

ACUTE BACTERIAL MENINGITIS STUDY ON 1523 CASES

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During 1981-1994, to the Clinic of Infectious and Tropical Diseases "Dr.Victor Babeș" Bucharest, were hospitalized 1523 patients with acute bacterial meningitis: 1046 children (68,7%) and 477 adults (31,3%). The bacterial etiology has been found at 80,2% cases (50,9% meningococcus, 13,9% pneumococcus, 3,8% haemophilus influenzae, 7,21% other gram-negative bacillus, 1,5% staphylococcus etc.). The death rate was 8,8% (3,9% for meningococcus meningitis, 26,4% for pneumococcus meningitis, 13,7% for meningitis with gram-negative bacillus). The death rate of children was 6,1% and for adults 14,6%.