

LOUISIANA MONTHLY MORBIDITY

DISEASES REPORTED DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1969

BY PARISH OF RESIDENCE

INH POISONING - ORLEANS PARISH

A nine year old child was admitted to the hospital on March 4, 1969, following the accidental ingestion of an over dose of INH. The child had been started on this drug prophylactically, 200 mgms. once daily, two months prior to admission because of a positive intermediate PPD of 21 mm. It was estimated that he ingested 110 INH 100 mgm. tablets at 9:00 a.m. the morning of the fourth, vomited approximately one hour later at home, and was admitted at 11:00 a.m. comatose and unresponsive to painful stimuli. He was lavaged and started on treatment.

His treatment consisted of anti-convulsants to control seizures, I.V. fluids, and Pyridoxine. Approximately 17 hours later he was alert and asking for his mother. He was kept on Pyridoxine for several days, and at the time of discharge his drug treatment consisted only of chemoprophylaxis INH therapy daily.

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TOTAL TO DATE 1968	3	6	7	2	223	2	61	2	0	21	6	69	12	1	35	4	342	2519	777
TOTAL TO DATE 1969	5	3	14	1	294	73	64	1	0	13	5	147	17	0	20	5	269	2823	781
TOTAL THIS MONTH	2	0	8	0	81	20	26	1	0	0	1	16	3	0	1	3	24	865	237
ACADIA																			2
ALLEN																			2
ASCENSION					1	1												1	1
ASSUMPTION																		5	
AVOUELLES					1														
BEAUREGARD																			1
BIENVILLE																	1	1	
BOSSIER						2	1											5	1
CADDO					2		1									1	6	80	22
CALCASIEU					5	1	3											32	
CALDWELL																			
CAMERON																			
CATAHOULA																			
CLAIBORNE																			
CONCORDIA																			
DESOTO																			
EAST BATON ROUGE					3											1		25	15
EAST CARROLL						1													
EAST FELICIANA																			3
EVANGELINE																		1	2
FRANKLIN					3													1	
GRANT																			1
IBERIA					1													2	1
IBERVILLE					1													4	1

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JACKSON					2														
JEFFERSON					7		4				1	1	1					76	16
JEFFERSON DAVIS																		1	1
LAFAYETTE			1				1										1	16	2
LAFORCHE					1												1	1	
LASALLE																			
LINCOLN																		14	2
LIVINGSTON					2														
MADISON					1													1	5
MOREHOUSE																		4	
NATCHITOCHE					2												1	8	9
ORLEANS	2		3		24		1	1				11	1				12	341	95
OUACHITA					2													32	15
PLAQUEMINES															1				1
POINTE COUPEE																			1
RAPIDES					3		1											8	5
RED RIVER																		1	2
RICHLAND					1													5	1
SABINE																		1	4
ST. BERNARD					2							3						2	2
ST. CHARLES																		1	
ST. HELENA							1											1	
ST. JAMES																		1	
ST. JOHN					1														
ST. LANDRY					6							1				1		19	1
ST. MARTIN																		3	
ST. MARY							2											2	5
ST. TAMMANY					3												1	8	2
TANGIPAHOA																		12	4
TENSAS																			
TERREBONNE						1												3	1
UNION																		6	
VERMILION			1		1													1	
VERNON					3		11											88	
WASHINGTON					1													14	3
WEBSTER			2			14											1	8	
WEST BATON ROUGE																		2	
WEST CARROLL																			
WEST FELICIANA					1							1						24	12
WINN			1		1														
OUT OF STATE																			

From January 1 through April 30 of 1969, the following cases were also reported:
14 Malaria (contracted outside U.S.A.); 1 Brucellosis, 1 Leptospirosis.

MEASLES OUTBREAK - WEBSTER PARISH

An outbreak of 17 cases of measles occurred in late February and March, 1969, involving children in a day nursery in Minden, Louisiana. Two of the cases resided in Bossier Parish. Investigations revealed that the probable source of infection was a child from Texas who moved into the community in February and infected a three year old child who in turn introduced the disease into the nursery.

As an epidemic control measure, 1,084 children, 88 preschool children and 996 school children, were immunized on April 3, 1969 by the health department in cooperation with the local school board. This outbreak and the number of susceptibles subsequently immunized illustrates the necessity for locating and immunizing pockets of susceptible children and the importance of prompt reporting of cases.

LOUISIANA POISON CONTROL CENTER AT NEW ORLEANS - QUARTERLY REPORT

The Louisiana Poison Control Center at New Orleans received 455 calls during the first three months of 1969, of which 306 calls were made by physicians or paramedical personnel. An additional 158 calls were unrelated to actual poison cases. Of the calls relating to poison cases, 73 per cent were concerned with accidental ingestion, and 59.5 per cent of the cases were children 5 years of age and under. Medicines continued to account for the greatest number of cases during this quarter. Ninety per cent of the poison calls were received between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m., with peaks occurring between 11 a.m. and noon, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., and again between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Of the 467 products implicated 210 (45 per cent) were some type of medication (79.5 per cent internal and 20.5 per cent external). Other products involved included household products 19 per cent, pesticides 10 per cent, cosmetics 7 per cent, paints and solvents 4 per cent, plants 3 per cent, petroleum and related products 1 per cent and miscellaneous 10 per cent. Some calls involved multiple patients and multiple products.

"Pretty but Poisonous," a pamphlet listing the poisonous parts of some 100 plants commonly grown in Louisiana was prepared by the Center for distribution by the Louisiana State Department of Health. The pamphlet is available from the parish health units or the Division of Health Education, Louisiana State Department of Health, P.O. Box 60630, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160.