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Key passages

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WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE THERAPEUTIC
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METHOD OF CONDUCTING ANTIBODY EXPERIMENT

In order to determine the therapeutic value of pneumococcus antibody solution, the twelve medical wards of Bellevue Hospital were divided into two groups. In six wards, all cases of lobar pneumonia were treated with the antibody solution. The other six were used as control wards. In these wards, patients with pneumonia received no antibody, but in other respects were treated in practically the same way as the patients receiving antibody. It was first determined that no selection of any kind was practiced by the admitting office in assigning patients to the various wards. In Bellevue Hospital, new patients are distributed by rotation, without regard to the character or severity of the disease. The control seemed, therefore, to be a fair one from every point of view.