

THE ANALYSIS OF DIAGNOSTIC AND PROGNOSTIC ELEMENTS IN TUBERCULOUS MENINGITIS

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In a four years period 20 cases with tuberculous meningitis, by isolating BK from CSF (6 cases at children and 14 cases at adults). For adults there were 36 cases with tuberculous meningitis declared in this period (this means that 61,1% of cases were diagnosed only by clinical criteria). In the lot of adults 5 patients died (13,8%), 4 of them being bacteriological confirmed. The mortality was correlated with coma, the delay in applying the specific treatment. In 2 cases it was administered cortisone before the specific treatment. One case died because of a superior digestive hemorrhage (probably as a complication of corticotherapy). All the patients that died were from the country. There are analysed clinical and developing characteristics of tuberculous meningitis, bacteriological confirmed or/and clinical incomparision with other types of meningitis.