

intolerance of the patient of diagnostic procedures, angiography was not possible in this present case.

It is suggested that the syncopal attacks suffered by this patient were due to transient tricuspid valve obstruction by the tumour. Such a presentation has been quoted by Harvey, 1968, as seen at a teaching symposium in Georgetown, 1966. Without angiographic evidence one cannot be certain of this and as has been noted the patient was of an intensely nervous disposition. Syncopal episodes are more common with tumours obstructing the mitral valve.

Surgery of malignant tumours of the heart is not often feasible. Castaneda *et al.*, 1968, scarcely mention it in a recent review of surgical considerations of heart tumours. Friedberg, 1966, however, points out that sarcomata arising in the right atrium have been removed successfully with survival for several years. They are radio-insensitive (Walter and Israel).

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