

Table 1. Thyroid nodules detected at autopsy at the Mayo Clinic in the 1950s 1000 consecutive cases: 113 whose thyroid glands were not clinically examined and 66 with known thyroid disorders were excluded.

Thyroid	Clinical Exam	Direct Palpation Intact Thyroid Cases	Direct Palpation Intact Thyroid per Cent	Macroscopic Inspection of Serial Sections Cases	Macroscopic Inspection of Serial Sections per Cent
Non-Nodular	821	649	79	415	51
Uni-Nodular	0	71	9	100	12
Multi-Nodular	0	101	12	306	37

Based on Mortensen et al. JCEM, 1955