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Etiology of the Abductorparalysis of the Glottis

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16 out of 19 cases of abductorparalysis received their complaints after a strumectomy. Seventy percent of these 16 strum-ectomized patients had a postoperative period of tetanic complaints more severely than is common after this operation.

Paralysis with another etiology very seldom results in such an abductorparalysis. The calcium and especially the phosphor level in the blood serum strengthens our opinion that a deficiency of the parathyroid glands plays a role in most of the cases. It is remarkable too that this abductorparalysis never ends in an atrophy of the muscles. Vit. D therapy greatly improves the results of the King-de Graaff Woodman operation.

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Some Investigations on Directional Hearing.

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In an investigation on directional hearing it was found that it cannot be predicted beforehand whether a patient suffering from a certain type of deafness will have diminished hearing or that a difference between the hearing acuity of the two ears necessarily affects the directional hearing capacity. It was possible to obtain limits within which directional hearing in the horizontal plane could be called normal.

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