

SEATO MEDICAL RESEARCH STUDY ON VENEREAL DISEASES

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General Information

The Thai Ministry of Public Health considers venereal diseases a major health problem. Control measures have emphasized case finding, contact investigation, treatment, health education and expansion of laboratory facilities. Unfortunately, these increased efforts have not been accompanied by a decrease in the number of cases. In many provinces diagnosis can be made only from clinical findings, contacts, and gram stains, because personnel and equipment for isolation and identification of causal agents are not generally available. In recent years the extensive use of penicillin and the tetracyclines has resulted in increased resistance of N. gonorrhoeae to these antibiotics and an increase in the number of penicillin reactions among volunteer out-patients at venereal disease clinics.

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