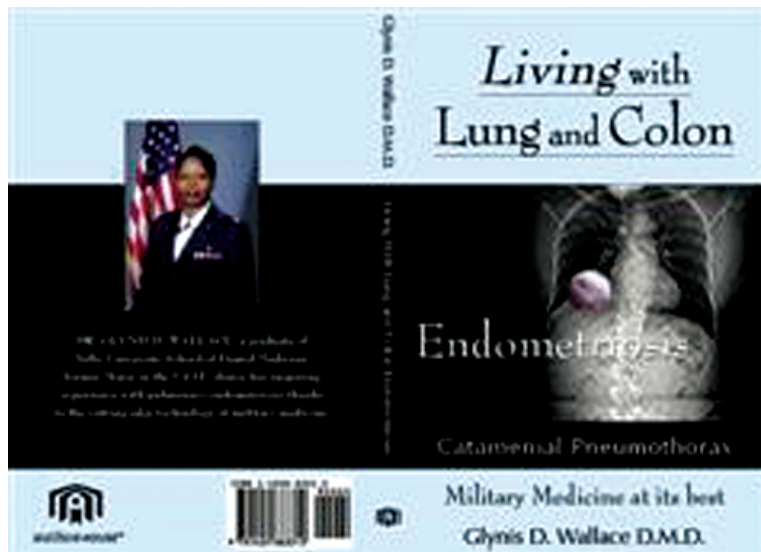


HISTORY OF CATAMENIAL PNEUMOTHORAX AND HEMOPTYSIS: FROM 'LUNG ENDOMETRIOSIS, A GYNECOLOGY DISEASE WITH SECONDARY PULMONARY SYMPTOMS'

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BACKGROUND

The term 'Catamenial Pneumothorax' describes collapse of the lung during menstruation, caused by endometriosis of the pleura, the membrane surrounding the lung. 'Catamenial Hemoptysis' describes coughing up blood monthly due to endometrial cells in the tracheo-bronchial tree. The Greek word 'Catamenial' refers to menstruation. Endometriosis refers to endometrial lining tissue of the uterus where women carry babies, which traveled outside and attached to other organs. It was first reported in the 1930s.

* www.catamenialpneumothorax.org