stethoscope.
9. In examining parts of the body difficult of access.
10. Rubber band used in obstetrical work.
11. Trouble with stethoscope.
 - (a) One tube occluded.
 - (b) One tube broken or cracked.
 - (c) Held upside down.

Physics of Auscultation—

(See discussion of Sound.)

1. The sounds are made in the human body.
2. Vibrations are the sources of the sounds.
3. Vibrations originate in the interior and are passed through various media to the surface, where as sound waves they are picked up by the ear.
4. Sources of sound in the body.
 - (a) Columns of air in motion (lungs).
 - (b) Columns of fluid in motion (heart and vessels).
 - (c) Muscle contraction (myocardium).
 - (d) Friction of surfaces.
5. *Mechanisms of sounds.*
 - (a) Columns of fluid or air in motion produce friction. The amount of friction varies with the shape, size and position of obstruction to flow, and the speed and volume of flow. Friction means vibration and vibration means sound.

These factors come into play in laryngeal and tracheal and alveolar sounds, in the voice and in various murmurs.

In the chest resonance, which depends on the size, shape and contents of the thoracic cage, is a large factor in determining the character of respiratory and voice sounds.

- (b) The vibration of the contracting myocardium is conveyed to the surface and heard as one element of the first sound of the heart.
- (c) Heart valves snapping into position set up vibrations which are conveyed to the surface and distinguished as the cardiac valve sounds.
- (d) Friction of one rough surface against another produces vibrations heard on the surface (pericardium, pleura, peritoneum).
- (e) The slosh of fluid in body cavities likewise sets up vibrations which are often heard at a distance. (Succussion.)
- (f) Popping bubbles, dislodged mucus, and the parting of sticky surfaces produce vibrations and ultimately sound. (Râles.)

Alteration of Sound—

In passing from its source within the body to the surface where it is auscultated, sounds may undergo various changes.

- (a) They may be damped.
- (b) They may be modified.
- (c) They may be intensified (resonance).
- (d) They may be obliterated.

As in the study of sound phenomena elsewhere in the body, auscultatory sounds have to be considered in terms of—

1. Intensity.
2. Pitch.
3. Quality.
4. Duration.

Auscultation of the Lungs—

NORMAL VESICULAR MURMUR

	INSPIRATION	EXPIRATION
INTENSITY	Variable	Much less
PITCH	Low	Lower
QUALITY	Vesicular (Breezy)	Blowing*
DURATION	Whole of inspiration	Short (1/5 expiration)

What is it?—It is the normal breath sound heard over the greater part of the lungs in health.

Where to Study it—

1. Below the scapula.
2. Middle of anterior right chest.

How to Study it—

1. Immediate auscultation.
2. Mediate auscultation.

Information it Gives about the Lung—

1. That it is normally air containing.
2. Breathing is going on.

Inspiration is essentially characteristic of this murmur.

*May be imitated by blowing through mouth partly open. All of the qualities of this murmur may be studied in the lungs of the human cadaver, or of the calf or sheep.

Intensity of Vesicular Breathing—

Varies with depth of respiration.

Varies with spot auscultated.

Varies with thickness of chest wall.

Varies with age (puerile breathing).

Varies with disease (overworked portion).

Puerile Breathing (Childhood)—

Loud exaggerated vesicular breathing. May be confused with bronchial breathing.

Exaggerated Breathing. (Increased loudness)—

1. Thin chests.
2. After exercise.
3. Emaciation.

Diminished or Absent Breathing—

Sign of disease.

Theories—

1. "Acoustic expression of the friction caused by the entry of air into the pulmonary parenchyma."—Laennec.
2. Alteration of tracheal breathing by the overlying air containing lung—Bass. Certainly untrue.—Sahli.
3. Due either to distention of lung tissue or to friction of the air current in the alveoli and bronchioles (inspiration). Transmitted tracheal sound or elastic retraction of lungs (expiration).—Sahli.
4. Breath sounds are compounded of tracheobronchial vibrations and vibrations arising in the sudden tensing and relaxation of the alveolar walls in respiration.—Martini.

5. Breath sounds are low pitched auditory vibrations made in the larynx and amplified by the thoracic resonator.—Bushnell.

NORMAL LARYNGEAL AND TRACHEAL RESPIRATION

(Tubular or bronchial breathing has the same characteristics)

	INSPIRATION	EXPIRATION
INTENSITY	Variable	More so
PITCH	High	Higher
QUALITY	Tubular	Tubular
DURATION	From start almost to end of inspiration	As long or longer

Due to tracheal tones coming through to surface when heard over the chest.

Varies over the same chest.

Varies with forced breathing.

Varies with thickness of chest.

Varies with dyspnea.

Varies with intensity of laryngeal murmur itself.

NORMAL BRONHOVESICULAR RESPIRATION

	INSPIRATION	EXPIRATION
INTENSITY	Variable	Variable
PITCH	Medium*	Medium*
QUALITY	Vesiculotubular	Vesiculotubular
DURATION	About equal*	About equal*

Bronchovesicular—nearer bronchial type.

Vesiculobronchial—nearer vesicular type.

*Between vesicular and bronchial.

Site—

1. Right apex.
2. Infraclavicular region between nipple and sternum.
3. Interscapular region.

Other Types of Breathing (Pathologic)—

Emphysematous (with barrel chest).

Asthmatic (with asthma).

Amphoric (sound of open jar).

Metamorphosing (changing).

Vesicular Breathing.

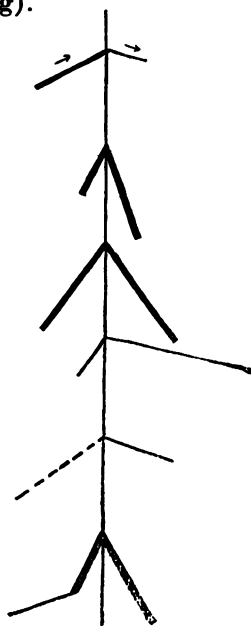
Bronchial Breathing.

Bronchovesicular Breathing.

Emphysematous Breathing.

Cogwheel Breathing.

Metamorphosing Breathing.



1. Upstroke=inspiration. Downstroke=expiration.
 2. Length of stroke=length of inspiration and expiration.
 3. Thickness=intensity.
 4. Acuteness of angle varies with height of pitch.
- Modified from Cabot.

Regional Variations of the Normal Respiratory Murmur

1. *Infrascapular* and Axillary Regions**

	INSPIRATION	EXPIRATION
INTENSITY	Variable	Much Less
PITCH	Low	Lower
QUALITY	Vesicular	Blowing
DURATION	Whole of Inspiration	1/5 Expiration

2. *Mammary Region*

INTENSITY	Diminished	Much diminished
PITCH	Low	Lower
QUALITY	Vesicular	Blowing
DURATION	Whole of Inspiration	1/5 Expiration

3. *Scapular Region†*

INTENSITY	Feeble	Feeble
PITCH	Low	Lower
QUALITY	Vesicular	Blowing
DURATION	Whole of Inspiration	1/5 Expiration

4. *Inframammary and Infraaxillary* Regions*

INTENSITY	Feeble	} Usually Absent
PITCH	Lower	
QUALITY	Vesicular	
DURATION	Whole of Inspiration	

5. *Infraclavicular‡ and Interscapular‡ Regions*

(Sternoclavicular portion)

INTENSITY	Variable	Variable
PITCH	High	Higher
QUALITY	Bronchovesicular	Bronchovesicular
DURATION	Variable	Variable

6. *Infraclavicular‡ Region*

INTENSITY	Variable	Much less
PITCH	Higher‡	Lower
QUALITY	Less Vesicular‡	Blowing
DURATION	Whole of Inspiration	_____

* No disparity in sides.

† Right side more bronchial.

‡ Cf. infrascapular region.

Difference between Sides—

Most marked in infraclavicular regions.

Right Side—

Inspiration.....	{	Intensity—less intense.
		Quality—less vesicular.
		Pitch—higher.

Cause—Trachea in contact with upper right lobe.

Normal Vocal Resonance**I—Tracheal and Laryngeal Voice (Normal).**

Sounds heard when stethoscope is placed over

1. Larynx (thyroid cartilage)—Laryngophony.
2. Trachea (suprasternal notch)—Tracheophony.

Patient—Counting in a moderate voice, “one, two, three,” or saying “ninety-nine.”

What is heard—

1. Shock.
2. Sense of vibration.
3. Loud resonance (vocal).
4. Concentration of a near sound.
5. Articulated words transmitted (pectoriloquy).

Whisper—

1. No shock.
2. No vibration.
3. High pitched tubular sound.
4. Articulated words transmitted (whispering pectoriloquy).

(Same as expiration in bronchial breathing—same cause.)

II—Normal Thoracic Voice.

Spoken sounds (“one, two, three,” or “ninety-nine”).
as heard over the chest proper.

Technic—

1. Naked ear (other stopped).
2. Stethoscope (pressed firmly).

Note—

Normal variations on different sides.

Normal variations in different regions.

Voice sounds not as valuable as whisper sounds.

More valuable in males.

Often not heard in females.

Standard Sounds.....{Below scapulae.
 {Middle anterior right chest.

Characteristics—

1. Diffused.
2. Distant.
3. Variable intensity. (From feeble to intense.)
4. No shock.
5. Vibration—variable.
(Tactile to ear—not acoustic—vocal fremitus.)

Bronchophony—

Vocal sounds audible through the stethoscope over the normal bronchus.

Normal Voice Sounds by Regions—*Infraclavicular—*

Intensity—more, but variable.

Diffusion—less.

Distance—nearer.

Pitch—higher.

(All comparisons with the standard region—Infra-scapular.)

Right side voice sounds more intense and higher pitched than the left.

Mesial aspect more intense and of a higher pitch than lateral.

Close to sternum approaches bronchophony.

(Normal bronchophony.)

(Physiologic bronchophony.)

Interscapular Region—

Intensity—greater.

Diffusion—less.

Distance—nearer.

Characteristics those of sternal end of infra-clavicular region.

Right side voice sounds more intense and of higher pitch.

Axillary and Infraaxillary Regions—

Intensity—less.

Diffusion—greater.

Distance—more.

(Right side more intense and higher.)

Mammary and Inframammary Regions—

Intensity—still less.

Diffusion—still greater.

Distance—still more.

(Right side more intense and higher.)

Scapular Region—

Intensity—least.

Diffusion—greatest.

Distance—greatest.

(Right side more intense and higher.)

Pectoriloquy—Transmission of spoken words through the chest wall as recognizable words.

Egophony—Nasal tone to spoken voice heard through the stethoscope.

Normal Whispered Sounds

1—Normal Laryngeal or Tracheal Whisper—

Site—Stethoscope placed over thyroid cartilage or suprasternal notch.

Character—

1. No shock.
2. No vibration.
3. High pitch.
4. Tubular quality.
5. Articulated words transmitted. (Whispering pectoriloquy.) Cause and character are the same as of expiration in bronchial breathing.

II—Normal Bronchial Whisper—

Definition—The type of whisper heard over the chest in health. Due to—Conduction of whispered sound principally through the air of the bronchial tubes.

Equivalent to intensified expiration. Usually produced in expiration. Pitch and quality those of expiration.

Technic—

Elicited by having patient whisper "*one, two, three,*" or "*ninety-nine.*"

Auscultator should demonstrate.

Auscultator should observe usual order in examining symmetrical regions of the chest.

Some persons cannot whisper.

Some persons whisper in inspiration.

Characteristics of the Whisper by Regions—**A. *Infrascapular Region and Middle Anterior Right Chest.* (Used as standard)—**

1. Intensity—feeble. (In some it cannot be heard.)
2. Pitch—low.
3. Quality—tubular.

B. *Infraclavicular Region—*

1. Intensity—variable—greater than standard.
2. Pitch—higher.
3. Quality—tubular.

The nearer the auscultator approaches the sternum, the more tracheal the sound. The right side is more tracheal than the left.

C. *Interscapular Region—*

1. Intensity—variable (cf. infraclavicular).
2. Pitch—high.
3. Quality—tubular.

D. *Scapular Region—*

1. Intensity—very feeble (frequently absent).
2. Pitch—low.
3. Quality—blowing.

E. Mammary, Inframammary, Axillary, Infraaxillary Regions—

Frequently absent.

When present show same characteristics as scapular region.

Pectoriloquy—"Not merely the voice but the speech is transmitted through the chest."

Whispering Pectoriloquy—

More frequent than vocal pectoriloquy.

Less apt to give error than vocal pectoriloquy.

Occurs normally—

1. Over larynx and trachea.
2. Infraclavicular region, occasionally.

Pathological—

1. Cavity.
2. Consolidation.

Râles

Definition—Sounds heard on auscultation of the chest which may be crackling, bubbling or musical, and have as a

Cause—

Air passing through fluid.

Peeling off of sticky surfaces.

Rubbing of sticky surfaces.

Classification—(Unsatisfactory).

Moist—

- (a) Large.
- (b) Medium.
- (c) Fine.

Dry—

- (a) Large.
- (b) Medium.
- (c) Fine.
- (d) Musical (sonorous and sibilant).

Râles are chiefly of interest in disease. They do, however, occur in health.

Râles in Health—

Site—Infraaxillary region.

Character—Crepitant.

Cause—Atelectasis of disuse.

Age—Past forty-five.

Time—End of inspiration.

Technic—

Normal breathing.

Deep breathing.

Breathe out and cough.

May be transient.

Sixty-one per cent of 365 normal chests showed these râles. (Cabot, page 160.)

Auscultation of Normal Larynx, Trachea, Bronchi—

Has been considered under the general heading of the lungs.

Auscultation of Pleura—

No sounds in health. The normal pleural surfaces are smooth and lubricated by a small amount of fluid. Movement of these surfaces upon one another in health

is consequently noiseless. Roughening in disease naturally alters the conditions.

Auscultation of the Heart, vessels, and the abdominal viscera are considered in detail under the headings of those several organs.

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CHAPTER VII

CONSTITUTIONAL SIGNS

The so-called constitutional signs are exact figures expressing exact measurements. They are:

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Temperature. | 4. Blood pressure. |
| 2. Pulse. | 5. Height. |
| 3. Respiration. | 6. Weight. |

1. Temperature—

Definition—

1. The average body temperature is the measure of the average body heat as determined by the calorimeter.
2. Local body temperature is the measure of the local temperature of the body (for example, mouth) as determined by the clinical thermometer and approximates the average body temperature.

Hands—may be cold skin with or without fever.

Instrument—essential.

Expression—*Fahrenheit* scale—American.
 Centigrade scale—European.

Normal temperature (human)—98.6° Fahrenheit, 37° Centigrade.

Subnormal temperature—Anything below 98.6°.

Fever—Anything above 99°.

Hyperpyrexia—Anything above 104°.

Cause of Body Temperature—Heat production—heat loss=heat retained (temperature).

Alterations in temperature up or down by

1. Changes in heat production.

(a) Increased.

(b) Decreased.

2. Change in heat loss.

(a) Increased.

(b) Decreased.

Sources of Heat—

1. Oxidation in muscles (chief source).

(a) Muscle tone.

(b) Exercise.

(c) Shivering.

2. Chemical change of glands during function.

3. Specific dynamic action of protein.

Heat Center—Corpus striatum controls heat production and loss.

Loss of Body Heat—

- | | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| 1. Conduction..... | } | $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| 2. Radiation..... | | |
| 3. Evaporation..... | } | $\frac{1}{4}$ |

2. Pulse—See Blood Vessels.

3. Respiration—The number of respiratory excursions per minute.

Normal Rate—

Infant 44.

Child (five years) 26.

Adult 16 to 24.

Technic—

1. Count for whole minute.
2. Distract patient's attention by feeling pulse or by conversation.
3. Allow for factors which alter the normal rate.
4. (a) Usually with eye.
(b) In difficult case, use hand on chest.

Factors which alter respiration—

1. Age. More labile and faster in childhood.
2. Excitement—increases.
3. Exercise—increases.
4. Attention—alters either way.
5. Coughing.
6. Smoking.
7. Food.
8. Gas in stomach.
9. Air inhaled (CO_2 increases).
(O decreases).

4. Blood Pressure—

See page 138.

WEIGHT TABLE

SHOWING AVERAGE WEIGHT FOR EACH HEIGHT AND AGE BASED

ON "NYLIC GRAPHIC TABLE" BY E. G. POPE.

MALES 20 TO 55 YEARS OF AGE.

Inches—	57	59	61	63	65	67	69	71	73	75
Age 20	104	111	117	125	132	140	149	158	167	177
21	105	111	118	125	133	141	150	159	168	179
22	106	112	119	126	134	142	151	160	169	180
23	106	113	119	127	135	143	152	161	170	181
24	107	114	120	128	136	144	153	162	171	182
25	108	114	121	128	136	144	154	163	172	183
26	108	115	122	129	137	145	154	164	173	184
27	109	116	122	130	138	146	155	165	174	185
28	109	116	123	130	138	147	156	166	175	186
29	110	117	124	131	139	148	157	167	176	187
30	110	117	124	132	140	148	157	167	177	187
31	111	118	125	132	140	149	158	168	178	189
32	111	118	125	133	141	150	159	169	179	189
33	112	119	126	133	142	150	159	170	179	190
34	112	119	126	134	142	151	160	170	180	191
35	112	120	127	134	143	152	161	171	181	192
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43	115	123	130	138	146	155	165	175	185	197
44	115	123	130	138	147	155	165	175	186	197
45	116	123	131	138	147	156	165	176	186	198
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47	116	124	131	139	148	157	166	176	187	198
48	116	124	131	139	148	157	166	177	187	199
49	117	124	131	139	148	157	167	177	187	199
50	117	124	132	140	148	157	167	177	188	199
51	117	124	132	140	149	158	167	178	188	200
52	117	125	132	140	149	158	167	178	188	200
53	117	125	132	140	149	158	168	178	188	200
54	118	125	132	140	149	158	168	178	188	200
55	118	125	132	140	149	158	168	178	188	200

MALES, 15 TO 20.

Inches—	52	54	56	58	60	62	64	66	68	70	72
Age 15	80	87	96	104	110	116	124	131	140		
16		88	96	104	110	117	124	132	140		
17		89	97	105	111	118	125	133	141	150	
18			99	106	112	119	126	134	142	151	
19			99	107	113	120	127	135	143	152	162
20				108	114	121	128	136	144	153	163

NOTE: Ages fifteen to twenty are obtained by producing the curve of twenty to fifty-five. By G. J. Drolet.

Measurements

5. Weight—

Value—

1. Picking the normal.
2. Diagnosis of disease which may cause loss or gain.
3. Determining progress of disease or treatment.

Scales—

1. Only the best.
2. Use same one.
3. Balance type better than spring type.

Technic—

1. Clothes off.
If on, deduct for male— $5\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.
(Shoes, sox, drawers, trousers.)
Deduct for female— $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.
(Shoes, stocking, drawers, dress.)
2. Same time of day (A. C. or P. C).
(Meal=1 pound.)
3. Bowel movement causes loss.

WEIGHT TABLE

SHOWING AVERAGE WEIGHT FOR EACH HEIGHT AND AGE BASED
ON "NYLIC GRAPHIC TABLE" BY E. G. POPE.

FEMALES 20 TO 55 YEARS OF AGE.

Inches—	57	59	61	63	65	67	69	71	73
Age 20	100	106	113	120	127	134	142	152	161
21	101	107	114	120	127	135	143	152	162
22	101	107	114	121	128	135	144	153	162
23	102	108	115	122	128	137	145	154	163
24	102	108	115	122	129	137	145	155	164
25	103	109	116	123	130	138	146	155	165
26	103	110	117	124	131	139	147	156	166
27	104	110	117	124	131	139	148	157	166
28	104	111	118	125	132	140	149	158	167
29	105	111	118	126	133	141	149	158	168
30	105	112	119	126	133	141	150	159	169
31	106	112	119	127	134	142	151	160	170
32	106	113	120	127	135	143	151	161	170
33	107	113	120	128	135	143	152	162	171
34	107	114	121	129	136	144	153	162	172
35	108	115	122	129	137	145	154	163	173
36	108	115	122	130	137	146	154	164	174
37	109	116	123	130	138	146	155	165	175
38	109	116	123	131	139	147	156	166	175
39	110	117	124	131	139	148	157	166	176
40	110	117	124	132	140	148	157	167	177
41	111	118	125	132	140	149	158	168	178
42	111	118	125	133	141	150	159	169	179
43	112	119	126	134	142	150	159	169	179
44	112	119	127	134	142	151	160	170	180
45	113	120	127	135	143	152	161	171	181
46	113	120	128	136	143	152	162	172	182
47	114	121	129	136	144	153	162	172	182
48	114	121	129	137	144	154	163	173	183
49	115	122	129	138	145	154	164	174	184
50	115	122	130	138	146	155	164	174	185
51	116	123	130	139	147	156	165	175	186
52	116	123	131	139	147	156	166	176	186
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FEMALES, 15 TO 20.

Inches—	52	54	56	58	60	62	64	66	68	70	72
Age 15	83	88	94	100	106	113	120	127	134		
16		89	95	100	106	113	120	127	134		
17		89	95	101	107	114	121	128	135	144	
18			96	102	108	115	122	129	136	145	
19			96	102	108	115	122	129	137	146	155
20				103	109	116	123	130	138	147	156

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Proper Height—

White Male (in Kilos)=H (cm.) minus 1 metre.
(Quetelet.)

Height must always be judged only in light of weight and age.

Mensuration

The general development varies with the height, weight and age.

Circumferential—

Chest (at nipple line)—

1. Inspiration (average male $35\frac{5}{8}$ inches).
2. Expiration (average male $32\frac{3}{4}$ inches).
3. Chest expansion (difference) (average male $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches).

Good guide to nutrition. (Used in armies.)

Arm—

1. At middle of biceps.
2. At largest part of forearm.

Leg—

1. Middle of thigh.
2. Largest circumference of calf.

Abdomen—

- 1.
- Umbilicus.*

Head—Horizontal—

{	birth 40 cm.
	1 year 45 cm.
	puberty 50 cm.

*Height—**Technic—*

1. Against wall.
2. Erect.
3. Arms to side.
4. Heels together.
5. Shoes off.
If on, deduct for male 1 inch.
If on, deduct for female 2 inches.

Normal Body Proportions—

Taking the head as the unit.

Typical body $7\frac{1}{2}$ heads tall.Total height— $7\frac{1}{2}$ heads.

Foot—1 head.

Elbow to finger tip—2 heads.

Knee down—2 heads.

Arm—3 heads.

Umbilicus up—3 heads.

Umbilicus down— $4\frac{1}{2}$ heads.**Morphological Indices (Martinet)**

Mediolinear (Average)	<i>Height</i>	5.5 to 6
	Biaxillary diameter	
Brevilinear (Stocky)	<i>Height</i>	less than 5.5
	Biaxillary diameter	
Longilinear (Slim)	<i>Height</i>	greater than 6
	Biaxillary diameter	

Body Conformation Reflects Morphology of Heart and Great Vessels—

“Skinny body, skinny heart.”

1. Diameter of chest (biaxillary) reflects diameter of aorta.
2. Blood pressure reflected in this morphology.
(Longilinear and low blood pressure.)
3. Disease foreshadowed in this morphology.

Examples:

Brevilinear.....	{	High blood pressure.
	{	Apoplexy.
	{	Nephritis.
	{	Metabolic disease.

Longilinear—Tuberculosis.

Certain Diseases Are Characterized by Alterations in These Normal Proportions—

Cretinism.

Chondrodystrophic dwarfs.

Rachitic dwarfs.

Gigantism.

Acromegaly.

CHAPTER VIII

HEAD AND BREAST

Head—

1. (a) Scalp.
 (b) Calvarium.
 (c) Brain.
2. Face.

Scalp—

1. Large number of sebaceous glands over occipito-frontalis.
2. Skin of temporal region thin.
3. Firm attachment of pericranium at suture lines.
4. Skin, fascia, aponeurosis and muscles move loosely over pericranium.
5. Vascularity.
1. *Skin*—Examine by inspection and palpation for
 - (a) Color.
 - (b) Smoothness.
 - (c) Cleanliness.
 - (d) Mobility.
 - (e) Tenderness.
2. *Hair*—
 - (a) Amount.
 - (b) Distribution.Encroachment on forehead.

Baldness—normally occurs over aponeurosis of occipitofrontalis. Here there are fewer muscle fibers. The skin consequently lacks exercise and the lymphatics are dependent on gravity for drainage.

- (c) Color.
- (d) Texture.
- (e) Form.
- (f) Cleanliness.

Calvarium—(Piersol).

This is the bony brain case.

Shape—

1. *Dolichocephalic—*

- (a) Long and narrow skull with often prominence of the sagittal suture. (Due to early closure of sagittal suture.)
Cephalic index below 75.

$$\text{Cephalic index} \frac{100 \times \text{breadth}}{\text{length.}}$$

- (b) With length due to marked occipital backward projection. (Due to many Wormian bones in Lambdoidal suture.)

2. *Brachycephalic—*

The round, or foreshortened skull. (Due to early closure of the coronal sutures. The metopic suture (frontal) occurs only in this type of skull.)
Index above 80.

3. *Acrocephalic*—

High forehead—sugar-loaf type of skull.
(Due to early closure of both sagittal and coronal sutures on vault.)

4. *Mesaticephalic*—

Skull of average proportions. .
Index 75 to 80.

Size—

Megacephalic (large head).
Mesocephalic (average head).
Microcephalic (small head).

Capacity—(White race).

Males—1220 to 1790 cubic centimeters.
Females—1090 to 1550 cubic centimeters.

Dimensions—(White race).

	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Length	182 mm.	174 mm.
Breadth	145 mm.	135 mm.
Height	132 mm.	125 mm.

Asymmetry—

1. Left side of cranium larger, especially in the frontal region.
2. Right side of cranium higher.
(Cause=position of spine. The spine is not held symmetrically. The head usually rests on the left condyle.)

Effect of Age—

Circumference of head at birth 35 cm. (Holt.)
Growth first year (most rapid) 10 cm.

Growth second year 2.5 cm.

Growth second to fifth year (slow), 4. cm.

Growth after fifth year very slow.

Sutures—

Sagittal.

Coronal (2).

Lambdoidal (2).

Lateral anteroposterior (2).

Ossified six to nine months.

Fontanelles—

Anterior—closed eighteenth month.

Posterior—closed second month.

Effect of Sex—

No difference before puberty.

Female skull more like the child's.

Female skull shows an angular forehead.

Female skull shows all other prominences less marked.

Effect of Race—

The white, yellow and black races show skulls peculiar to themselves.

Landmarks of Skull—

Eminences—Frontal, parietal, occipital.

External occipital protuberance—5 sinuses converge.

Bregma—junction of coronal and sagittal sutures.

Zygoma—can be felt throughout.

Temporal Ridges—felt as curved lines.

Surface projections of middle meningeal artery, sinuses and ventricles important.

The Face

That part of the skull below the supraorbital eminences made up chiefly of the orbits, the nose and the jaws.

1. Color.

2. Freckles.

3. Wrinkles.

Forehead (longitudinal and horizontal).

From external canthus—crow's foot.

Nasolabial.

(Cause: Loss of subcutaneous fat, age, disease or individuality.)

4. Hair (quantity and quality and distribution).

5. Texture.

Architecture of Face—

1. *Narrow Face* (Leptoprosopic).

High orbit, narrow nose, opening directed up, palate narrow and long, lower jaw delicate, obtuse angle, row of teeth in smaller curve.

2. *Broad face* (Chamaeprosopic).

Low orbits, broad nasal aperture, jaw broad, square angle, edge of teeth show anteroposterior curve.

Asymmetry—

Right orbit higher.

Right eye higher and larger.

Right eye further from nose.

Right eyelid wider.

Right jaw stronger.

Right upper jaw and malar bone more prominent.

Right nostril smaller.

Nose turns to right.

Right teeth in smaller curve.
Right fold of cheek more marked.
Whole right side of face higher.

Growth—

First year face outgrows cranium.
One to five years face widens.
Five to seven years face lengthens.
Puberty—growth in all directions, but especially
nose lengthens, supraorbital ridges and lower
jaw increase.

Landmarks—

Supraorbital ridges.
Supraorbital notch.
Malar prominence.
Zygoma.
Condyle of inferior maxilla.
Incisor and canine fossae.
Concavity of superior maxilla (anterior wall of
antrum).
Nasal bone and cartilages.

Nose*—

Size.
Shape.
Direction.
Symmetry.

Mouth*—

Size.
Shape.
Symmetry.

* More fully described under Inspection.

Ears*—

Size.
Shape.
Position.
Symmetry.

Eyes*—

Size.
Size of palpebral fissure.
Epicanthus.
Symmetry.

Neck

Generally columnar in shape. Varies with age, sex and nutrition.

Surface Markings—

Submaxillary gland, hyoid bone, thyroid cartilage, suprasternal notch, supraclavicular fossa, sternocleidomastoid muscle, border of trapezius muscle, external jugular vein, clavicle.

Infant's neck appears short from :

1. Large head.
2. Head thrown back.
3. High clavicles.

Infant's neck wide from fat.

Short necked persons have short plethoric bodies.

Long necked persons have prominent larynxes and narrow flat chests.

* More fully described under Inspection.

What to Examine—

1. Size (circumference) and form.
2. Thyroid—size, shape, position, movement during swallowing, consistency, tenderness, pulsation.
3. Larynx—size, shape, position, movement during swallowing, tracheal tug.
4. Muscle—size, development.
5. Clavicle—height determines length of neck.
6. Vessels—prominence, pulsation.
7. Movement of neck—rigidity.
8. Lymph nodes—size and tenderness.
9. Vertebrae—prominence of spinous processes, tenderness.
10. Cervical rib.

Triangles of the Neck—

1. Posterior—bounded in front by sternomastoid.
Divided into two—
 - (a) Occipital.
 - (b) Subclavian.
2. Anterior—divided into three—
 - (a) Submaxillary.
 - (b) Superior carotid.
 - (c) Inferior carotid.

Breast**Inspection—**

1. *Size*—
 - (a) Absolute.
 - (b) Relative.

2. Form—

- (a) Rotund.
(b) Pendulous (after pregnancy).

3. *Nipples*—Size and shape.

4. Areola—

- (a) Size.
(b) Color.
1. Brunette—dark.
2. Blonde—light.
(c) Glands of Montgomery.

5. *Striae*.....
 {after pregnancy.
 {after loss of fat.

- ## 6. Veins—

Palpation—

1. Roll whole breast under flat of hand for nodules and masses. Learn feel of normal ducts.
2. Feel for tenderness.
3. Palpate pectoral margins, axilla, supraclavicular fossa for glands.
4. Express secretion from nipple with hand or with breast pump.
5. Analyze milk.

Many breasts increase in size with the menstrual period.

Marked increase at puberty.

Marked increase with pregnancy.

Marked decrease often with age.

The two breasts are rarely of the same size.

Tender points in the breast are very common.

CHAPTER IX

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Lungs

Object of Pulmonary Examination—

1. To determine the size and position of the lungs.
 - (a) Absolute.
 - (b) Relative.
2. To determine the mobility of the lungs.
 - (a) Absolute.
 - (b) Relative.
3. To determine the consistency of the lungs.
 - (a) Absolute.
 - (b) Relative.
 - (c) General.
 - (d) Local.
4. To determine amount of moisture in the alveoli and bronchioles.

Position and Size of the Lungs—

“A pair of conical organs, each enveloped in a serous membrane.”

Fill most of the thorax.

Separated by the mediastinum.

Right larger than left (11 to 10).

Surfaces—**I. *Base* (concave)—Rests on diaphragm.**

In contact below with—

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Peritoneum. | 7. Pancreas. |
| 2. Stomach. | 8. Duodenum. |
| 3. Liver. | 9. Inferior |
| 4. Spleen. | vena cava. |
| 5. Kidneys. | 10. Celiac |
| 6. Adrenals. | artery. |

II. *Internal surface* (mediastinal).

In contact with—

1. Heart.
2. Structures of hilum (artery, vein, bronchus).

***Right*—**

3. Superior vena cava.
4. Vena azygos major.
5. Right subclavian artery.
6. Esophagus.
7. Inferior vena cava.
8. Trachea.

***Left*—**

3. Arch of aorta.
4. Left carotid artery.
5. Subclavian artery.

III. *External surface* (costal).

Lowest at back.

Includes the apex.

In contact with—

1. Subclavian artery (apex).
2. Subclavian vein (apex).
3. Ribs (thoracic wall).
4. Vertebral column.

<i>Borders.</i>	<i>Lobes.</i>
1. Anterior.	1. Superior.
2. Posterior.	2. Inferior.
3. Inferior.	3. Middle (right).

Fissures

	<i>Chief Fissures</i>		<i>Right Secondary Fissure</i>
	<i>RIGHT</i>	<i>LEFT</i>	
Origin	Hilum	Hilum	Behind axillary L.
Vertebral Column	5 rib	4 rib	
Axillary Line	5 i. c. s.	5 rib	5 i. c. s.
M. C. L.	6 rib	6 rib (End)	4 rib
Parasternal Line	6 rib (End)		

Inferior Pulmonary Borders—

	<i>Right</i>		<i>Left.</i>	
		<i>Forced Insp.</i>		<i>Forced Insp.</i>
Sternal L.	6 c. c.	6 c. c.	6 c. c.	6 c. c.
M. C. L.	6 i. c. s.	7 rib	6 i. c. s.	7 rib
Axillary L.	8 rib	10 rib	8 rib	10 rib
Spine	11 rib	12 rib	11 rib	12 rib

Greatest descent of borders occurs in axillary line (3 to 4 cm.).

Chief factor in pulmonary expansion is increase in all diameters of chest.—(Piersol.)

Apex—

1 cm. above upper border of clavicle.

Collapsed lung $\frac{1}{3}$ size of expanded lung.

Pulmonary Weight—

Male—1300 grams. (Both.)

Female—1023 grams. (Both.)—(Krause.)

Dimensions—(Variable)—

Length—21-30 cm.

Depth—16-17 cm.

Width—11-13 cm.

Capacity—3400-3700 c.c.

Vital capacity 2500 c.c. (female) to 3700 c.c. (male).

THE APPLICATION OF (1) INSPECTION, (2) PALPATION,
(3) PERCUSSION, (4) AUSCULTATION, (5) X-RAY, (6)
MEASUREMENTS TO PULMONARY EXAMINATION.

Inspection—***What to look for—******I. Evidence of the size and position of the lungs—***

- (a) Architecture of thorax. (See Inspection.)
- (b) Size of thorax.

II. Evidence of mobility of lungs—

- (a) Respiratory excursion (absolute and relative).
- (b) Litten's sign.
- (c) X-ray.

III. Evidence of consistency—

- (a) Bony cage.
- (b) Intercostal spaces.

IV. Evidence of respiratory rate and rhythm—**Palpation—To determine—**

1. Rate and rhythm of breathing.
2. Extent of respiratory excursion.
3. Relative degree of respiratory excursion.
4. Tenderness (sensitive muscle—Tbc.).
5. Smoothness or roughness of pleura.
6. Vocal fremitus.
7. Ptussic fremitus.
8. Claims of some to detect alteration in consistency (consolidated) by tactile sense.

Percussion—

1. To determine pulmonary borders.
2. To determine inferior pulmonary border.
 - (a) Expiration.
 - (b) Rest.
 - (c) Inspiration.

} For amount of pulmonary expansion.
3. To determine width of apex (posterior).
Shoulder Straps—"Krönig's Isthmus."
4. To determine quality of note in each of the thoracic areas.
 - (a) Comparison to be made with the normal as carried in the head.
 - (b) Comparison to be made with corresponding areas of the two chests.

5. To determine resistance.

*Slapping percussion.**Immediate percussion.**Mediate percussion.***Auscultation—***What to listen for—*

1. Is air entering the lungs? (Normal vesicular murmur).
2. Is air entering both lungs equally?
(Breath sounds of same intensity on both sides).
3. Is air entering the whole lung?
(Normal breath sounds everywhere.)
4. Has the normal consistency of the lung been anywhere altered?
 - (a) Less elastic (emphysematous breathing).
 - (b) Encroachment of solid parts on air cells (fibrosis—partial consolidation). (Bronchovesicular voice and breath sounds.)
 - (c) Replacement of normal spongy tissue by solid—(consolidation).
5. Is the respiratory passage from alveoli to trachea free from obstruction—mucus, blood, pus, etc. (Râles.)
6. Is the lung in contact with the chest wall or does something intervene, as fluid? (Muffling of sounds.)
7. Is the pleura smooth? (Friction rub.)

How to listen—

Listen to the breathing with the naked ear first, putting one finger in the other ear and using the

sounding cloth. This method is especially important in examining the posterior aspect of the chest.

With the stethoscope listen to the whole chest—explore especially the axillae. Listen to first one side and then the other, always in the same order. Do this—

- (a) With the patient breathing quietly.
- (b) With the patient breathing more deeply.
- (c) With the patient breathing in, then out, and immediately giving a quick short cough.
- (d) While the patient counts “1, 2, 3.”
- (e) While the patient whispers “1, 2, 3.”

CHAPTER X

HEART

Object of Cardiac Examination

1. To determine—
 1. Position of heart.
 2. Shape of heart.
 3. Size of heart.
2. To determine quality of the myocardium.
3. To determine condition of the valves.
4. To determine state of the conductive system.

1. Position of the Heart—

This hollow, muscular, conical organ, lying in the lower part of the thorax, is bounded—

(a) Anteriorly by—

1. Lungs.
2. Pleurae.
3. Thoracic wall.

This is a triangular area (area of absolute dullness)—

(b) Laterally by

1. Lungs.
2. Phrenic nerves.

(c) Posteriorly by

1. Lungs.
2. Esophagus.
3. Thoracic aorta.
4. Vena cava.

(d) Inferiorly by diaphragm (stomach).

The heart lies behind the 3rd, 4th, 5th costal cartilages and the lower two-thirds of the sternum.

It lies in front of the first four dorsal vertebrae. Two-thirds of the heart lies to the left of the midline, and one-third to the right.

Anterior Surface—

1. Right auricle.
2. Right ventricle.
3. Left ventricle.

The *Apex* is part of the left ventricle.

Topography of the Heart—(Piersol).

The position of the heart can be outlined on the anterior surface of the chest by connecting four known points:

1. Upper border of third costal cartilage, 3 cm. to the right of the midsternal line.
2. Just above third costal cartilage 4.5 cm. to the left of the midsternal line.
3. Seventh right costal cartilage and its juncture with the sternum.
4. Apex—fifth intercostal space 8 cm. to the left of the midsternal line. The lines connecting these points should be slightly convex outwardly, except the upper horizontal line.

2. Shape of Heart—

Inverted cone. Apex points down, to front and to left. Base looks backward, upward and to right. Position is, therefore, oblique. The heart conforms in large measure to the body conformation. "Skinny body, skinny heart." The tall, slender individual shows a long slender heart, the so-called "dropped heart."

3. Size of Heart—

Weight—(Average adult)—

Male— 11 ounces

Female— $9\frac{3}{4}$ ounces.

Measurements—(Average adult)—

Length (maximum)— $4\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 inches.

Breadth (maximum)— $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Thickness (maximum)—2 to $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Displacement of the heart from its normal position.

It may be pushed, or pulled, up, down, backward, forward, to right or to left.

Displacement in Health—

1. Posture of body (play is chiefly from side to side).
2. Distended stomach (lifting heart).
3. Situs inversus—dextrocardia.
4. Breathing. (Leaning forward useful in bringing larger part of heart in contact with chest wall and so increases accessibility for examination.)

Downward shift may be 1 inch.

Lateral shift may be 1-2 inches. (Sahli, page 232.)

Examination Technic

The application of (1) Inspection, (2) Palpation, (3) Percussion, (4) Auscultation, (5) X-ray, (6) Electrocardiogram, (7) Sphygmogram to the examination of the heart.

Inspection—Most important. (A good diagnostician frequently recognizes heart disease across the room.)

What to look for—

I. Evidence of cardiac size and position.

- (a) Position and nature of visible apex beat.
- (b) Conformation of thorax.
- (c) Cardiac heave (precordium).
- (d) Abnormal impulses and retractions.

Apex Impulse—

- 1. Cause—right ventricle.
 - 2. Position—
 - (Adult) 5 i. c. s. inside M. C. L.
 - (Child) 4 i. c. s. inside M. C. L.
 - (Aged) 6 i. c. s. inside M. C. L.
 - 3. Represents—point $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch inside true apex.
- Absence of apex impulse due to—
- 1. Thick chest wall.
 - 2. Feeble heart.

II. Evidence of cardiac rate and rhythm.

Rate and rhythm of

- 1. Apex beat.
- 2. Visible vessel pulsations.

III. *Evidence of effective cardiac output.*

- (a) Color of mucous membranes and skin.
- (b) Respiratory rate.
- (c) Position of patient in bed.

Palpation—I. *Apex beat.*

(Using palm of hand)—

- 1. Rate.
- 2. Rhythm.
- 3. Force of heart beat.

(Using tip of finger)—True apex.

(Where impulse stops—1 inch to left of visible beat.)

II. *Thrill.*

III. *Pericardial friction.* } Found only in disease.

Percussion—

Used to determine cardiac outline.

Very difficult.

Light percussion essential.

Always approach heart on a line perpendicular to surface.

Use skin pencil to mark outline.

Mark out upper, right and left borders.

Superficial area of cardiac dullness.

Where heart is uncovered by lung and is, therefore against chest wall.

Easy to outline.

Uncertain significance due to variableness of lung borders.

Area triangular in shape.

Made up thus—

1. Midline.
2. Horizontal line through apex.
3. Oblique line from apex to juncture of fourth rib and midline.

Base of this area merges into liver flatness.

Area of deep cardiac dullness—

True cardiac outline.

More difficult to determine.

Dullness due to overlapping of the lung.

Its outlines have been given under topography of the heart.

Difficulties of cardiac percussion due to—

1. Female breast.
2. Fat or muscular chests.
3. Varying degree of overlapping lung.
4. Deformity of chest (rickets).
5. Rigidity of thorax (age).
6. Geometrical causes.
 - (a) Small children.
 - (b) Enlarged hearts.
 - (c) Round chests.

Auscultation of the Heart—

Before beginning the study of the cardiac sounds one must review carefully the physiology of the heart, especially of the heart valves and sounds.

Semilunar Valves—

Guard—

1. Systemic aorta.
2. Pulmonary aorta.

Each valve consists of three segments.

Each segment is a crescentic pouchlike structure with concavity away from heart.

Attached to fibrous ring of the orifice.

Auriculoventricular Valves—

1. Separate right auricle and right ventricle—tricuspid.
2. Separate left auricle and left ventricle—mitral.

Mitral consists of 2 cusps.

Tricuspid consists of 3 cusps.

Each cusp is attached to fibrous ring of valve.

Free edges are joined to papillary muscle by *chordae tendineae*.

Heart Sounds

The closure of the above valves is mainly responsible for the heart sounds. In snapping back, the cusps suddenly become tense. Vibrations are, therefore, set up in the cusp. These are transferred to the blood and in turn to the heart muscle and surrounding tissues. These vibrations when heard constitute the heart sounds.

The events of the cardiac cycle must always be kept in mind in auscultating the heart.

Sequence of Events in Each Cardiac Cycle

<i>Sounds.</i>	<i>S. L. V.</i>	<i>A. V. V.</i>	<i>Ventricles.</i>	<i>Auricles.</i>	<i>Aorta.</i>
1. S_2 (Beginning)	CLOSE	Closed	Relaxing (Closed)	Receiving blood	Closed
2. S_2 (Ending)	Closed	OPEN	Receiving blood	Discharging blood	Closed
3. S_3	Closed	Open	Receiving blood	SYSTOLE	Closed
4. —	Closed	Open	SYSTOLE	Receiving blood	
5. S_1	Closed	CLOSE	Systole (Closed)	Receiving blood	
6. S_1	OPEN	Closed	Systole (Closed)	Receiving blood	Receiving blood

If heart is beating 70 times a minute—

Duration of ventricular systole—.379 seconds.

Duration of ventricular diastole—.483 seconds.

Duration of auricular systole—.1—.17 seconds.

Duration of auricular diastole—.762—.692 seconds.
(Howell.)

Refractory period of heart (rest period) longer than period of activity (systole).

First sound of heart (S_1 , systolic sound).

Composed of two elements—

(a) High pitched and valvular sound.

Cause—Tensing of A. V. valve cusps. (Mitral and tricuspid).

Proof—Sound disappears when these cusps are prevented from closing as when

I. Held back by a loop of wire.

II. Sclerosed or destroyed by disease.

(b) Low pitched booming sound.

Cause—Contracting heart muscle.

Proof—Heard over a bloodless heart.

Second sound of heart (S_2 , diastolic sound).

A high-pitched valvular sound.

Cause—Tensing of semilunar cusps in aortic recoil.
(Pulmonary aorta and systemic aorta).

Proof—Sound disappears if the closure of these cusps is prevented by a loop of wire or by disease.

Third sound of heart (S_3)—

A soft low-pitched sound.

Cause—Tensing of A. V. valves with intrushing blood from auricles to ventricles.

Proof—See Thayer—Boston Medical Journal, 1908, clviii, 713.

Heart sounds are noises.

Murmurs and bruits are adventitious sounds caused by blood at great pressure escaping into blood of low pressure, producing whirls and eddies.

Analysis of Cardiac Sounds

	<i>1st Sound</i>	<i>2nd Sound</i>	<i>3rd Sound</i>
Duration	Longer	Shorter	Short
Intensity	Louder	Weaker	Still softer
Quality	Booming	Valvular	Thud or hum
Pitch	Lower	Higher	Still lower
Duration (Seconds)	.05-.15	.015-.056	Short
Time	Systolic	Diastolic	Diastolic
Location	Apex	Base	Apex
Cause	Closing A. V. V.	Closing S. L. V.	Blood flowing into ventricle
Radiation	Down and to left	Into neck	—

Third Heart Sound—

Heard in 65 per cent of adults.

Loudest at apex.

Brought out by left lateral recumbent posture.

Naked Ear—

Useful in cardiac examination.

It picks up low pitched sounds which are less well heard through the stethoscope. (The murmur of aortic regurgitation is thus best studied.)

Valve Areas—

Are those points on the anterior surface of the thorax over which the different heart sounds are best heard. They do not correspond to the anatomical position of the valves. They are the mitral, tricuspid, aortic and pulmonic.

	<i>Surface Projection of Valves</i>	<i>Where Tone is Best Heard. "Valve Area"</i>
Mitral	Juncture 3rd left costal cartilage and sternum	Apex
Tricuspid	Half way between the above and 5th right costal cartilage and sternum.	Lower sternum
Aortic	Level of 3 i. c. s. and through middle sternum	2 i. c. s. right
Pulmonic	2 i. c. s. left	2 i. c. s. left

How are we to distinguish one valve sound from another in cardiac auscultation?

By—

1. The rhythm (accent).
2. The pauses.
3. Palpating the cardiac apex.
4. Palpating the carotid artery.
5. Palpating the radial. (Erroneous.)

Rhythm—

Varies from apex to base.

At apex—Trochee — 

Lupp-dupp..... $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mitral} \\ \text{tricuspid} \end{array} \right\}$ emphasis.

At base—Iambic 

Lupp-dupp..... $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{aortic} \\ \text{pulmonic} \end{array} \right\}$ emphasis.

(For discussion see Sahli, page 309.)

We cannot always depend on rhythm to differentiate S_1 from S_2 . There may be no distinguishing accent. There are many disease rhythms.

Pauses—

There are two pauses in each cardiac cycle as there are two sounds. These are the

(a) *long pause*.

(b) *short pause*.

The long pause usually precedes the systolic sound, S_1 . This pause relation does not always hold, however. "Pendulum rhythm," for example, is characterized by pauses of equal duration. Pendulum rhythm=fetal rhythm. (Embryocardia.)

The surest way of knowing which is the first sound is to relate it to the systole of the heart as felt. While listening to the heart, palpate apex, carotid artery, or maybe the radial artery.

Palpation of the Apex—

Good if it can be done.

Interfered with by—

1. Thick chest wall.
2. Feeble beat.
3. Tachycardia.
4. Pathologic condition.

Palpation of Carotid Artery—

Should be the routine procedure.

Rapidity of pulse may interfere.

Palpation of Radial—

Mentioned only to condemn.

Maximum wave as often agrees with diastole as with systole.

May be used in *very slow* hearts.

Cardiac Murmurs—

Must properly be related to cardiac sounds for proper interpretation. They may follow, precede or replace either the first or second sound. It is, therefore, most important to master the methods for determining which is the first and which the second sound.

Factors affecting loudness of heart sounds.

Decreased by—

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (a) Body wall | { Fat.
Muscle.
Female breasts. |
| (b) Pushing heart from chest wall.
(Fluid, air, etc.) | |

(c) Decreased force of heart beat.

Increased by—

- (a) Thin chest wall.
- (b) Shrinkage of overlying lung or pushing of heart to surface.
- (c) Resonance from air filled stomach.
- (d) Increased sound conductivity of surrounding tissue. (Pneumonia.)
- (e) Increased force of heart beat.
(Examine following exercise.)

Alteration in the timbre (quality) of heart sounds.

Not much stress can be laid on this.

One speaks of the poor or the good quality of heart sounds, but the distinction has doubtful meaning.

Effect of age on heart sounds.

(The variation occurs at the base.)

	P_2	A_2
Youth	Accentuated	Less than P_2
Middle Age	Equal A_2	Equal P_2
Old Age	Less than A_2	Accentuated

In estimating the effect of disease in accentuating one or the other of these two valve sounds normal age variation must be always in mind.

Why is mitral valvular sound heard at the apex?

Left ventricle (in which the sound is produced) is uncovered by the lung and right ventricle at the apex, which is not the case just over the valve.

Technic of Cardiac Auscultation.

Same as that used in pulmonary examinations.

Auscultation should be performed with patient

1. **Lying.**

(a) Dorsal decubitus.

(b) On side.

2. **Sitting.**

3. **Standing.**

4. **After exercise.**

(This should be done in conjunction with the blood pressure determination.)

(a) Immediately. The normal heart is accelerated. The systolic blood pressure is lowered and the diastolic raised.

(b) After 30 seconds. Heart rate 110, systolic pressure raised (25 points), diastolic lowered (5 points).

(c) After 2 minutes. Heart rate and blood pressure return to normal.

Auscultatory Information about the Myocardium

This is scant and not very reliable.

1. *Rate*—A normal myocardium contracts at a normal rate. A weakened muscle to accomplish its work has to contract more rapidly.

2. *Rhythm*—This should be regular. A diseased muscle frequently contracts irregularly.

3. *Character of the first sound*—Normally this is a compound of the low pitched booming muscle note and the high pitched valvular tone. Alterations due to disease may

1. Increase the muscle sound to a powerful booming, or
2. This element may be "muffled" and the valvular element predominate if the muscle is weak.
4. *The response of the myocardium to exercise.*
(Patient hops on one foot 100 times.)

Normal response—

1. Increased rate of heart beat—raised 40 beats a minute.
2. Quick return to normal—accomplished in two minutes.

State of the Conductive System

The wave of cardiac contraction starts in the sino-auricular node, "Pace Maker," ("Imbedded in the right auricle near the mouth of the superior vena cava;") spreads through the walls of both auricles; and then through the bundle of His to the ventricles.

The Pace Maker sends out about 72 beats a minute. The vagus controls the Pace Maker. If the human vagus were cut, the rate would probably rise to 150-160 per minute.

Normal constant slowing of the pulse—(vagus inhibition).

Athletes, pregnancy (rate 50-60).

A few normal individuals constantly show a pulse around 50.

Normal periodic slowing of the pulse—(vagus inhibition).

1. Children (during normal respiration).
2. Puberty (during normal respiration).
3. Young adults (during forced breathing).

Nature of the irregularity—

Inspiration—pulse quickens.

Expiration—pulse slows.

This is known as sinus arrhythmia.

The stethoscope affords excellent information about the conductive system of the heart. If the rate and rhythm of the heart are normal, this system is normal. Disease of the system manifests itself in irregularities of various types with alterations in the natural pauses of the heart.

The electrocardiogram affords exact information concerning the conductive system. The methods of physical examination already outlined are sufficient, however, in the vast majority of cardiac conditions to arrive at a satisfactory diagnosis.

The polygram likewise affords information of value. It is more difficult to make and to interpret.

X-Ray of the Normal Heart

Data obtainable by X-ray—

1. Size of the heart and aorta.
2. Shape of the heart and aorta.
3. Movements during respiration.
4. Pulsations of various chambers.
5. Effects of position.

Methods

1. Fluoroscope—

(This of itself affords fairly accurate information.)

Technic—

- (a) Patient stands behind screen.
- (b) Focal spot at 24 inches from screen.
- (c) Thin glass plate held against screen on which to outline in pencil heart and vessels.
 - 1. During normal breathing.
 - 2. During forced inspiration.
 - 3. During forced expiration.
- (d) Rotate patient to left with right chest against screen. Study posterior mediastinum and arch of aorta in this position. (Smallest shadow represents true diameter of aorta [with deductions for distortion]).

2. Plates—

Afford a permanent record.
Allow of accurate measurements.
Take at distance of 6 feet.

Normal cardiac shadow on plate shows following convexities—

- (a) On the right—
 - 1. Above—ascending aorta.
 - 2. Below—right auricle.
- (b) On the left—
 - 1. At top—arch of aorta.
 - 2. Below—pulmonary aorta.
 - 3. Below—left auricle.
 - 4. Bottom—left ventricle.

Normal cardiac measurements on plate—

6 points taken, 3 on right and 3 on left.

Points on right (from above down).

1. Juncture of heart and great vessels.
2. Widest point.
3. Juncture of heart shadow and diaphragm.

Points on left (from above down).

4. Juncture of left auricle and left ventricle.
5. Widest point.
6. Apex.

Lines—

1. Midperpendicular line.
2. Horizontals to midperpendicular from points 2 and 5.

Right horizontal (3.3 cm.).

Left horizontal (6.8 cm.).

3. Greatest transverse diameter is the sum of the above two.

(3.3 cm. + 6.8 cm. = 10.1 cm.)

4. Length of heart—from highest point of right to apex (14 cm.).

5. Perpendiculars to the line of the length of the heart at the lowest point on the right and the highest point on the left. The sum of the two equals the width of the cardiac base. (6.2 (right) + 4.5 (left) = 10.7 cm.).

Hirsh has criticized the so-called "standard methods" of x-ray examination. He shows that habitus determines the position, form and size of the heart.

<i>Habitus</i>	<i>Position of Heart</i>	<i>Form of Heart</i>
1. Asthenic	Vertical	Long and narrow
2. Hyposthenic	Very oblique	Circular
3. Sthenic	Oblique	Triangular
4. Hypersthenic	Transverse	Oval
(1) α = negative.	$\sigma\theta\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\varsigma$ = strength.	
(2) $\dot{\iota}\pi\omicron$ = under.	$\sigma\theta\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\varsigma$ = strength.	
(3) —	$\sigma\theta\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\varsigma$ = strength.	
(4) $\dot{\iota}\pi\epsilon\rho$ = over.	$\sigma\theta\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\varsigma$ = strength.	

Pericardium

There are no signs in health, and the description is purely negative.

Inspection—

Apex beat seen in normal position.

No abnormal impulses or retractions.

Palpation—

Apex felt in normal position.

Percussion—

Cardiac outline normal.

Auscultation—

Normal valvular sounds.

No friction rub.

X-ray—

Normal cardiac shadow.

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CHAPTER XI

BLOOD VESSELS

The vascular system outside the heart includes

1. The aorta.
2. The arteries.
3. The veins.
4. The capillaries.

All of these divisions are accessible to examination.

The Aorta

1. Arch—

- (a) Ascending portion.
- (b) Transverse portion.
- (c) Descending portion.

2. Thoracic aorta.

3. Abdominal aorta.

Anatomy and Relations of the Arch

(About one inch in diameter.)

(a) Ascending Portion—

Two inches long. Almost entirely in visceral pericardium.

Extends from inner end of third left costal cartilage obliquely up to upper border of second right costal cartilage behind sternum.

(b) Transverse Portion—

1. Upper border = $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{1 inch below sternal notch.} \\ \text{Middle 1st costal cartilage.} \\ \text{Middle of manubrium.} \\ \text{3rd thoracic spinous process.} \end{array} \right.$
2. Lower border = **Juncture manubrium and gladiolus.** In relation to left phrenic, cardiac, X, and left recurrent laryngeal nerves, trachea, esophagus, superior cava and left bronchus.

(c) Descending Portion—Little to left of fourth thoracic vertebra.**Examination of the Aortic Arch****Inspection—**

- (a) In health nothing can be seen.
- (b) In disease (aneurysms), most valuable information can be obtained.
(It is good exercise to figure out the effects of a large pulsating mass in the region of the aorta,—All the structures pressed upon,—What may be seen, felt, heard.)

Palpation—Nothing felt in health.**Percussion—**

Difficult. (Behind sternum.)

Dimensions of the shadow—2 inches x 3 inches.

Descriptions are negative. Thus in health we say “there is no widening of the arch on percussion.”

One should not be able to percuss the aorta outside the sternal borders.

Auscultation—The aorta is silent in health.

X-ray and Fluoroscope—

Gives valuable information about the size and shape of the aortic arch.

Width of maximum aortic shadow—4.5 cm.

Width of shadow increased in brevilinear persons and decreased in longilinear.

Arteries

A normal artery has a certain size, course and compressibility. Its wall is soft and elastic. The blood has a normal tension. All these characteristics may change in disease.

The *ordinary examination* of an artery is an examination of the *pulse*.

Vessel Wall—The arteries of the temple can often be seen. Occasionally arteries in the arm can be seen. This occurs chiefly, however, in the aged.

The visual inspection of arteries can be well carried out in the oculi fundi. Ophthalmoscopic examination is of more value than feeling the pulse. The eye grounds are the only places in the body where one sees arteries face to face, as it were. Here we can see whether walls are thickened, calcified, tortuous, broken, etc.

Palpation—Temporal, radial, brachial, popliteal, tibial vessels should all be examined.

Vessels should be rolled under finger to feel for thickening, hardening, calcification.

Vessels may be absent or occupy abnormal positions.

(c) Smooth (beaded in arteriosclerosis).

(d) Elastic (stiff in arteriosclerosis).

(e) Thin (thick in arteriosclerosis).

(To elicit this information run finger along vessel as well as roll it under finger.)

While compressing vessel above, palpate it distally.

A normal vessel wall should not then be felt.

Tortuous temporal vessel normal.—(Cabot.)

2. *Position of vessel.*

(a) May be absent.

(b) May be out of its normal relations.
(Aberrant.)

(c) May be covered.

3. *Size of vessel.*

Some vessels abnormally small.

(The following points afford information about cardiac action.)

4. *Frequency (rate).*

(Count for one minute and repeat in rapid or irregular hearts.)

Varies with—

(a) Excitement.

(b) Exercise.

(c) Going to stool.

(d) Posture.

(e) Eating.

(f) Breathing (increased with inspiration).

(g) Sex (female faster).

(h) Age.

Fetus	144 to 133
To 1st year	143 to 123
10 to 15 years	91 to 76
20 to 60 years	73 to 69 (Roelet)

Tachycardia—rapid pulse.

Bradycardia—slow pulse.

May be congenital as a rate of 50 to 60—Vagus inhibition.

5. *Equality.*

Inequality—

- (a) Difference in size of arteries.
- (b) Pressure on one vessel.

6. *Rhythm.*

Normal rhythm is regular with equal spacing between beats.

Types of irregular rhythm—

- (a) Respiratory or sinus arrhythmia (children).
- (b) Complete irregularity (fibrillation).
- (c) Extrasystoles (old age).
- (d) Intermittent pulse—drop beat. (Block.)
- (e) Alternating pulse (small and large).

7. *Size of pulse wave.*

8. *Celerity.*

Rapidity of rise and fall of wave under finger.

- (a) Pulsus celer—a sharp rap.
- (b) Pulsus tardus—slow wave.

9. *Compressibility.*

Indicates tension. (See Blood Pressure.)

(A dicrotic pulse has a notch in the down stroke.)

Veins

Certain cardiac phenomena are portrayed in venous engorgement and pulsations.

Disease of the vein itself, of course, occurs.

Veins to be Examined—

1. Cervical (Jugular).
2. Legs (Varicose).
3. Abdomen (Anastomosis).
4. Scrotal (Varicocele).
5. Oculi fundi (Optic veins—cerebral pressure).

Distended Veins—

Causes—

1. Inspiration.
2. Coughing.
3. Obstruction ahead.
 - (a) Back pressure from heart.
 - (b) Mechanical.
4. Congenital.

Venous Pulse—

Impulse initiated in right auricle.

There is normally a jugular wave, though this cannot always be seen. (See Graphic Methods.)

Jugular Pulse—

1. Normal.
2. Presystolic.
3. A sharp rise followed by first a sharp fall and then a gradual fall in which there is a slight secondary rise, characterizes the curve.

First rise due to auricular contraction.

Second rise due to auricular filling.

Best made out in recumbency.

To distinguish venous from arterial pulse—

Press on vein to obliterate a true venous wave.

If coming through from an artery it may be intensified.

In disease—

Pre-systolic jugular wave becomes systolic due to

1. Fibrillation.
2. Tricuspid regurgitation.

Pulsating livers are abnormal.

Auscultation of Veins—

In health usually silent.

In anemia there may occur a "venous hum."

Venous pressure—Five to eleven cm. of water.

Venous Blood Pressure—

A. Pressure exists in veins (bleed when cut).

B. Cause of venous blood pressure:

1. Force of heart beat and other factors mobilizing blood and delivering it through the capillaries.
2. Central resistance—chiefly in the right auricle.
3. Tone of venous wall.

C. Venous blood pressure does not vary with capillary pressure.

Normal Venous Blood Pressure—

Upper limit of man at rest in bed 11 cm. of water.

Causes of Variation in Health—

1. Age—increases.
2. Exercise—increases.
3. Time of day—decreases at night.

Method of Determining—

1. A glass box open on one side and having a connection for a rubber tube is secured to the surface of the hand over a vein with collodion.
2. The rubber tube is connected by a "Y" tube with a water manometer and a rubber bulb.
3. The hand is held at the heart level (midline, lower end of sternum).
4. Air pressure forced into apparatus by bulb until vein is obliterated.
5. Reading made on manometer.

A rough method has been known since 1902 (Gaertner). The fullness of the dorsal veins of the hands normally disappears as the hands are elevated above the heart level. Normally this obliteration occurs at about four inches above the heart level. In decompensated hearts (with venous back pressure) greater heights are reached before disappearance of the veins.

Use of the Method—

To determine if the heart is compensated.

Capillaries

An enormous network of thin endothelial vessels .008 to .020 mm. in diameter, capable of holding all the blood in the body. They are probably under nerve control, which causes them to dilate independently of

arterioles. In their study we may eventually find a cause for high blood pressure.

Normally—no pulsation.

In disease—

1. Hyperemia=capillary pulse.
2. Pulsus celer (aortic regurgitation)=capillary pulse.

To demonstrate—Use

- (a) Nail pressed down.
- (b) Glass slide on lips.
- (c) Redness of forehead produced by firm pencil stroke.

Capillary Blood Pressure—

Normal—22.2 mm. of mercury.

Varied by—

1. Posture.
2. Intrathoracic pressure.
3. Local temperature.

Not affected by time of the day.

Method of Determining—The streaming of the erythrocytes may be seen at the base of the nail of the finger or the toe and the capillaries outlined under the microscope. Pressure may be applied over these capillaries sufficient to obliterate them. An instrument called a tonometer is used to exert this pressure on the capillaries. The effect is observed through a window on the top. The chamber of the tonometer is connected with a mercury manometer and a rubber

bulb. Pressure is gradually applied over the capillaries at the root of the nail and the effect is observed under the microscope through the tonometer. The hand must be approximately at the level of the heart when the reading is made.

Capillary pressure probably varies with the force of the heart beat and is independent, to a large degree, of venous pressure.

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CHAPTER XII

BLOOD PRESSURE

The pressure of the blood in the arterial tree is important. Increase or decrease is indicative often of serious disease. Information afforded by the sphygmomanometer is most valuable.

Hypertension is a term describing an arterial tension above the normal.

Hypotension, on the contrary, is used of pressure below the normal.

Systolic blood pressure is that pressure in the arteries at the moment of the heart's systole. It is the maximum pressure.

Diastolic blood pressure is that pressure existing during cardiac diastole. It is the minimum pressure.

Pulse pressure is a term applied to the difference between systolic and diastolic pressure.

Mean tension—It represents the arithmetical mean of the systolic and diastolic pressures. Thus $S. P. = 120$. $D. P. = 80$. $M. T. = \frac{1}{2} (120-80) + 80$ or 100.

Methods of taking Blood Pressure—The old method of estimating arterial tension with the fingers is value-

less and has been entirely replaced by the sphygmomanometer. This may be used in conjunction with—

1. Palpation.
2. The stethoscope.

Instruments—

1. *Mercury*. This is a mercury manometer to which is attached, by a rubber tube, a rubber bag surrounded by a cloth cover which in use is snugly wrapped about the arm above the elbow. A rubber bulb is also attached to the instrument to inflate the bag. The inflated bag exerts pressure over the brachial artery, which is measured directly on the manometer.
2. *Aneroid*. This is a spring instrument substituted for the mercury manometer. In other respects the instruments are alike. The spring instrument is, of course, standardized by the mercury manometer.

Technic of Use—

1. Apply band to arm.
2. Attach rubber tubes to instrument.
3. Inflate until by palpation the radial artery is obliterated.

Systolic Pressure—

4. Release pressure.
5. (a) Pulse just felt.
(b) Read instrument, or
5. (a) Snapping sound heard through stethoscope over antecubital fossa.
(b) Read instrument.

Diastolic Pressure—

6. (a) Continue to release pressure.
(b) Weak pulse felt strong.
(c) Read instrument, or
6. (b) Oscillations stop.
(c) Read instrument, or
6. (b) Sounds become dull.
(c) Read instrument.

Phases which may be heard by Auscultatory Method—

1. Loud, clear, snapping tone (covers 14 mm.).
Advent of S. P.
2. Murmurs (covers 20 mm.).
3. Snapping tone again (covers 5 mm.).
4. Dull tone (covers 6 mm.).
Advent of D. P.
5. Sounds stop.

Patient should be—

1. Comfortable.
2. Sitting or lying.

Reading should be done—

1. Quickly.
2. Should be read while column of mercury is coming down.
3. Should be repeated several times.

Normal Blood Pressure—

S. P. 110-135. D. P. 60-90. (Cabot.)
Great normal variation.

Factors Causing Variation—

1. Age. Usually increased with age. After 20 years of age add to 120, one-half of the years above 20.

Thus 50 years, $50 - 20 = 30$. $\frac{1}{2} \times 30 = 15 + 120 = 135$.

2. Sex. 10 mm. lower in females.

3. Exercise. Rises 10 to 20 mm.

4. Sleep.

1. *During*—There is an average drop of 25 mm.

2. *After*—

- (a) Morning—low.

- (b) Evening—high.

5. Time of Day—Rises in evening (40 mm. \pm).

6. Food. Rises 10 to 15 mm.

7. Drink. Rises.

8. Smoking. Rises 5—25 mm.

9. Excitement. Rises.

10. Posture.

	<i>Erect.</i>		<i>Horizontal.</i>		<i>Erect.</i>
S. P.	+	→	+	→	—
D. P.	+	→	—	→	+
P. P.	+	→	+	→	—

(Faught.)

Systolic Blood Pressure—

A measure of the force of the heart beat.

Varies greatly.

Decreases from the aorta to the periphery.

Diastolic Blood Pressure—

Thought by many to be more important.

Represents peripheral resistance or load of the arteries.

More constant level.

Does not vary in different parts of arterial tree.

Pulse Pressure—

Measures the pumping capacity of the heart.

Measures the heart load.

Normal relations—

$$S. P. : D. P. = 3:2.$$

$$P. P. : S. P. = 1:3.$$

Important Formulae

$$P. P. \times P. R. = \text{Velocity.}$$

$$S. P. \times P. R. = \text{Work.}$$

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CHAPTER XIII

SPHYGMOGRAPHY AND ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY

The graphic representation of the pulse wave.

Polygraphy (Mackensie) is a simultaneous representation of the arterial and venous wave.

Instruments—One or more levers write upon a moving smoked paper. The levers are connected directly with the surface over the pulsating vessels, or they are attached to diaphragms, connected with flexible tubes, the air of which conveys the pulsation from the surface over which their free end is attached.

Normal Arterial (Radial) Curve—

1. Ascending limb to crest.
 - (a) Amplitude (varies)—Should not be too long or too short. Indicates volume of pulse.
 - (b) Direction—Normally almost perpendicular.
Sharpness increased with quickness.
 - (c) Summit—angular.
2. Descending limb.
Gradual and undulating with 2 notches and 2 waves.

- (a) Tidal wave. Varies with arterial tension. Increased when high.
- (b) Dicrotic wave. Increases with fall in blood pressure.

Normal Venous Curve—Three positive and three negative waves.

Use of—Enables us to see and count beats of auricles as arterial curve does of the ventricle. Important in the study of cardiac arrhythmias.

Positive Waves

1. A wave. A contraction of auricle. (Immediately precedes the ventricular wave on the simultaneous arterial tracing.)
2. C wave. Protrusion of A. V. valves into auricles. just before ventricular systole.
3. V wave. Ventricular due to checking of flow into auricle by A. V. closure.

Negative Waves

1. Due to auricular relaxation.
2. Due to "forcible dilatation of the auricle caused by the systole of the ventricle."
3. Due to blood being discharged into ventricle.

Electrocardiograms

Principle—Heart muscle, as skeletal muscle, during contraction sets up electrical waves. Electrodes attached to the surface of the body lead off these electrical changes to a string galvanometer. The movements of the string are photographed and constitute electrocardiographic tracings.

Apparatus—

1. Photographic camera.
2. String galvanometer.
3. Arc lamp.
4. Time recorder.
5. Central board.
6. Electrodes.
7. Table.

Leads—

- Lead 1. Right arm and left arm.
 Lead 2. Right arm and left leg.
 Lead 3. Left arm and left leg.

The Tracing—Three waves above the line and two below.

(a) Above—

1. P which is small.
2. R which is large.
3. T which is small.

(b) Below—

1. Q which is small.
2. S which is small.

Interpretation of Electrocardiogram

1. P-wave occurs just before auricular contraction.
2. Q-wave occurs just before beginning of ventricular systole.
3. R-wave (upstroke) occurs before ventricular systole.
4. T-wave occurs at the moment ventricle begins to relax.

Spread of Excitation Wave in Ventricles—

1. Downward over septum to apex (both sides).
2. Upward on endothelium of outer wall (both sides) to base.
3. At right angles to endothelium through muscle wall to pericardium. (This latter is slow.)

The Q. R. S. complex is a composite picture. It is the algebraic sum of effects in both ventricles. "The Q-wave is produced during the spread of the excitation wave in the septum and is a left-sided effect in Lead 1 and a right-sided effect in Leads 2 and 3.

The beginning of the R-wave is produced by the spread of the excitation wave in both ventricles. The remainder of the R-wave is a left-sided effect in Lead 1 and a right-sided effect in Leads 2 and 3.

The S-wave is a right-sided effect in Lead 1 and a left-sided effect in the other leads."

Period between S and T is one of entire cardiac excitement, or potential balance.

T-wave is due to electrical change consequent upon retreat of excitation wave. This is slow with absorption of deflections. Depends on the fact that the base remains excited longer than the apex.

Use of the Method—

1. Study of cardiac arrhythmias.
2. Study of cardiac conductive system.
3. Study of ventricular hypertrophy.

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CHAPTER XIV

ESOPHAGUS AND ABDOMEN

ESOPHAGUS

Begins 5 to 6 inches from incisor teeth.

Ends 14 to 16 inches from incisor teeth.

Length 9 to 10 inches.

Normal Constrictions—

1. Level cricoid cartilage.
2. Level of aorta.
3. Level of left bronchus.
4. Level of diaphragm.

Examination—

(Because behind trachea and partly intrathoracic, difficult to examine.)

1. *Auscultation.*

Fluid normally passes in 4 seconds.

Listen for first and second sounds, and time over cardiac end of stomach.

2. *Sounds and Bougies.*

Flexible and blunt pointed.

Less used than formerly—dangerous.

Technic—

Grease and warm instrument.

Patient sits with head back and mouth open.

Depress tongue while patient swallows and breathes regularly.

Observe gentleness.

Use—To determine if lumen is free.

3. *Esophagoscope*—(Most valuable).

Pass with patient on right side, head back.

Cervical esophagus closed.

Thoracic esophagus open.

Inspect surface for masses, ulcers, constrictions, pulsations, diverticula and foreign bodies.

4. *X-ray*—

Barium sulphate, with or without mucilage of acacia.

Examine in right oblique diameter.

Outline seen throughout—smooth.

Depressions behind arch of aorta and behind heart.

The opaque mass pauses for a moment at the arch and cardia.

ABDOMEN

Anatomy—

Boundaries—

External—

1. Costal arch and subcostal angle.
2. Pubic crest.
3. Fold of the groin.

Internal—

1. Diaphragm.
2. Pelvic outlet.

Contents—

1. Liver, spleen, stomach—upper zone.
2. Right kidney, cecum, ascending colon—right lateral recess.

3. Left kidney, descending colon—left lateral recess.
4. Intestines, pancreas—middle space.
5. Great vessels, omentum, mesentery, lymph glands.

Abdominal Landmarks

1. Scrobiculus cordis (pit of stomach).
(between 7th costal cartilages.)
2. Costal arch.
(from apex of costal angle to 10th costal cartilage.)
3. Symphysis pubis.
4. Anterior iliac spines.
5. Pubic spines.
6. Umbilicus (navel).
(4th lumbar vertebra and iliac crest.)
7. Linea alba.
8. Lineae transversae.
9. Lineae semilunares (outer borders of recti).
10. Cutaneous flexion folds—2—(in fat people—1st on level of umbilicus, 2nd 1 inch above pubis).
11. Flanks.
(lateral—thorax to ilium).
12. Sacral triangle—(depression over sacrum).
13. Loin—(12th rib to ilium).

Ideal Shape—"Ovoid, bulged centrally, flattened anteroposteriorly, longest diameter vertical."

Contour—Gentle convexity exaggerated in the flanks.

Variations in health due to

- | | | |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Age. | 4. Corsets. | 7. Muscular de- |
| 2. Sex. | 5. Pregnancy. | velopment. |
| 3. Fat. | 6. Sedentary life. | |

Circumference of the Abdomen

(Measured at level of Umbilicus.)

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Compared to thoracic circumference at nipple</i>
Male	Under 40	2 to 4 inches less
Male	40	Equal
Male	50	Larger
Female	—	10 inches less
Children	—	Larger (due to liver)

Methods of Examining Abdomen

Inspection, palpation, percussion, auscultation, X-ray, mensuration, tube, needle.

All methods crude. Chief help from palpation.

Equipment—Table, 3 feet high, 2 feet wide. Comfortable cushion; small pillow; sheet; good light.

Inspection—

Light—tangential (accentuates shadows of uneven surfaces).

1. Dorsal decubitus.
2. Standing (light from side). (Ptosis.)

What to look for—

1. Configuration (contour of abdomen).
2. Surface (skin and umbilicus).

3. Size.
4. Respiratory movements (limitation—absence)
(male or female type).
5. Peristalsis (gastric—intestinal) (thin subjects).
6. Local depressions.
7. Local prominences.

Palpation—(Most valuable method).

Technic—

1. Both physician and patient comfortable.
2. Warm hands and warm room.
3. Posture symmetric.
Proceed cautiously and gently (to avoid injury).
4. No sudden movement (to frighten patient).
5. Postures—
 - (a) Dorsal decubitus.
 - (b) Right and left lateral.
 - (c) Knee-chest.
 - (d) Erect.
 - (e) Trendelenburg (on back hips 45° higher than head).
 - (f) Elevated pubic posture.
6. Head on pillow. (Knees up.)
7. Breathing deeply with mouth open.
8. With palm of whole hand go over whole abdomen, using light pressure.
(Avoid nails and finger tips.)

9. With one hand pressing on the other exert firm pressure during one or two expiratory movements.
(Hand that is not pressing more sensitive.)
10. Feeling for tenderness, examining suspected tender points last.

To get relaxation—

1. Divert attention.
2. Breathing with mouth open.
3. Warm bath (long tub, water 110°-120°—10 minutes).
4. Anesthesia (especially pelvic examination).
Talcum powder on abdomen may facilitate.
Raise hips on pillow to palpate lower abdomen.
Water enema to remove gas that interferes.

What can be felt in normal abdomen. (Cabot).

1. Abdominal aorta.
2. Spinal column (near umbilicus).
3. Liver (in the thin with short angle).
4. Lower pole right kidney (young).
5. Gurgling and splashing.
6. Iliopsoas muscle (thin patients).
7. Muscle bundles in external oblique (cf. appendix).
8. Head of pancreas.
(If thin patient—Leube.)

What to feel for—

1. Resistance of belly (wall and contents).
2. Boundaries of organs.

3. Sensitiveness to pressure.
 - (a) Gentle pressure.
 - (b) Firm pressure.
 - (c) Constant pressure.
 - (d) Displacement pressure (blow).Deep tenderness.
Superficial tenderness (by pinching).
4. Muscle resistance.
5. Tumors.

Errors

1. Muscle resistance (reflex tension).
2. Muscle belly (tumor)—grasp with hand while raising body=harder.
3. Fat in wall (tumor).
4. Cord colique (stomach—or tuberculous mass).
5. Fecal mass.
6. Aortic pulsation (aneurysm).

Bimanual Palpation=use of two hands.

An educated sense of touch comes only from much practice.

Percussion—

Not often of value in abdominal examinations.
Should be light percussion.

Expected sounds—

1. Tympany.
2. Dullness.

Uses of—

1. To determine the liver borders
2. To determine the splenic borders
3. To determine if bladder is distended.
4. To determine gastric size and position.
(Stomach inflated through stomach tube.)
5. To determine amount of gas in stomach.
6. To determine size and position of intestines.
(Inflated through tube with Davidson syringe).
7. To determine whether a mass is left kidney
or spleen by inflating colon. (Air over
one and under other.)
8. To determine absence of fluid.
Fluctuating wave.
Shifting dullness.
9. To outline Traube's semilunar space.

Boundaries of Traube's Semilunar Space

Above—Left lobe of liver and left lung.

Internally—Left costal margin.

Externally—Anterior border of the spleen.

Comparison of Gastric and Intestinal Tympany

	<i>Quality</i>	<i>Pitch</i>	<i>Intensity</i>	<i>Duration</i>
Gastric—	Tympany	Lower	Louder	Longer
Intestinal—	Tympany	Higher	Less	Shorter

Auscultation—

Of very little use.

What to listen for—

1. Gas in the stomach
 2. Gas in the intestine
 3. Respiratory sounds in children.
 4. Cardiovascular sounds. (Bruits, murmurs, fetal heart, uterine souffle.)
 5. Friction rubs. (Liver, spleen, etc.,—Pathologic.)
 6. Gallstones (Pathologic).
- } Gurgles, bubbles,
} echoes, splashing.

Mensuration—

1. Circumference (at umbilicus).
2. Surface distances.
 - (a) To locate. (Measured from umbilicus.)
 - (b) To represent size.

STOMACH**Standing—**

Hangs centrally.

Lesser curvature above iliac crests.

Greater curvature variable.

Form and position vary with—

1. Architecture of patient.
 - (a) Thin persons have long central stomach hanging in the pelvis.
 - (b) Stocky individuals (muscular) have transverse high stomachs.
2. Amount of food.
3. Tonicity of the wall.
4. Pressure of an adjacent viscus.
5. Tension of the muscles of the abdomen.

Lying prone—

Stomach is under liver.

Empty—

Almost vertical with walls in apposition except for gas bubble in fundus.

A meal—

Takes funnel-shaped form in body and antrum below the bubble.

Peristalsis—

Begins middle of lesser curvature and occurs about every 20 seconds.

Outline—

Smooth except for peristaltic indentations.

Cardia—

Anteriorly—7th left costal cartilage 1 inch to left.
Posteriorly—9th thoracic vertebra.

Pylorus—

Crossed by “transverse line” midway between symphysis pubis and suprasternal notch.

Inspection—

Nothing seen in health. In disease much may be seen (mass, peristalsis, etc.).

Palpation—

Stomach cannot be felt in health.

Tenderness in epigastrium frequent in health.

A splash can be produced frequently in health.

Should not occur in empty stomach or 7 hours P. C.

Percussion—

Gives no information in health without artificial distention with air or water.

Stomach distended by air by a Davidson syringe through stomach tube.

Upper and lower borders should then be percussed. (Soda (1 dram in water) followed by tartaric acid (1 dram in water) will also distend stomach).

Water run in through a stomach tube may serve same purpose.

(1500 c.c. normal). This is not as useful a method as air.

Auscultation—

1. Deglutition murmur. Site—cardia.

A double sound after drinking water.

(a) 1st sound (esophagus) 6 seconds after swallowing.

(b) 2nd sound (stomach) 4 to 5 seconds later.

2. Succussion sounds.

3. Gurgling sounds.

4. Effervescence (fermentation).

5. Resonant echoes (heart).

6. Breath sounds—Râles (Pathologic).

(Obviously a method of little value.)

Stomach tube—

1. Acidity.

2. Emptying time.

3. Quantity of contents.

4. Abnormal contents. (Blood, pus, bacteria, etc.)

Gastrodiaphany—

(Transillumination with electric bulb in stomach in dark room.)

Gives position of greater curvature.

X-ray—

Most useful single method.

(Not always available, therefore other methods should not be neglected.)

Information It Affords—

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|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Size. | 4. Movements. | 7. Emptying time |
| 2. Position. | 5. Tonicity. | (three to six |
| 3. Outline. | 6. Mobility. | hours). |

Intestines**Duodenum—**

(Ten inches of small intestines around head of pancreas.) In epigastric and umbilical regions, to right of midline.

Fixed in position.

Negative to examination in health.

Tenderness and x-ray changes only objective signs of disease.

Small Gut—

Twenty-two feet, occupying chiefly the umbilical, lumbar and hypogastric regions.

Inaccessible to physical examination except through x-ray.

Its tympany is higher pitched and weaker than colonic.

Appendix—Three to four inches.

1. Hangs free toward pelvic brim.

2. Retrocecal.

Not palpable.

McBurney's Point—Two inches from right anterior superior iliac spine on line to umbilicus. Normal position of appendix.

Clado's Point—Intersection of right semilunar line with the interspinous line.

X-ray may visualize size, form and position, fixation.

Bimanual palpation through rectum or vagina should be routine when disease is suspected.

Colon—Five feet of movable gut, except for fixation at the flexures, especially accessible of examination in the cecum.

Inspection—Negative in health.

Palpation—Position. Of little significance.

Size—After inflation with Davidson syringe, may be made out. Contraction (cord colique) may sometimes be felt.

Masses (feces, tumors, etc.) should be searched for.

Percussion—Useful in outlining size and position.

Auscultation—Chiefly to determine whether peristalsis exists.

X-Ray—

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Size. | 3. Outline. |
| 2. Position. | 4. Mobility. |

Stool—

Gross—size, consistency, color, character.

Microscopic appearance—digestion and abnormal constituents.

Sigmoid—

1. Sigmoidoscope
2. X-ray.

Rectum—

1. Rectal palpation.
2. Inspection (speculum).

Liver

A firm, wedge-shaped mass which nearly fills the abdomen of the fetus and in the adult occupies a large part of the upper abdomen.

Lobes—

Right (subdivides into Spigelian, quadrate and caudate).

Left.

Size—(Varies)—

Transverse diameter	9 inches
Vertical diameter	6 inches
Anteroposterior diameter	5½ inches

Weight—

Three to four pounds (1/40 body weight).

Anatomical Points—

Superior, anterior, right, posterior and inferior surfaces. Upper and lower borders, umbilical notch and round ligament.

Relations—(Chief)—

1. Above—diaphragm, lungs, heart.
2. Right
3. Anterior
4. Posterior—adrenal, vena cava, esophagus.
5. Inferior—gall bladder, colon, duodenum, adrenal, kidney (right), stomach.

} diaphragm and chest wall.

Movement—With respiration.

SURFACE PROJECTIONS (DA COSTA)

	UPPER BORDER	LOWER BORDER
LEFT MIDCLAVICULAR LINE	5 i. c. s.	5 i. c. s.
STERNUM	6 cartilage	Transpyloric line
RT. MIDCLAVICULAR LINE	4 i. c. s.	Costal margin
AXILLARY LINE	7 i. c. s.	10 i. c. s.
SCAPULAR LINE	8 i. c. s.	
POSTERIOR MIDLINE	8 T. V.	11 T. V.

Inspection—

No information afforded in health—rarely in disease.

Palpation—

Lower border. In infants 1½-inch below costal margin, and palpable. In thin adult often felt. Rarely felt in others in health because of muscle, fat and gas.

Technic—

- (a) Relaxed patient breathing with mouth open in the dorsal decubitus. With tips of finger of right hand feel for advancing margin of liver during inspiration.
- (b) Fingers of right hand may be hooked over costal margin from above and the border felt for in the same way.
- (c) Bimanual palpation using the left hand posteriorly for support.

What to feel for—

1. Tenderness.
2. Consistency (soft, firm).
3. Contour (smooth, rough, nodular).
4. Distance below costal margin in M. C. L.
5. Pulsation.

Percussion—**HEPATIC AREA (vertical surface measurements).**

<i>Midline</i>	<i>M. C. L.</i>	<i>Midaxillary</i>	<i>Scapular</i>
4 inches	4 inches	6 inches	3 inches

AREAS OF HEPATIC DULLNESS AND FLATNESS.*Area of dullness—*

Part of upper lobe of liver covered by lung.

Percuss from above down, beginning at the 2nd i. c.s.

	<i>M.C.L.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>L.</i>
Line of dullness begins	4 i. c. s.	7 i. c. s.	8 i. c. s.

AREA OF FLATNESS

(Liver in contact with chest wall)

Note high-pitched and flat

	UPPER LINE OF FLATNESS	LOWER LINE OF FLATNESS
MIDLINE	_____	3 in. below Xiphoid
MIDCLAVICULAR LINE	6th rib	Costal margin
MIDAXILLARY LINE	8th rib	Costal margin
SCAPULAR LINE	10th rib	_____

Uses of Percussion—

1. Tenderness (jarring with fist).
2. Size of liver (upper and lower borders).
3. Position of liver (dislocation may be up or down).

Auscultation—

Listen for friction sound.
(Peritonitis, localized.)

X-ray—(Pneumoperitoneum).

Most accurate way to make out the size, shape and position of the liver.

Functional Test—

1. Stool (bile and fat).
2. Phenol-tetrachlor-phthalein test.
3. Icteric Index.

Gall Bladder

Pear-shaped receptacle 3 to 4 inches long and holding about 1½ ounces.

Fundus at 9th right costal cartilage.

Inspection—No value.

Palpation—At tip of 9th right cartilage for

1. Tenderness.
2. Mass (descending with expiration).

Percussion—No value except for jarring to elicit tenderness.

Auscultation—Very rarely of use. (Listen for crepitation of stones.)

X-Ray—With tetraiodophenolphthalein sodium salt excellent shadows of gall bladder.

Old method of some value (20 to 30 per cent).

Duodenal Tap—Of some value.

Murphy's Sign—Hook fingers over ribs and note inability to breathe.

(Pain of gall bladder disease.)

Pancreas

A deep-seated gland 6 inches long, lying transversely across the epigastrium. Head surrounded by duodenum. Tail against spleen. Covered by stomach. Cannot be made out in health. Rarely felt in disease.

Stool—Fat.

Urine—Glycosuria.

Blood—Hyperglycemia.

Spleen

Site—Left hypochondrium.

Weight—7 ounces.

Length—5 inches.

Shape—Ovoid, modified by adjacent organs.

Moves—With respiration and stomach.

Relations—

Posteriorly—diaphragm, ninth, tenth, eleventh ribs, lungs and pleura.

Inferiorly—splenic flexure.

Mesially—left kidney.

Anteriorly—stomach.

Borders—Anterior (notched), inferior, posterior.

Position—Oblique.

Surface Anatomy—

Covered by ninth, tenth, eleventh ribs.

Between level of ninth T. V. and first or second L. V.

Organ is chiefly in the back.

Inspection—No value.

Palpation—Not felt in health.

Technic—

Method (a)

Patient in dorsal decubitus, relaxed.

Examiner on right with right hand on belly pushes up with finger tips under left costal margin. Left hand in left loin elevates spleen.

Border is felt impinging against finger tips with each inspiration.

Method (b)

With right hand grasp left flank. Left thumb feels for advancing border in inspiration.

Method (c)

Turn patient on right side and follow bimanual method (a).

What to feel for—Anterior border—

1. Size, form, consistency.
2. Tenderness.

Percussion—Difficult. Use light stroke.

Position—Standing or right decubitus.

Area of Splenic Dullness.

Between

1. Middle and posterior axillary lines.
2. Upper border tenth rib and lower border of eleventh.

Tympany—mesially and below.

Resonance—above.

(Note use of colonic inflation over which spleen lies.)

Auscultation—No sound in health.

(Friction sound in perisplenitis.)

Kidneys

Two bean-shaped glands, deep lying and retro-peritoneal.

Weight—4½ ounces.

Length—4½ inches.

Right kidney lower than left.

Occupy hypochondriac, lumbar, epigastric and umbilical regions.

Relations—

1. Behind—Deep muscles of abdomen.
2. In front—
(Right) liver, adrenal, duodenum, colon, small intestine.
(Left) stomach, spleen, pancreas, adrenal, colon and small intestine.

Surface Anatomy—

- Opposite 12th T. V. and first and second L. V.
One inch above iliac crest.
From seventh costal cartilage to tenth costal cartilage.
Inner border $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches from midline.

Inspection—Nothing seen in health.

Palpation—In normal thin persons kidney is occasionally felt, usually the right.

What to feel for—

1. Size, consistency, form.
2. Mobility.
3. Tenderness.

Technic—(Dorsal decubitus or standing.)

Method (a)

Bimanual palpation—supporting loin with left hand while palpating with fingers of right.

Method (b)

Grasping flank with whole right hand, feeling for kidney with thumb.

Percussion—No value except when colon is inflated to rule out tumor of spleen.

Auscultation—Not used.

X-Ray—Of great value to show size, form, position, structure of kidney.

Catheterization—

Urinalysis—

Ureter

Only by

X-ray.

Catheter (cystoscope).

Bladder

Lying in the pelvis it rarely rises above the symphysis pubis. (Externally.)

Inspection—

Not seen unless very much distended.

Cystoscopy. (Internally.)

Palpation—Same applies. Tenderness.

Percussion—Dulness above the symphysis pubis determines amount of distention.

Auscultation—No use.

X-Ray—

Urinalysis—

Adrenals not accessible.

Prostate and Seminal Vesicles—

Rectal examination for size, shape, consistency, fixation, tenderness and character of material obtained on massage.

Abdominal Lymph Glands—

Palpable only in disease.

Needle—

Aspiration of the abdominal cavity used to determine the amount and character of fluid.
(Pathologic.)

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CHAPTER XV

BACK

The back includes a number of important structures.
They are:

1. Skin.
2. Muscles—(A) Erector spinae, a lumbar mass which is continued anteriorly into the—
 - (1) Iliocostalis, with its lumbar, thoracic and cervical divisions.
(Action—Draws spine back and to side and assists in expiration.)
 - (2) Longissimus dorsi with a similar action.
 - (3) Splenius capitis.
(Action—Draws head backwards—also rotates.)(B) Superficial group — spino - humeral muscles — Phylogenetically belong to upper extremity. Broad flat muscles.

Trapezius, Latissimus dorsi, and Rhomboids are the chief.

3. Vertebral body.
Vertebral transverse process.
Vertebral spine.
Vertebral joints.
Spines prominent in children and the thin.
Spines made prominent in leaning forward.
4. Cord and nerves.
5. Organs ventrally in contact.

Surface Anatomy—

1. First five cervical vertebrae not felt.
2. Sixth cervical vertebra often felt.
3. Seventh cervical vertebra usually felt and seen.
(Vertebra prominens.) It is used as a point of departure in counting the vertebrae.
4. Eighth and ninth thoracic prominent.
5. Mesial furrow (deep in upper lumbar region) produced by erector spinae group of muscles.
6. Iliac crest—crest corresponds to fourth lumbar vertebra.
7. Posterior superior spine of ilium marked by dimple at level of second sacral spine.
8. Scapula—second to seventh rib.
Spine and acromion felt throughout.

Landmarks of Spine—

Atlas—Hard palate.

Axis—Upper teeth.

4C.—Hyoid bone.

6C.—Cricoid bone.

2D-3D—Upper sternum.

4D—First and second parts of sternum.

10D.—Tip of Ensiform.

Ant. extremity of rib 1=rib 4 at spine.

Ant. extremity of rib 2=rib 6 at spine.

Ant. extremity of rib 5=rib 9 at spine.

Ant. extremity of rib 7=rib 11 at spine.

Position in Which to Examine Patient—

Standing.

Lying on back.

Lying on abdomen.

Still and during motion.

The following points are important in examining the back:

1. The surface—General contour.

Smoothness.

2. Scapulae—position.

(Flare with weak muscles.)

3. Vertebrae—

I. *Prominence of spine.*

II. *Curvatures.*

- (a) **Kyphosis** (backward convexity) chiefly thoracic.

Curve is gradual in "round shoulders."

In round shoulders due to posture often, and can be corrected.

Same type also produced by age and carrying heavy head burdens.

- (b) **Lordosis** (exaggerated normal lumbar convexity.)

Frequent in rapidly growing youth.

Constant in pregnancy.

- (c) **Scoliosis**—(lateral bending and rotating). (Skin pencil to mark spine often helpful.)

Seen in school children.

Seen in persons with legs of unequal length.

Seen in persons carrying burdens in one hand.

III. *Movements*—

1. Ventral flexion.
2. Dorsal flexion.
3. Lateral bending.
4. Rotation.

To see if equal in all directions.

To see if painful.

To see if limited in extent.

IV. *Tenderness*—

4. Sacrum—Coccyx

(a) Movement.

(b) Compress iliac wings.

5. Iliosacral Joint—

Tenderness—

(a) Direct pressure over joint.

(b) Compress iliac wings.

Mobility of joint.

Posture (in disease lean to one side).

6. Lumbar Muscles—

1. Resistance (spasm).
2. Tenderness.
3. Effect of exercise.
4. Lumps.

7. Points on Surface of Back to Examine for Tenderness—

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Vertebrae. | 4. Coccyx. |
| 2. Costovertebral angle. | 5. Lumbar muscles. |
| 3. Sacroiliac joints. | 6. Sciatic nerve. |

8. X-ray.—To show structure of vertebrae.

CHAPTER XVI

EXTREMITIES

Nails—Specializations of the epidermis.

Parts—

1. Nail plate—
 - (a) Body (visible portion).
 - (b) Lunula (semilunar posterior 1/5).
 - (c) Root (imbedded portion).
2. Nail groove (depression in which 3 edges rest).
3. Nail fold (skin overlapping nail).
4. Nail bed (derma under nail body).
5. Matrix (part under lunula and root. Consists of derma covered by stratum germinativum).

The nail plate is quadrilateral.

Sides parallel and straight.

Laterally convex.

Longitudinally very slightly convex.

Color Zones—

1. White (matrix).
2. Rosy (body).
3. Yellow (line of juncture of skin and nail).
4. Gift spots (white). (Leukopathia Unguis.)
(Air in layers.)

Growth—

Finger nails grow three times as fast as toe nails.

Growth is greater in summer.

Growth is greater in youth.

Time required for a complete new nail to grow out four to six months.

Ridges—

- (a) Longitudinal—normal to slight degree on upper aspect.
- (b) Transverse—nutritional—follow disease—used to determine time of disease.

Hands—

Right hand larger than left, in right handed.

Surface Markings—

Hollow of the hand.

Thenar eminence.

Hypothenar eminence.

Anatomical snuff box.

Four palmar cutaneous creases.

Finger prints.

Note: Absence of hair and sebaceous glands in palm and few surface veins.

*What to Examine—**1. Shape—**(a) Build.*

- 1. Brevilinear.
- 2. Longilinear.

(b) Occupation.

1. Mining—blue dots.
2. Toil—horny.
3. Violin—flat hard finger tips.
4. Sewing—worn finger tips.
5. Smoking—yellow stains.

(c) Age.

1. Youth (fat and soft).
2. Old Age.....

{	wasted. pigmented. prominent veins.
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(d) Disease—(many deformities).

2. *Color*—(cyanosis, anemia, sunburn).3. *Moisture*—

1. Cold and moist (nervous).
2. Cold and dry (serious).
3. Warm and moist (goitre).

4. *Swelling* (edema, etc.).5. *Movements*—

1. Grip (strength).
 2. Hand shake (character).
 3. Tremors
 4. Spasms
- | | |
|---|-----------|
| } | Abnormal. |
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Arms and Legs—

Right arm larger than left (use).

1. Size—

- (a) Absolute.
- (b) Relative.

2. Length (measurement).
3. Power.
4. Conformation.
5. Joints (movement, tenderness, size).
6. Lymph glands.
7. Veins (size and number).

Feet—**Arches—**

- (a) Longitudinal (ink print).
- (b) Transverse.

Flexibility of joints.

Swelling.

Color (see hands).

Moisture (see hands).

Shape (parallels the hands).

Size (distorted by shoes). Bare feet.

Temperature.

CHAPTER XVII

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

- (a) Lymph spaces.
- (b) Capillaries.
- (c) Lymph vessels (accompanying veins).
- (d) Right lymphatic duct (draining right thorax).
- (e) Thoracic duct (draining rest of body into left subclavian vein).
- (f) Lymph nodes.

Regional Drainage of Lymph Nodes

Head—

- 1. Suboccipital nodes drain the scalp.
- 2. Postauricular nodes drain the scalp.
- 3. Parotid nodes drain—
 - (1) Scalp
 - (2) Middle ear
 - (3) Cheek
- 4. Submental nodes drain tongue.
- 5. Submaxillary nodes drain
 - (1) Scalp
 - (2) Nasal region
 - (3) Cheek
 - (4) Teeth
 - (5) Tongue
 - (6) Lips

Neck—

6. Superficial cervical nodes drain

- (1) External ear.
- (2) Skin of face.
- (3) Skin of neck.
- (4) Efferents from—
 - (a) Suboccipital.
 - (b) Postauricular.
 - (c) Submaxillary.
 - (d) Parotid.

7. Deep cervical nodes drain (upper group)—

- (1) Scalp.
- (2) Ear.
- (3) Tongue.
- (4) Tonsils.
- (5) Nose.
- (6) Face.
- (7) Teeth.
- (8) Pharynx.
- (9) Lips.
- (10) Eyelids

8. Deep cervical nodes (supraclavicular) (lower group) drain—

- (1) Scalp.
- (2) Neck.
- (3) Upper pectoral.
- (4) Axillary nodes (communicate).
- (5) Liver (occasionally, in part).

Arms—

9. Epitrochlear node—Drains hand and arm.

Axillae—

10. Axillary nodes drain—

- (1) Arm.
- (2) Chest wall.
- (3) Abdominal wall (upper one-half).
- (4) Hand.
- (5) Breast.

Chest—

11. Bronchial nodes (tracheal, bronchial, pulmonary) drain—

- (1) Heart.
- (2) Bronchi.
- (3) Lungs.
- (4) Posterior mediastinum.
- (5) Trachea (lower part).

Abdomen—

12. Abdominal nodes—

A. Celiac nodes drain—

- (1) Spleen.
- (2) Liver.
- (3) Digestive tract.

B. Mesenteric nodes drain intestines.

Pelvis—

13. Pelvic nodes drain pelvic viscera.

Lower Extremity—

14. Inguinal nodes drain—

- (1) Lower extremities.
- (2) External genitalia.
- (3) Buttocks.
- (4) Lower half of abdominal wall.

15. Popliteal nodes drain—

- (1) Foot.
- (2) Leg.

Method of Examination—

- (1) Inspection.
- (2) Palpation..... { size.
consistency.
tenderness.
- (3) Percussion.
- (4) Auscultation.
- (5) Aspiration.
- (6) Biopsy.
- (7) X-ray.

In health no lymph nodes should be seen.

Palpation often discloses submental and submaxillary nodes, rarely cervical nodes. Elsewhere lymph nodes should not be felt.

X-ray shows no normal glands. Calcified areas in bronchial glands are frequent findings.

Technic of Examination—

Inspect and palpate

- 1. Base of occipital triangle (occipital nodes 1 to 3).
- 2. Tip of mastoid (posterior auricular nodes—2).
- 3. Parotid gland (parotid nodes).
- 4. Lower border of ramus of mandible (submaxillary nodes 3 to 8).

5. Between digastric muscles (submental nodes 2 to 3).
6. Along sternomastoid muscle (superficial cervical nodes).
7. Beneath deep fascia and sternomastoid muscle (upper deep cervical nodes).
8. Brachial fascia over internal condyle of humerus. (Epitrochlear node).
9. Between axillary folds (axillary nodes).
10. Abdominal cavity (abdominal nodes).
11. Inguinal region below Poupart's Ligament (inguinal nodes).

Stereoscopic plates of chest for size of bronchial glands.

Auscultation over the spinous processes of the cervical vertebrae during whispered words gives pectoriloquy.

Below the bifurcation of the trachea this sign should disappear in health. D'Espine's Sign.

THE SPINAL LEVEL AT WHICH PECTORILOQUY CEASES

(Classified according to age)

Under three years	7th Cervical vertebra
Three to five years	1st Dorsal vertebra
Over five years	3rd Dorsal vertebra
Adult	4th Dorsal vertebra

In disease enlarged glands about the hilus of the lung cause pectoriloquy to be heard below the levels above indicated.

In eliciting this sign the patient whispers "*thirty-three*." It is chiefly used in examining the chest of children.

X-ray of a pneumoperitoneum should be used to investigate abdominal nodes.

Biopsy enables one to demonstrate finally whether a gland is normal or not.

Aspiration may settle the nature of the contents of mass, whether it is gland or not.

In examining the lymph glands one should proceed systematically from head to foot.

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CHAPTER XVIII

NERVOUS SYSTEM

A. Cerebrospinal nervous system—

1. Brain—

- (a) Cerebrum.
- (b) Basal ganglia.
- (c) Crura cerebri.
- (d) Pons.
- (e) Medulla.
- (f) Cerebellum.

2. Cord.

3. Cranial nerves.

4. Spinal nerves.

B. Vegetative nervous system—

1. Sympathetic.

2. Parasympathetic (autonomic).

Sympathetic is a chain of prevertebral ganglia.

Autonomic occurs on the surface of organs, as ganglia and plexuses, and shows various spinal connections.

Functions—**Cerebrum—**

1. Motor impulses originated.
2. Sensory impressions registered.
3. Reflexes inhibited.
4. Associations made.
5. Higher functions.

Cerebellum—

1. Muscle tone.
2. Muscle strength.
3. Coordination.
 - (a) Equilibrium.
 - (b) Locomotion.

Medulla—Site of Centers of—

1. Respiration.
2. Heat.
3. Vessel tone.
4. Vagus.

Basal Ganglia—Reflex centers.

To be kept in mind always.....

	{	The end organ.
		The path.
	}	The receptor.

Object of Examination—

To determine if all parts of this elaborate system are intact.

SENSATION

ANATOMICAL STRUCTURES	FUNCTION OF STRUCTURES	TESTS OF FUNCTION
1. End organs 2. Peripheral nerves (afferent) 3. Posterior ganglia	1. Origin of impulses 2. Conveyance of impulse 3. Relay of impulse	Mass disturbance of all sensation at spinal level, or by nerve distribution
4. Cord <div> { a. Spinothalamic fiber tract (crossed) b. Posterior Funiculus (Dorsal cols.) c. Spinocerebellar fiber tracts (Dorsal and ventral) } </div>	4. Conveyance of pain, temperature, touch sensations 5. Conveyance of muscle, tendon, bone sense Deep pressure Deep pain 6. Conveyance of muscle, tendon, bone sense	Pin prick (pain) Hot and cold test tubes of water applied (temperature) Camel's hair brush (touch) Equilibrium Pencil rubber—tuning fork Pencil rubber for pressure Passive and voluntary movements of extremities
5. Optic thalamus	7. Crude perception of sensation (pain, temperature, touch)	See above
6. Sensory convolutions (cortex)	8. Delicate and discriminatory perception of sensation (Detection of space, quantity, and difference in size, shape and texture)	Special Discrimination: 3 Dimensions: passive movement of extremities 2 Dimensions: compass* 1 Dimension: spot Quantity Discrimination: 1. Warm and warmer test tubes Difference in— 1. Size (coin) 2. Shape (knife) 3. Weight (coin) 4. Texture (silk and wool)

* Tongue 1 mm. Finger tip 2 mm. Back 65 mm.

Neurological Examination—**1. Expression.****2. Walk—gait.****3. Sensory system.**

(a) Tactile—(eyes shut—stroke skin with camel's hair brush or piece of cotton).

(b) Temperature (eyes shut).

1. Heat—warm water in test tube.

2. Cold—cold water in test tube.

(c) Deep pressure (weights or finger. Patient estimates amount).

(d) Pain (eyes shut—stick with pin).

(e) Vibration (firm pressure with end of tuning fork—bone). 128 vibrations second (C^o).

(f) Stereognosis (eyes shut—patient names object put in hand).

(g) Muscle and joint sense (eyes shut—can patient tell whether arm is flexed or extended). Flexion of 1^o to 2^o recognized normally.

(h) Compass test. Two points normally discriminated at 0.5 to 1 cm.

(i) Spot finding.

4. Motor System—

Muscle power—(Test various muscle groups for strength).

Look for tremors and spasms.

MOTOR SYSTEM

ANATOMICAL STRUCTURES	FUNCTION OF STRUCTURES	TESTS
1. A. Corticospinal Motor System (a) Motor cortex (b) Pyramidal tract (Through corona radiata, internal capsule, crus, pons, medulla, cord)	Origin Voluntary Motor Impulses Conveyance voluntary motor impulses	(1) Muscle tone (2) Muscle power (voluntary) (3) Reflexes (normal and abnormal)
B. Striospinal Motor System (a) Corpus Striatum (Lenticular N. and Caudate N.) (b) Red N. and rubrospinal tract (c) Deiters N. and vestibulospinal tract (d) Anterior corpus quadrigeminum and tectospinal tract	Origin Autonomic Motor Impulses Origin and conveyance autonomic motor impulses Origin and conveyance autonomic motor impulses Origin and conveyance autonomic motor impulses	Expression (face) Steadiness of hands Automatic movements (a) winking (b) swinging arms Look for choreic and athetoid movements
2. Anterior Horn Cells	Relay and reflex	Various spinal reflexes and motor power
3. Peripheral Motor Nerves	Conveyance of motor impulses	Muscle power Muscle size Electrical test for reaction of degeneration

NOTE—Seven months' fetus has power of movement when pyramidal tract has not developed, due to striospinal motor system.

5. Muscle Tone—(Are muscles firm or flabby?
Resistance to passive movements—cerebellum.)

6. Cranial Nerves—

I. Smell. (Acetic acid, alcohol.)

II. Vision.

- (a) Test acuteness.
- (b) Plot fields of vision.
- (c) Color vision.
- (d) Fundi with ophthalmoscope.

III, IV, VI.

- (a) Mobility of globes (eyes follow finger).
- (b) Ptosis.
- (c) Parallelism (squint).
- (d) Nystagmus.
- (e) Pupillary reaction to light.
- (f) Pupillary reaction to distance.
- (g) Prominence of globes.

V.

- (a) Chewing muscles tested for power.
- (b) Taste—anterior part of tongue tested with salt and acid.
- (c) Corneal sensation tested by touching with cotton.

VII. Facial Nerve—

- (a) Expression.
- (b) Showing teeth.
- (c) Whistling.
- (d) Facial wrinkles.

VIII. Auditory Nerve—

- (a) Hearing (well modulated voice at 20 feet (20/20), one ear closed).
- (b) Bone conduction (tuning fork to mastoid.)

IX. Glossopharyngeal Nerve—

- (a) Taste (test posterior $\frac{1}{3}$ of tongue).
- (b) Pharyngeal reflex. (Place tongue depressor against pharynx.)
- (c) Test swallowing.

X. Vagus Nerve—

- (a) Heart rate (slows when stimulated).
- (b) Respiratory rate (quicken).
- (c) Palate symmetry.
- (d) Larynx (voice and cords).

XI. Examine trapezius and sternomastoid muscles for power.

XII. Hypoglossal Nerve—

- (a) Direction in which tongue is protruded.
- (b) Size and form of tongue.
- (c) Swallowing and articulation.

7. Reflexes—

A. Deep—

- I. Knee jerk. (Tap knee while crossed and relaxed with hammer or hand.)

The reflex may be reinforced, if difficult to elicit, by having patient close eyes and squeeze hands together at the moment of the blow.

II. Achilles jerk. (While kneeling in chair strike Achilles tendon.)

III. Biceps jerk—(striking biceps tendon).

IV. Triceps jerk—(striking triceps tendon).

V. Jaw reflex—(striking tip of jaw).

B. Superficial—

I. Abdominal. (Scratching abdomen in any quadrant causes muscle contraction).

II. Cremasteric. (Stroking skin of inner thigh causes testicle to rise).

III. Cervical. (Stroking neck causes pupil to dilate.)

IV. Plantar. (Plantar flexion of toes when bottom of foot is stroked.)

8. Coordination. (Eyes closed)—

(1) Finger to nose test.

(2) Finger to finger test.

(3) Heel to knee test.

(4) Walking.

(5) Walking backward.

(6) Walking a line.

(7) Standing with feet together and eyes closed.

(8) Diadokokinesis (rapid pronation and supination).

(9) Writing.

9. Ankle clonus (forcible dorsal flexion of foot).

10. Trophic condition of skin and nails.
11. Rectal, vesicle, sexual control.
12. Vasomotors—sweating.
13. Electrodiagnosis—

Tests—

- (1) Nerve integrity.
- (2) Muscle.

Kinds—

- (1) Faradic (induced, alternating current).
- (2) Galvanic (battery, interrupted current).

Faradic—(Least used).

Technic—

- (a) Wet indifferent pole placed against skin on back of neck.
- (b) Other pole touched to the “motor point” desired.

Result—Quick contraction of muscle.

Galvanic*—*Technic—**

Same as above except—

- (a) Make and break of current is switch controlled.
- (b) Both poles are used (anode (+) cathode (—)).

Results—

Muscle contraction on closing and opening the switch.

Cathode closing contraction = CCC.

Cathode opening contraction = COC.

Anode closing contraction = ACC.

Anode opening contraction = AOC.

Normal Formulae—

CCC active response.

COC no response.

ACC less active response.

AOC occasional response.

CCC > ACC > or = AOC > COC.

“Motor points” should be followed on a good diagram.

14. X-ray—Brain and cord.

Inject air into ventricles, and x-ray.

Inject Lipiodol into spinal canal, and x-ray.

15. Spinal puncture.

16. Double puncture (cisterna magna).

Mental Examination

Mental behavior is capable of analysis.

In studying the normal mind proceed as follows:

Examine—

1. Perception—“Consciousness of particular material things present to sense.”—James.)

(a) Decreased (stupor).

(b) Absent (coma).

(c) False (illusions, hallucinations).

2. Memory—

(a) Immediate past.

(b) Recent past.

(c) Remote past.

(d) Falsification.

3. Orientation—(a) Time. (b) Space. (c) Person.

4. Attention—

Lessened—(suggestibility and distractibility).

5. Emotion—

(Tendency to feel.—James.)

In agreement with environment.

(a) Sadness.

(c) Fear.

(b) Joy.

(d) Apathy.

6. Volition (will)—

(a) Explosive.

(b) Obstructed (catatonia, negativism).

7. Personality—

(a) Self.

(b) Others.

8. Conduct.

9. Ideation. (“Distinct mental impression of objects.”)

Obsessions (fear).

Compulsions (jump).

Delusions (grandeur).

CHAPTER XIX

RECTAL AND VAGINAL EXAMINATION

Examination of Rectum

1. *External Inspection*—

Patient in Sims' position (left lateral).

Good light (day or artificial).

Part buttocks and examine anus, perineum and genitalia.

2. *Digital Palpation*—

Patient in Sims' and lithotomy positions.

Finger covered by glove or finger cot.

Well lubricated.

Palpate carefully and gently for

(a) Rectal walls (soft and velvety).

(b) Feces (position, amount, character).

(c) Sphincters (spasm, pain).

(d) Prostate. (Heart-shaped—1½ inches long—apex down.) Faintly felt through anterior wall. Feel for—

Size.

Pulsation.

Tenderness.

Consistency.

Shape.

Massage and examine material passed with next urine.

(e) Seminal vesicles.

Normally not felt.

Lie above lobes of prostate on each side.

(f) Uterus.

Felt through anterior wall.

Determine—(1) Size. (2) Shape. (3) Position.

(g) Adnexa.

May also be felt by this method.

(h) Coccyx.

3. *Internal Inspection*—

Anoscopy	} In knee-shoulder position.
Proctoscopy	
Sigmoidoscopy	

The examination of the external genitalia can be made at this stage by inspection and palpation.

Vaginal Examination1. *External Inspection.*

Labia, clitoris, vestibule, fourchette and fossa navicularis.

2. *Digital Palpation.*

Lithotomy position.

Gloves and lubricated hand.

Two fingers for married.

One finger for unmarried.

Enter vagina by sweeping fingers over perineum and then passing backward toward sacral hollow.

What to feel for—

Spasm.

Heat.

Tenderness.

Moisture.

Masses.

Feces in rectum.

Cervix—Size, shape, position, mobility, lacerations.

Os—size, shape, contents.

3. *Bimanual Palpation.*

Middle finger of right hand on cervix.

Left hand on abdomen above pubis.

Raise uterus with right hand and feel for fundus with left.

Put right middle finger in anterior fornix and feel for fundus.

Put right middle finger in posterior fornix and feel for fundus.

Put right middle finger in lateral fornices and feel for ovary, tubes and parametria.

Normally adnexa not felt.

Normally in anterior fornix, fundus felt.

In posterior fornix nothing felt.

In lateral fornix nothing felt.

Rectal palpation also valuable.

4. *Internal Inspection—*

(Various speculae used).

Observe—

Vaginal walls, cervix, os.

CHAPTER XX

YOUTH AND OLD AGE

As there are certain obvious characteristics of youth, so there are manifestations peculiar to old age. In the study of the normal for its own worth, as well as for a point of departure in approaching the abnormal, the common structural changes incident to age are important. We must know the normal child and old man as well as the adult of thirty.

Peculiarities of Childhood—

1. Shape and size of head. Q.V.
2. Shape and size of face. Q.V.
3. Texture, color (darkening with age), and distribution of hair.
4. Teeth. Q.V.
5. Tonsils and adenoids.
6. Voice. (The male voice changes at puberty.)
7. Linear relation of trunk to extremities. (See Mensuration.)
8. Circumferential relation of chest to abdomen. (See Mensuration.)
9. Skin. Q.V.
10. Temperature. Q.V.
11. Pulse. Q.V.
12. Respiration. Q.V.

13. Blood pressure. Q.V.
14. Respiratory irregularity of heart.
15. Size of liver. Q.V.
16. Size of spleen. Q.V.
17. Genitalia.

Peculiarities of Aged—

Skin—

Thinning of corium and epidermis.
 Disappearance of interdigitations.
 Increase of pigment in rete.
 Dilatation of sweat and sebaceous glands.
 Obliteration of vessels.
 Disappearance of fat in connective tissue.

Result—

Yellowish color.
 Seamed with furrows and wrinkles.
 Dry and inelastic and thin.
 Desquamated.
 In folds and loose.

Wrinkles—

1. Forehead.....} Longitudinal (long).
} Perpendicular (short).
2. External canthus—radiating.
3. Nasolabial—down by fold from corners to mouth.
4. Transversely over neck.

*Hair—*Turning white.

Giving place to baldness.

*Teeth—*Decay, loosening, falling out.

*Muscles—*Waste and weaken.

Ligaments—Stretch and weaken. (Bending of back.)

Bones—Rarefied (easy to break, hard to heal).

Eye—Arcus senilis—presbyopia—cataract.

Ear—Drum—thick and dull and stiff.

Tonsils—Atrophied.

Skull—Absorption of alveolar processes.

Atrophy of maxillae.

Parietal depressions.

Angle of jaw more obtuse.

Frontal sinus larger.

Brain smaller.

Lungs—Emphysema.

Heart—Smaller and brown. $A_2 > P_2$. Extrasystoles.

Arteries tortuous.

Aorta—Small, inelastic, thick.

Arteries—Tortuous, thick, hard.

Veins—Prominent and thin.

Blood Pressure—Raised.

Epicardial Fat—Disappears.

Liver—Shrinks and brown.

Spleen—Smaller.

Kidneys—Smaller.

Prostate—Hard, enlarged.

Testicles and Penis—Smaller.

Vagina—Smaller—vault narrowed.

Gait—Slow and unsteady.

Posture—Head forward—shoulders rounded.

CHAPTER XXI

ORDER OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A definite logical order should be adhered to rigidly in every physical examination.

There is no surer road to errors of omission than indifference to this point.

Some flexibility must be allowed for patients in bed and for the very ill.

The fewer the variations from the routine the better.

General Appearance

Walking into the Office.

1. Expression; gait; posture; behavior.

Standing.

2. Height; weight; calculated ideal weight; build; musculature; nutrition; posture; color; mental state.

Constitutional Signs

Sitting.

3. Body temperature; pulse at both wrists; respiration; blood pressure (systolic; diastolic).

Mental Condition

4. Perceptions; memory; orientation; attention; emotions; conduct; volition; personality; ideation.

Skin

5. Color; temperature; moisture; texture; scars; striae; desquamation; eruptions; pigmentation; ulcers; nodules; edema; tumors; hemorrhages; superficial blood vessels; hair (distribution, color, texture, amount).

Lymph Nodes

6. Occipital; posterior auricular; anterior auricular; submental; submaxillary; parotid; superficial cervical; deep cervical; axillary; epitrochlear; pectoral; inguinal; popliteal; abdominal and bronchial.

Head

7. *Skull*—Shape; size; symmetry.

Face—

Nose—Odor; secretions; patency; adenoids.

Sinuses—Frontal; maxillary; ethmoidal; sphenoids.

Eyes—Lids; conjunctivae; corneae; irises; sclerae; pupils; fundi; movements; globes.

Ears—Hearing; discharge; topi; mastoid tenderness; drum.

Mouth—Lips; gums; teeth; pharynx; tonsils; palate; tongue; larynx.

Neck

8. Form; pulsations; thyroid; lymph nodes; tracheal tug; esophagus.

Thorax*Sitting and Recumbent.*

9. Shape; symmetry; movements; size; breasts; expansion; Litten's sign; lagging.

(a) *Lungs*—Inspection.

Palpation (fremitus, expansion).

Percussion (lung borders; regional changes of note).

Auscultation. (Breath, voice, and whisper sounds—Râles).

(b) *Pleurae*—

(c) *Mediastinum*—(D'Espine's sign; pulsations.)

(d) *Heart*—

Inspection (apex beat, abnormal pulsations).

Palpation (apex; thrills; abnormal impulses).

Percussion (borders).

Auscultation (first and second sounds over four valve areas; murmurs—time, place, transmission, character.

(e) *Aorta*—

Inspection (prominence; pulsation).

Palpation (prominence; pulsation).

Percussion (widening at base).

Auscultation (murmurs).

Vessels

10. (a) Pulse (radial)—size; frequency; force; symmetry; rate; rhythm; vessel wall.

(b) Brachial.

(c) Temporal.

(d) Retinal.

(e) Varicose veins.

Abdomen

11. Inspection—form; panniculus adiposus; scars; masses; pulsations; peristalsis; circumference; umbilicus.

Palpation—tenderness; muscle resistance; fluctuation; masses; pulsation.

Percussion—for shifting dulness; to outline organs; to discover air or fluid, masses.

Auscultation—peristalsis, peritoneal roughness.

(a) *Liver*—Size; position; shape; consistency; tenderness; pulsation.

(b) *Spleen*—Size; position; shape; consistency; tenderness.

(c) *Kidneys*—Size; position; mobility; tenderness (Costovertebral).

(d) *Stomach*—Size; shape; position; emptying time; peristalsis; tenderness.

(e) *Intestines*—

(f) *Appendix*—

(g) *Inguinal rings*—

(h) *Anus and Rectum*—

Pelvic

12. Bladder—Palpation; percussion.

Prostate—vesicles.

Uterus—tubes—ovaries, vagina.

External Genitalia

13. Vulva, scrotum, testicle, penis.

Extremities

14. Size; length; muscles; nerves; joints; bones; tenderness.

Back

15. Tenderness; movement; rigidity; deformity; shape.

Nervous System

16. *Gait*—

Motor functions—(muscle tone, muscle power).

Sensory functions—tactile, temperature, pain, pressure, joint sense, stereognosis.

Reflexes—Deep—patella, Achilles, biceps, triceps, jaw, pectoral.

Superficial—ciliary, abdominal, cremasteric, plantar.

***Cranial Nerves*—**

I. Smell.

II. Perimetry, vision, eye grounds.

III, IV, VI. Ptosis, squint, nystagmus pupillary reflex.

V. Sensory—motor—jaw.

VII. Taste anterior 2/3 tongue.

VIII. Hearing.

IX. Taste, swallowing, reflex.

X. Phonation, lung, heart.

XI. Head movements.

XII. Move tongue.

Coordination—Romberg. Finger to finger test; diado-
kokinesis.

Writing—speaking.

Ankle clonus.

Sphincteric control.

Special Examinations

***X-Ray*—Teeth; sinuses; thorax; stomach; intestines;
gall bladder; appendix; esophagus; skull; bones and
joints; ureters and renal pelves; ventricle inflated
brains; bronchi; abdomen inflated with air.**

***Metabolic Rate*—**

***Vital Capacity*—**

***Polygraphy*—**

***Electrocardiography*—**

***Exploratory Punctures*—Brain, cord, chest, abdomen,
etc.**

Functional Tests—

(a) Kidney.

(b) Liver.

***Biopsy*—**

***Pharmacodynamic Tests* (adrenalin, etc.).**

***Protein Sensitization Tests*—**

***Animal Inoculations*—**

***Endoscopy* (bladder, rectum, vagina, trachea, bronchi,
esophagus, abdomen, thorax, eye).**

Collection of Material for chemical, bacteriological, microscopic study. (Certain diagrams are useful. They should be incorporated in the record. There should be a diagram of the chest anteriorly and posteriorly, of the heart and aorta, of the teeth, of the abdomen.)

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