

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Madam,

We wonder whether it is really justifiable to use Betamethasone in daily dose of 20 mg. for 16 weeks for treating Vitiligo (Sehgal et al, Indian J Dermatol-Venereol-Lepr, 42:1, 1976). This dosage which is equivalent to 200 mg. of prednisolone would rarely be required even as life-saving drug in a disease like pemphigus. Side-effects with such a high dose of corticosteroids would certainly outweigh the "favourable and cosmetically acceptable response" obtained in vitiligo. Authors have not mentioned anything about side-effects in their patient.

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Announcements...

Next Conference

The Fifth Annual Conference of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists will be held at Ahmedabad (Gujarat) on 8th and 9th January 1977.

Members are requested to send their scientific papers to be read at the Conference before 1st November 1976 to the undersigned.

Any member desirous of proposing any changes in the rules of the Association should send his/her proposal, duly proposed, seconded and supported on or before 7th October 1976 to the undersigned.

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International Congress of Dermatology

The XV International Congress of Dermatology will be held from October 16-22, 1977 in Mexico City with Scientific programme, Social Programme and Exhibitions:

The Scientific programme will include:

- 5 Special Lectures
- 25 Topics of Current Interest
- 15 Symposia
- 11 Courses
- 40 Workshops
- 75 Case Presentations
- 15 Free Communication Sessions
- 5 Poster Communication Sessions
- 10 Film Projection Sessions
- 50 Informal Discussion Groups

The official languages of the Congress are : Spanish, English, French and German. Simultaneous translation services in the official languages of the Congress will be provided during the main scientific sessions.

Subsequent issues of this journal will announce details regarding each of the above programmes.

For further information contact : General Secretariat, Avenida Veracruz 93, Mexico 11, D.F. Mex 100.

Association News and Notes

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Delhi State Branch

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