



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of
Public Health

State House, Boston

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Dr. William A. Hinton
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Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hinton:

I have your letter of March 29 in regard to the incidence of positive blood test for syphilis in tuberculosis patients. This is an interesting observation, and I should like very much to know whether or not it holds for large numbers of tuberculous patients. I wonder if the apparently high incidence may not be due to the fact that tuberculous patients probably constitute an unselected sample. Do the figures indicate that the proportion of reactors is higher in tuberculosis sanatoria than in jails, for instance?

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a list of some of the leading tuberculosis sanatoria in the country with the names of the superintendents. I have no way of knowing how many of these require routine blood tests for syphilis, but imagine that you can get the figures from a rather high proportion.

It is too bad that we are all so tied up in our own work that we find it hard to see our friends. I hope I may be more fortunate in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alton S. Pope".

ALTON S. POPE, M. D.
Director, Division of Tuberculosis

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Rhode Island State Sanatorium, Wallum Lake, Rhode Island
Superintendent - Dr. Harry Lee Barnes

North Carolina Sanatorium for Treatment of Tuberculosis,
Sanatorium, North Carolina
Superintendent - Br. P. P. McCain

New York State Hospital for Incipient Pulmonary Tuberculosis,
Ray Brook, New York
Superintendent - Dr. H. A. Bray

Iola Sanatorium, Rochester, New York
Superintendent - Dr. Ezra Bridges

Michigan State Sanatorium, Howell, Michigan
Superintendent - Dr. George L. Leslie

Herman Kiefer Hospital, 1151 Taylor Avenue, Detroit, Michigan
Medical Director - Dr. Henry D. Chadwick

William H. Maybury Sanatorium, Northville, Michigan
Superintendent - Dr. Bruce H. Douglas

Minnesota State Sanatorium, Ah-Gwah-Ching, Minnesota
Superintendent - Dr. H. M. Burns

Nopeming Sanatorium, Nopeming, Minnesota
Superintendent - Dr. A. T. Laird