

Removal of Heart Sac Is Reported

MILWAUKEE.—An operation to cut away the sac that surrounds the heart was reported by Dr. Herbert C. Maier, Lenox Hill Hospital and Dr. Howard D. Sirak, Bellevue Hospital, both in New York, at a meeting here of the National Tuberculosis Association.

The operation is done in the relatively rare case when tuberculosis attacks this sac, called the pericardium. In such cases the sac may thicken and this interferes with heart function. Drug treatment of the tuberculosis may not be enough to overcome the condition.

When the anti-TB drugs are given, however, the operation may be done with much more success than previously.