

Thus, seven distinct groups were to be sampled, with males and females represented in each group if possible, and with fifty blood and fifty urine samples to be collected in each group.

The actual sample collection came reasonably close to the original plan, although the number of samples collected had to be adjusted to suit the circumstances. Sample collection may be summarized as follows:

Group I: Ill Civilians in Bangkok - Ramathibodi Hospital. Since this is a teaching hospital, permission was requested from and granted by the Dean of Medicine, Mahidol University, to collect samples from patients. Many such patients are referred to the teaching hospital from outside Bangkok. Samples (50) were collected over the two-day period 29-30 March.

Group II: Western Border Residents. The sampling site was Mae Sot, a town located 6 km east of the Thailand-Burma border and about 400 km northwest of Bangkok. Samples were collected at the local hospital from ambulatory patients with a variety of health complaints. Samples (51) were collected over the two-day period 2-3 April.