

explanation. It is hardly surprising that the trouble arose after the introduction of penicillin-streptomycin pessaries, because any substance that removes the normal bacterial flora leaves the treated area ripe for colonization by antibiotic-resistant organisms, including staphylococci.

Summary

An account is given of staphylococcal cystitis due to cross-infection. It is suggested that the infection was due to catheterization and was favoured by the use of antibiotic pessaries. The organisms probably came from the blankets and dust. Measures taken to reduce this source of infection were successful in controlling the outbreak.

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Correction

In the paper "Compleximetric Determination of Calcium in Pathological and Physiological Specimens," by D. N. Baron and Joyce L. Bell (*J. clin. Path.*, 1959, **12**, 143), there is an error in the last paragraph of column 2 on page 143. The second sentence should read:

"Then 1 ml. urine is added to the first tube and 0.2 ml. to the second tube."