

## Malignant Lymphoma in Leprosy

TO THE EDITOR:

In the leprosy hospital Colonia B. Sommer in Buenos Aires there are always about 800 patients in isolation, making up a stable population. One of us has found some of them to be suffering from malignant lymphomas, as well as leprosy. In a review of 1,200 clinical histories, however, we could find only five such cases, which we could study clinically, pathologically and hematologically. A sixth case was found in the Instituto Municipal de Hematología. The leprosy was discovered in this case after original admission of the patient for the

hematologic disorder. After an intensive review of the literature at our disposal we have found an account of only one other case (reported by Dr. P. Bosq in *El Día Medico* **27** (1955) 3195-3198). We are interested to learn if readers of this letter can give us other references to this association of the two diseases.

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