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Diphtheria Takes Increasing Toll Among Persons Over 21 Years Old

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., L.A. County Health Officer

Diphtheria is usually thought of as a disease of childhood, but during the last several years in California 52 per cent of the cases and 66 per cent of the deaths occurred in adults over 21 years of age. Diphtheria is not as rare as many people think it is, even though the average individual never personally knows of a case. So far this year there have been 11 reported cases in Los Angeles County, whereas only two cases were reported during the same period of the previous year. That community outbreaks of diphtheria can still occur in a population that is not adequately protected by immunization is shown by the fact that one such epidemic struck in Indiana last spring.

Children Protected

A recent survey by the County Health Department staff of a residential area which may or may not be typical indicated that 75 per cent of pre-school children in the area were protected against diphtheria. However, medical authorities are of the opinion that the disease tends to occur more commonly among older persons in communities where childhood immunization has been adequate but reinforcing doses have been discontinued after school age. According to some medical experts, protection against

community outbreaks of diphtheria requires that 70 per cent or more of the population be actively immunized against the disease. And, of course, even this high level of community protection does not prevent unprotected individuals from contracting the disease.

70 Per Cent Protected?

Whether or not 70 per cent of the people in Los Angeles County have protection against diphtheria is unknown, but chances are that the percentage is considerably less. For several years there has been a steady flood of adults into the area, and many of them have come from sections of the country where community levels of immunization protection are extremely low.

It is true that in the past some individuals gradually developed a natural immunity to diphtheria by repeated exposures to small numbers or mild forms of the germ. Such persons became immune by building up an antidote or "antitoxin" which can combine with diphtheria toxin in their bodies to make the disease harmless.

Today, however, this natural immunity is less likely to occur than formerly, even in crowded living conditions of cities where contact with people is most common. The reason for this is that the disease has become fairly rare as a result of the widespread immunization of young children. Therefore, those people who do not receive immunizing injections also fail to receive the opportunity to build up natural immunity.

Old Disease

Diphtheria is an ancient disease, known before the time of Christ, and mentioned throughout history. But with the present means of protection it can be said that not a single case of this disorder need occur, and certainly not a death. To achieve this, protection must universally start during the first year, and be followed by "booster doses" of diphtheria toxoid throughout life at intervals recommended by the family physician. A pamphlet on diphtheria may be obtained without cost

Schools Seek Kiddies With Handicaps

The schools of the Torrance Unified School District are currently conducting a survey of kindergarten age children with orthopedic or delicate conditions. This includes such physical handicaps as: birth injury, (Erb's palsy, bone fractures, etc.), joint tuberculosis, osteomyelitis, congenital amputation, clubfoot, spina bifida, bone tumors, bone cysts, fragile bones, muscular dystrophy, and any other conditions that would require special classes and special transportation.

At the present time, children with these handicaps are admitted to special classes at the first grade level. This survey is being made to determine whether it is feasible to provide a kindergarten program for these children. The survey would be concerned with children born on or before Dec. 2, 1951.

Persons who know of any children who would possibly qualify, can contact R. S. Dolan, district psychologist, Special Services Office, 2335 Plaza del Amo, telephone FA 8-8080. by addressing a request to Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12, Calif.

Area Lawyers To Meet Here In November

The South Bay Bar Assn. will hold its first meeting under the gavel of President William B. Keene, Nov. 7, at Capri Restaurant, 1332 Sartori Ave., Keene announced yesterday.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting will feature a short talk by James G. Bretherton, district manager of the U. S. Government Health, Education, and Welfare Department. Bretherton will discuss new Social Security laws and the compulsory application to lawyers.

Also on the program will be the presentation of a proposed group accident and health insurance plan for members of the South Bay Bar Assn., Keene said. Keene was installed president of the group earlier this month. He is deputy district attorney in the South Bay Judicial District.



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