

## XXIII. MEDICAL

### A. GENERAL

At the end of the 15th century, Europeans began to be aware that there were diseases whose principal characteristic was that they are transmitted through sexual contact. For a long time these diseases were known as "venereal," from Venus, the goddess of love. More recently they have come to be termed "sexually transmitted diseases" (STDs). The homosexual aspect of STDs before the last few decades is largely unknown because of the double taboo surrounding the subject, but the AIDS crisis (XXIII.C) has thrown a glaring searchlight on the problem.

4617. CORSARO, MARIA, and CAROLE KORZENIOWSKY. **STD: A Commonsense Guide**. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1980. 135 pp.

Practical guide for the lay public of 13 sexually transmitted diseases, now somewhat dated.

4618. EBBESEN, PETER, MAD S MELBYE, and ROBERT BIGGAR. "Sex Habits, Recent Disease, and Drug Use in Two Groups of Danish Homosexuals," **Archives of Sexual Behavior**, 13 (1984), 291-300.

Two-hundred fifty-nine Danish homosexuals interviewed with regard to health; results resemble those for San Francisco in 1970.

4619. FENWICK, R. D. **The Advocate Guide to Gay Health**. Revised ed. Boston: Alyson, 1982. 236 pp.

Information and advice for gay men, now somewhat out of date. Considerable emphasis on holistic medicine, some aspects of which are controversial.

4620. FLUKER, J. L. "A 10-Year Study of Homosexually Transmitted Infections," **British Journal of Venereal Diseases**, 52 (1976), 155-60.

A considerably higher incidence of VD as a result of homosexual contact has probably always existed than was formerly realized, and recent years have seen a massive further increase.

4621. HOLMES, KING K., PER-ANDERS MARDH, et al. (eds). **Sexually Transmitted Diseases**. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1983. 1104 pp.

This massive volume offers a truly multifaceted presentation, including social, political, and legal aspects.

4622. JUDSON, FRANKLYN N. "Comparative Prevalence Rates of Sexual Transmitted Diseases in Heterosexual and

- Homosexual Men," **American Journal of Epidemiology**, 112 (1980), 836-43.  
Confirms the substantially higher homosexual rates that obtained in the late 1970s.
4623. KASSLER, JEANNE. **Gay Men's Health: A Guide to the AID Syndrome and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases**. New York: Harper and Row, 1983. 166 pp.  
General survey by an M.D. for the lay reader.
4624. KAZAL, HENRY L., et al. "The Gay Bowel Syndrome: Clinicopathological Correlation in 260 Cases," **Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science**, 6 (1976), 184-92.  
A group of New York City male homosexuals constituting about 10% of a proctological practice presented a distinct pattern of anorectal and colon disease. See also Norman Sohn and James G. Robilotti, "The Gay Bowel Syndrome," **American Journal of Gastroenterology**, 67 (1977), 478-84.
4625. LANGSTON, DEBORAH. **Living with Herpes: The Comprehensive and Authoritative Guide to the Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment of Herpes Virus Illnesses**. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1983. 198 pp.  
Guide for the lay reader by a Professor at Harvard Medical School; see esp. pp. 42-45, 158-64.
4626. LLEWELYN-JONES, DEREK. **Herpes, AIDS and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases**. New York: Faber and Faber, 1985. 155 pp.  
An up-to-date survey that, without minimizing the seriousness of AIDS, shows its relative rarity.
4627. MA, PEARL, and DONALD ARMSTRONG (eds.). **The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and Infections of Homosexual Men**. Brooklyn, NY: Yorke Medical Books, 1984. 442 pp.  
Collection of technical papers by medical authorities.
4628. MARGOLIS, STEPHEN. **Sexually Transmitted Diseases: An Annotated, Selective Bibliography**. New York: Garland, 1984. 176 pp.  
Covers history, disease control modalities, patient education/behavior and compliance, information sources, and epidemiological and medical resources. Emphasis is on very recent material, with selected references to earlier studies. For other bibliographies see XXIII.C.
4629. MORTON, R. S. **Venereal Diseases**. Baltimore: Penguin Books, 1966. 185 pp.  
Mainly a factual account reflecting then-current knowledge, but occasionally descending to moralism regarding homosexual behavior.
4630. O'DONNELL, MARY, et al. **Lesbian Health Matters!** Santa Cruz, CA: Santa Cruz Women's Health Collec-

tive, 1979. 101 pp.

Lesbian perspectives on such subjects as alternative fertilization, alcoholism, menopause, and feminist therapy.

4631. OSTROW, DAVID G., et al. (eds.). **Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Homosexual Men.** New York: Plenum Medical Book Co., 1983. 272 pp.

A comprehensive professional handbook, covering medical practice, bacterially sexually transmitted diseases, enterically transmitted diseases, anal disorders, dermatological problems, AIDS, and volatile nitrates ("poppers").

4632. POLLAK, MICHAEL, and LINDINALVA LAURINDO. "1000 homosexuels temoignent," **Le Gai pied**, no. 193 (November 15, 1985), 18-22.

Results of a questionnaire distributed by the gay weekly show that French gays are seriously concerned about the health crisis, but not panicky. Some change in sexual behavior is documented, but "safe sex" has not been generally adopted. A companion article by Frank Arnal (pp. 14-15) reports on an opinion poll conducted among the French population at large, showing that they reject alarmism.

4633. SCHILLER, F., and G. KAHLERT. "Homosexualität--- ein aktuelles venereologisches Problem?" **Dermatologische Wochenschrift**, no. 42 (1967), 1161-65.

Medical report on increasing numbers of homosexual cases in East German hospitals at the time of legal reform.

4634. SCHWABER, FERN A., and MICHAEL SHERNOFF (eds.). **Sourcebook on Lesbian/Gay Health Care.** New York: National Gay Health Education Foundation, 1984. 282 pp.

Includes presentations given at the First International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference (New York, Hunter College, 1984), a bibliography, and the fourth edition of the National Lesbian/Gay Health Directory, listing practitioners and other health professionals.

4635. SCHWULE MEDIZINMANNER. **Sumpffieber: Medizin für schwule Männer.** Fourth ed. Berlin: Verlag Rosa Winkel, 1984. 180 + 34 pp.

Handbook on disease and health for gay men. This edition contains a special AIDS supplement ("AIDS Nachtrag").

4636. SZMUNESS, WOLF, et al. "Hepatitis B Vaccine: Demonstration of Efficacy in a Controlled Clinical Trial in High-Risk Population," **New England Journal of Medicine**, 303 (1980), 833-41.

Account by the team that successfully developed and tested a vaccine for hepatitis B, with the cooperation of the gay-male community. See also Szmuness et al., "On the Role of Sexual Behavior in the Spread of Hepatitis B Infection," **Annals of Internal Medicine**, 83 (1975), 489-95.

## B. PROFESSIONALS AND PATIENTS

Gay men and lesbians have for long been hesitant to discuss their sexuality with health care givers, a reticence that has tended to hamper treatment. Another form of concealment--all-too-often a necessary one-- is the closeted sexuality of gay and lesbian doctors and nurses.

4637. ANDERSON, CARLA LEE. "The Effect of a Workshop on Attitudes of Female Nursing Students toward Male Homosexuality," *JH*, 7 (1981), 57-69.

Responses of 64 female nursing students indicated that they held more negative attitudes and stereotyped beliefs than did a sample of male counselors and psychologists. After a two-hour workshop attitudes of 37 had changed.

4638. BELL, ALAN P. "The Homosexual as Patient" and "The Homosexual as Physician," in: Richard Green (ed.), **Human Sexuality: A Health Practitioner's Text**. Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 1975, pp. 54-72 and 74-81.

Inasmuch as homosexuality involves a large number of divergent experiences, the label affords little predictability. The physician should listen carefully to the patient's own statements, so as to help enhance his or her coping strategies.

4639. BERGER, RAYMOND M. "Health Care for Lesbians and Gays: What Social Workers Should Know," *Journal of Social Work and Human Sexuality*, 1:3 (Spring 1983), 59-73.

Urges commitment of the social-work values of self-determination and nonjudgmental service.

4640. BROWN, HOWARD. **Familiar Faces, Hidden Lives: The Story of Homosexual Men in America Today**. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1976. 246 pp. The late New York City activist describes his life and medical career with asides on the experiences of others.

4641. DARDICK, LARRY, and KATHLEEN E. GRADY. "Openness between Gay Persons and Health Professionals," *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 93 (1980), 115-19.

Health professionals need to avoid not only overt expressions of prejudice, but also procedures that prematurely foreclose the possibility of patients disclosing their sexual orientation to practitioners.

4642. HARRISON, HOWARD. "Straight Talk from a Gay Doctor," *The New Physician*, 26 (April 1977), 34-36. Psychiatrist relates his own difficulties in coming to terms with his homosexuality.