

EARLY EXPERIENCE WITH BCG

TO THE EDITOR:

This is in reply to your inquiry about what I have seen in the contact children whom I vaccinated with BCG.

I started this experiment in 1940 with a small group of about 20 cases, which I followed up for several years. Later, some of them moved from Rosario but the others are still under observation.

While under observation none of those children developed lepromatous leprosy. One developed typical tuberculoid lesions, and another had achromic macules of the indeterminate type. Both recovered spontaneously, without treatment.

All of these children were living with open cases. All were vaccinated once, with 0.15 cc. of BCG given intradermally at birth.

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