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Every doctor's office should be a cancer detection clinic, about 70 members of George Washington University Mdecial Society were told last night.

The speaker was Dr. Louis Krause, assistant professor of medicine at University of Maryland School of Medicine, who addressed the society at 1335 H st. nw.

Workers in certain industries such as chonium and asbestos, and among heavy hydrocarbons as in the oil industry are many times more prone to malignancies, Dr. Krause said. Thin or underfed people, conversely, are less prone, studies show, but the reason for this is no more known than is the exact cause of cancer, he declared.

Cancer studies have raised a question over validity of the belief held by medical men since Pasteur, Dr. Krause said, that "life must come from life"—that any living organism must have come from some other living organism. Cancer researchers are now asking, "Could a microchemical irritant set up a conglomeration of proteins to form a virus — can viruses be generated spontaneously?"

Stressing that early detection should be the first rule in all cancer thinking, Dr. Grause declared he is convinced the ultimate treatment for malignacies will be medical, not surgical or therapeutic. Sputum and bronchoscopic examinations are early musts in certain cases, he said, but negative findings must not be accepted as final. Chest X-ray plates should be eyed with as much thought for malignancy as for tuberculosis, he insisted.

For early detection of breast milignancy most frequently found in woman, he recommended that every woman patient be examined periodically with great care for the best ways of doing this.
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Dr. Krause also declared that vaginal and rectal examinations are likewise proving of great importance in early detection.

Skin cancer can be avoided, he said, by protecting the skin against excessive exposure to the sun. That form of malignancy has been found more frequent among farmers, seafarers and others constantly exposed to the sun's rays. Tan, he said, is nature's method of defending itself from excessive sunshine.

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