

DIAGNOSTIC DIFFICULTIES IN CHILDREN BACILLARY MENINGITIS

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The increasing morbidity of tuberculosis represents a medical problem and especially a social one in our country. From the medical point of view tuberculosis has not only an increasing frequency, but also diagnostic difficulties. We studied 20 children with bacillary meningitis or meningo-encephalitis, who had been hospitalized between 1.01.1990-31.03.1995 in Clinical Hospital of Infectious Diseases in Timisoara. From the dates obtained we have noted some particular aspects: a) an increasing number of illnesses in the last two years; b) a decreasing number of typical forms of illness; c) an increasing frequency of deviation from the classical abnormalities of CSF constants (75% of the cases in 1994-1995); d) a significant decreasing of mortality for this diseases: 12,5% in 1994-1995 compared to 50% in 1990-1993.