Epithelioma of the Tarsal Conjunctiva

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Demonstration of a case of primary epithelioma of the conjunctiva of the upper eyelid in a 68-year-old woman, which initially seemed to be benign on account of its papillomatous appearance, but on morbid-anatomical investigation showed definite malignant characteristics (infiltrative growth, many mitoses, cellular polymorphism).

After extirpation the tumour recurred; contact X-ray treatment was successful: the tumour disappeared and the eyelid became free of symptoms.

This demonstration was followed by a discussion of the differential diagnosis and treatment.

Discussion.

Dekking drew attention to Gougerot and Patte's finding that the ulcerating border of epidermoid carcinomata are of a fluorescent dark-red colour in ultraviolet light; basal cell carcinomata do not show fluorescence (Bull. Soc. franc. Derm. Syph. 16

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