

developed condition. Regular observation of the patient to detect signs of malignancy is important in view of the pre-cancerous nature of the disease.

I believe that the small number of case reports, originating mainly from America and the Continent, does not constitute a true index of the occurrence of the condition and that, with greater diagnostic awareness, it might cease to be a clinical curiosity.

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Medical neglect and maltreatment in venereal disease

R. H. Oakley, writing in the number for 26th June 1946 of the *Medical Press and Circular*, deals roundly with the sins of omission and commission of the medical profession in the treatment of venereal disease. The former he ascribes to a psychological inhibition which prevents many medical men from studying venereal disease or from keeping the possibility in mind in making a diagnosis. It may also lead them to condone concealment on the part of their patients. Neglect—apart from simple failure to diagnose—may consist in undertreatment or delay in treatment, both leading to complications or to progression to secondary and later stages. Medical maltreatment includes such mistakes as incising a chancroidal bubo, using a preputial slit when circumcision is indicated, and the wrong use of instruments, particularly of large or insufficiently sharp needles.

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