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Writing in the Dark during Lectures

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During lectures, demonstrations with projection, one often feels disturbed when together with the projection writing is necessary. The lights in the auditorium have to be switched on and off, and the accommodation of the eyes has to work accordingly.

With the help of special lighting above the blackboard, consisting of a bulb or TL tube which transforms the shortwave ultraviolet light into longwave ultraviolet of about 3500 Angstrom, the auditorium is still in the darkness. When one is writing on the blackboard with fluorescent chalk, the obscure actinic rays are converted into luminous rays, and so the writing becomes visible. (Philips HPW 125 or TL 40 W/Colour 8 both with transformer and starter.)

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Lipoma Laryngis

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Description of two rare cases treated at the same time.

A man of 50 years was operated upon in 1950 by laryngofissure for a large fibro-lipoma of the left side. It was a tumour of the hypopharynx, the place of origin was the bottom of the sinus piriformis; in the second patient the localisation of the tumour was the same. In 1957 laryngofissure was performed again for a recurrence.

A man of 53 years even had 5 operations for a lipoma

later the diagnosis was sarcoma. He was operated upon in 1947 and in 1948

laryngofissure for lipoma of the left side

in 1953 for a lipoma of the right side. In 1955 recurrence at the left side; diagnosis sarcoma. X-ray treatment without success. Extirpation by pharyngotomy lateralis. In 1957 operation for a liposarcoma in the scar of the neck. The patient is still well.

Discussion of these rare tumours. It is suggested that there is a relationship between the retroperitoneal lipomas and sarcomas.