

ABSTRACTS

Bell's Palsy Due to Syphilis: R. K. Dutta (Dermatologist, Command Hospital, Air Force, Bangalore) Med J Armed Forces India, XXXV : 247-250 1980.

A case of Bell's palsy due to late symptomatic syphilis is reported. Bell's palsy of syphilitic origin is a recognised entity under code No. 94.9 of Manual of International Nomenclature of Diseases. Failure of response to routine treatment, positive serology in increasing titre, abnormal CSF (Grade 1), rapid disappearance of symptoms and reversal of CSF abnormalities to normal after anti-syphilitic treatment, amply justified the diagnosis of Luetic infection.

A Study on Fixed Drug Eruption: R. K. Dutta and Y. Sharma (Dermatologists, Command Hospital, Air Force, Bangalore) Med J Armed Forces India, XXXV : 176-179, 1980.

Thirty cases of fixed drug eruption were investigated. Majority (66.6%) did not have any history of drug intake prior to the onset of disease. Provocative tests were positive in 15 percent of cases. FDE merely indicates a type reaction. Besides drugs many other agents may cause FDE. The term Fixed Drug Eruption appears a misnomer and renaming as 'Fixed Eruption' is suggested,

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