


From the Archives of Surgery 1 Sir Jonathan Hutchinson’s (1829–1913) modern description of symmetrical temporal arteritis.

"The subject . . . was an old man . . . the father of a well-remembered beadle at the London Hospital College 30 years ago . . . I was asked to see him because he had red 'streaks on his head' which were painful and prevented his wearing his hat. The 'red streaks' proved . . . to be his temporal arteries which . . . were . . . inflamed and swollen. Pulsation could be feebly detected in the affected vessel, but it finally ceased; the redness then subsided, and the vessels were left impervious cords. The old gentleman lived, I believe, several years after this without any other manifestation of arterial disease."

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