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PART ONE INFECTIONS

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Introduction

Each year I look toward putting the infectious disease section of the YEAR BOOK to bed with absolute and unequivocal joy. It gives me a trip back to Nashville and to Vanderbilt—an institution I love unashamedly. It permits me to spend some time with my younger colleagues still vibrantly involved in patient care and research. It makes me (at least for several months) a retooled "expert" in a fascinating and ever changing branch of internal medicine. I like anticipating the trip and I always feel ambivalent as we wind up our work. I like viewing the product, but I hate to see the process end.

This year the team has changed. Dr. Zell McGee has gone westward as Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Infectious Disease at the University of Utah School of Medicine. We miss him. Dr. William Schaffner has become Professor and Chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine as well as Professor of Medicine and, needing yet more work, has assumed responsibilities for the Division of Infectious Disease at Vanderbilt as its Chief as well. To my delight he has agreed to continue to work with me on this section as the chief arbiter of what goes into it. To aid him in this task, and recognizing that I learn more quickly when double-teamed, this year Dr. Allen Kaiser, Associate Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt and Chief of Medicine at St. Thomas Hospital, has joined our ranks. Allen was a Vanderbilt product, who received his training in infectious disease within the George Hunter Laboratory under the late Dr. M. Glenn Koenig (my successor) and later with Drs. McGee and Schaffner. So I am now working with the third generation of talented young people spawned by this laboratory and this institution. The tradition continues. That's part of what medicine is all about, and needless to say, I enjoy it.

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1. Newly Appreciated Infections

▶ It is ominous. None of the newly recognized infections of the past decade—not Legionnaires' disease, not the toxic-shock syndrome—has the downright frightening connotations of what has been designated the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Some unknown infectious agent or other factor seemingly induces profound depression of cellular immunity in certain groups of people. In this vulnerable state, the individuals have a variety of infections caused by that spectrum of pathogens which we usually associate with renal transplant recipients, patients undergoing cancer chemotherapy, and the like. These include infection with *Pneumocystis carinii*, herpes virus, cytomegalovirus, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and other mycobacterial species, *Cryptococcus, *Candida,* and others. In addition, the rare cancer, *Kaposi's sarcoma, in an unusually aggressive form, also has been a feature of AIDS in some groups. The following is one of a number of articles which have appeared on this subject. ■

Pneumocystis carinii Pneumonia and Mucosal Candidiasis in Previously Healthy Homosexual Men: Evidence of a New Acquired Cellular Immunodeficiency. Michael S. Gottlieb, Robert Schroff, Howard M. Schanker, Joel D. Weisman, Peng Thim Fan, Robert A. Wolf, and Andrew Saxon (Los Angeles) encountered 4 previously healthy homosexual men who contracted Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, extensive mucosal candidiasis, and multiple viral infections. In 3 cases the infections followed prolonged fever of unknown origin. Cytomegalovirus was recovered from secretions in all 4 cases. One patient manifested Kaposi's sarcoma 8 months after presenting with esophageal candidiasis. One of the other patients died with extensive P. carinii and culture-proved cytomegalovirus pneumonia.

All 4 patients were anergic and markedly lymphopenic. They had no proliferative lymphocyte responses to soluble antigens, and their responses to phytohemagglutinin were greatly reduced. Monoclonal antibody analysis of the peripheral blood T cells showed virtual elimination of the Leu-3+ helper-inducer subset, an increased proportion of the Leu-2⁺ suppressor-cytotoxic subset, and an increase in cells bearing the thymocyte-associated antigen T10. The T-helper-to-suppressor—cytotoxic ratio was inverted, suggesting that cytomegalovirus infection had an important role in the development of immunodeficiency in these cases. The ratio of Leu-3+ to Leu-2+ cells was greatly depressed in all patients relative to the normal control ratio of 1.6.

The clinical course of these patients resembled that of primary cytomegalovirus infection in immunosuppressed renal transplant recipients. A sexually transmitted infectious agent or exposure to a common environment presumably is important in the pathogenesis of the immunodeficient state in these homosexual men. There has been no indication of the spontaneous recovery of cellular immunocompet-

⁽¹⁻¹⁾ N. Engl. J. Med. 305:1425-1431, Dec. 10, 1981.

ence; all surviving patients have continued to have a severe wasting syndrome. Pneumocystis pneumonia recurred in 2 of the 3 patients not given trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole prophylaxis, indicating that long-term prophylaxis should be started after the first episode of pneumocystis in these patients.

▶ [Information about AIDS is developing so rapidly that journal articles and annuals such as this have trouble keeping up. The main vehicle for the almost-weekly medical news bulletins is the publication of the Centers for Disease Control: *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. In recent weeks the *MMWR* has carried reports defining risk groups.

As things now stand (and the picture is changing almost weekly), the major risk groups for AIDS include gay men, intravenous drug users, Haitians living in the United States, hemophiliacs, and some children born of prostitutes and intravenous drug users. Despite treatment of the infections as they occur, the underlying immune defect remains and the death rate is about 60% within 2 years.

So far there are many more questions than answers; most investigations are trying to identify a blood-borne viral infection which can "turn off" cellular immunity. I wish them luck!

There seem to be major urban centers in which this disease is concentrated, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas, Miami, among others. To date, my Tennessee colleagues have seen only 2 cases—both were imported from big cities.] ◀

- ▶ ↓ I often have commented in these pages that new infectious diseases have a way of cropping up with regularity. I suppose that is part of the fun of this medical specialty, but it is also a challenge—I have to run hard just to stay in place. Toxic shock syndrome was last year's new disease. My practicing colleagues quickly became adept at recognizing severe cases with multisystem involvement, fever, and a sunburn-like rash. And, pretty soon, houseofficers were making the diagnosis of mild cases in the emergency room. Now, a new wrinkle. Keep running! ◀
- 1-2 Toxic Shock Syndrome Associated With Surgical Wound Infections. Toxic shock syndrome (TSS) in menstruating women has become a well-recognized clinical entity. Paul Bartlett, Arthur L. Reingold, Donald R. Graham, Bruce B. Dan, Daniel S. Selinger, Gerhard W. Tank, and Keith A. Wichterman report the clinical and epidemiologic findings in 13 cases of TSS associated with surgical wound infections reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) between January 1, 1980, and July 31, 1981. Three cases that followed cesarean section were excluded because the evidence indicated that the vagina, rather than the surgical wound, was the site of infection.

The 13 cases were reported by nine states and represented slightly less than 1% of all cases reported to the CDC during the 1½-year period. The intervals between operation and onset of TSS ranged from 1 to 65 days (median, 2) (table). Eleven of the 13 cases met all the criteria of the current CDC case definition for TSS; the other 2 were missing the single criterion of documented hypotension and were considered to be probable cases. Signs, symptoms, and laboratory findings were similar to those reported in cases of TSS associated with menstruation. The earliest signs were fever, diarrhea, and vomiting. Although local signs of a surgical wound infection were minimal, Staphylococcus aureus was recovered from wound cultures in 12 of 12 patients and multiple blood cultures were sterile in 11 of 11. Vaginal infection with S. aureus was not excluded in only 1 of 3 women who

⁽¹⁻²⁾ JAMA 247:1448-1450, Mar. 12, 1982.