

SEATO MEDICAL RESEARCH STUDY ON MYCOTIC DISEASES

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General Information:

A Medical Mycology Section was established in October 1965 to study the mycotic diseases of Thailand. The objectives of these studies are to gain information on the prevalence and distribution of all mycoses of importance in this area of the world. Little information is currently available, therefore, collection of data to permit evaluation of each of the potentially important mycoses is essential. In addition to the cosmopolitan dermatophytes, which can be a major cause of morbidity, studies were initially concentrated on those mycoses which are most likely to be found in Thailand.

Another important facet of the activities of the Mycology Section has been to furnish training and guidance to local persons interested in medical laboratory mycology. Mr. Parimonth Khanjanarthiti, Miss Majouree Sukswan (lecturer and instructor in Microbiology, Faculty of Chiangmai Medical School) and Dr. Vinita Jotisankasa (Department of Medical Sciences Laboratory Service) have each spent one month in the laboratory. Training included both formal and on-the-job instruction.