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Dr. William A. Hinton,
Wassermann Laboratory,
Department of Public Health,
240 Longwood Avenue, Building D., Room 103,
Boston 17, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Hinton:

In reply to your letter concerning the number of patients showing positive blood tests for syphilis, I have the following to report.

Checking up on our present population we find that on April 14 we had 806 patients in residence, of whom 364 were white males, 326 white females, 50 colored males, and 66 colored females. Among the white total of 690 patients there were 35 with positive blood tests, or five per cent. Divided as to sex, of the 364 white males there were 24 positive blood tests, or 6.6. per cent; of the 326 white females there were 11 positive, or 3.3 per cent. Of the 116 colored patients 11 were positive, or 9.5 per cent. Of the 50 colored men 8 were positive, or 16 per cent; of the 66 colored women 3 were positive, or 4.5 per cent.

I might say that these totals cover both children and adults, the number of children being 120, ranging in age from six months to fifteen years.

As to the social status of our patients, this is a public institution caring for patients who are here as public charges for the most part, but as a matter of fact they represent a quite high grade type of individual.

If we can be of further assistance in your study, I should be glad to be called upon.

Very truly yours,

B.H. Douglas M.D.

Superintendent

P.S. From our experience over several years would say these figures are about average. B.H.D.