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BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS AND EAR, NOSE AND THROAT OPERATIONS

THE attention of members is drawn to the Medical Memorandum on Poliomyelitis, No. 93222/7/63, dated July, 1954, issued by the Ministry of Health and Department of Health for Scotland. The relevant passages in this report, which are of interest to Otolaryngologists, are as follows:

I. EPIDEMIOLOGY.

(a) The present evidence suggests that the portal of entry is usually the mouth and that the primary site of infection is in the mucosa of the oropharynx or the small intestine.

(b) In bulbar poliomyelitis following tonsillectomy it seems that the virus most probably travels to the medulla along the cranial nerves supplying the pharynx.

(c) It is fairly generally accepted that specific trauma, especially tonsillectomy, may precipitate paralysis.

2. CONTROL MEASURES : AVOIDANCE OF CERTAIN TRAUMA.

(a) *Tonsillectomy.* The postponement of tonsillectomy when poliomyelitis reaches unusual proportions in a locality is strongly advised, particularly because when poliomyelitis follows recent tonsillectomy, serious illness, with bulbar involvement, appears to be more frequent. The Medical Officer of Health can assist by informing local hospital authorities when and where the incidence of the disease is unusually high, so that the surgeon may then take this hazard into account before deciding to operate.

(b) *Tooth Extractions.* There is very little evidence that tooth extractions may predispose to bulbar poliomyelitis. Nevertheless as with ear, nose and throat surgery the possibility should be kept in mind by dentists undertaking non-urgent extractions in areas of epidemic prevalence.

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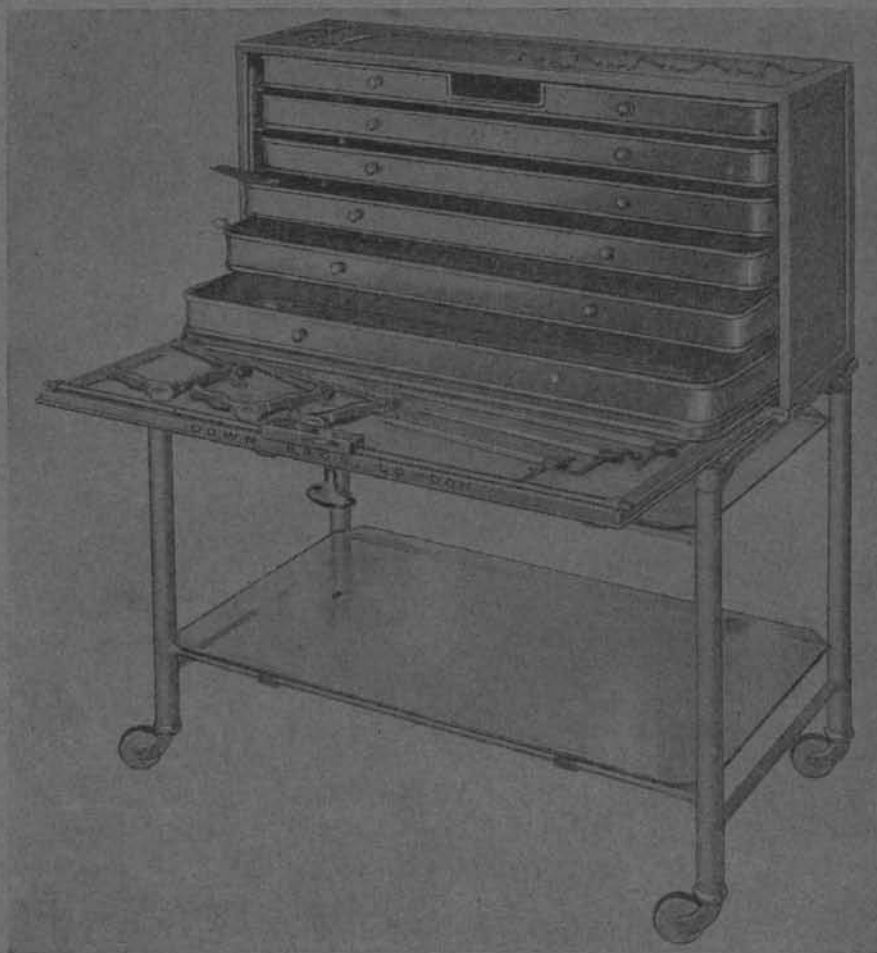
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