

Part I (Facilities and Services) of this Return includes as a reporting item (page 6) the number of "Newborns with staphylococcal skin infections" during the year. It also includes data concerning the number of post-operative infections in clean surgical cases, although the causal organism is not specified.

In six provinces the standard reporting of primary diagnosis on discharge, all information obtaining from the hospital admission-discharge form would permit tabulation of septicaemia and pyemia due to staphylococcal infections and of staphylococcal food poisoning.

2. *Question*—Are mortality figures available for such hospitals infections in Canada and if so, can these be related to year, location, age, and sex?

*Answer*—Yes. This information is available from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for those deaths in which the underlying cause of death was stated to be due to staphylococcal infection.

3. *Question*—What is the present state of the investigation being carried out by the Committee of the National Research Council? Are their recommendations being acted upon at hospital level? What steps are being taken with regard to enforcement?

*Answer*—The Committee of the National Research Council is presently engaged in collecting reports on many of the special aspects of this subject. It is anticipated that most of these reports will be available in the next few months and will serve as guide material to hospitals and others in the control of staphylococcal infections in hospitals.

4. *Question*—Reference was made to a publication by New York State dealing with the control of staphylococcal infections and the question was asked as to whether there was a similar Departmental publication.

*Answer*—It is anticipated that the reports referred to above would take the place of any Departmental publication.