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Boylston Z (1726). Historical account of the small-pox inoculated in New-England, upon all sorts of persons, whites, blacks, and of all ages and constitutions. London: Printed for S. Chandler.

Title pages

An Historical 116⁷ 6¹¹ 10. 9.
ACCOUNT
O F T H E
SMALL-POX
INOCULATED

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N E W E N G L A N D,

Upon all Sorts of Persons, *Whites, Blacks,*
and of all Ages and Constitutions.

With some Account of the Nature of the Infection
in the NATURAL and INOCULATED Way, and their
different Effects on HUMAN BODIES.

With some short DIRECTIONS to the UNEXPERIENCED
in this Method of Practice.

Humbly dedicated to her Royal Highness the Princess of
W A L E S, by *Zabdiel Boylston*, Physician.

L O N D O N :

Printed for S. CHANDLER, at the Cross-Keys in the Poultry.
M. DCC. XXVI.

Key passages

In the Year 1721, and Beginning of 1722, there were, in *Boston*, 5759 Persons who had the Small-Pox in the natural Way, out of which Number died 844, (this Account I took from one of our Prints, published by Authority) so that the Proportion that died of the natural Small-Pox there, appears to be one in six, or between that of six and seven.

The following Table will shew the Difference between the Success of the natural Small-Pox, and that of the inoculated, in *New England*.

Their Ages.	Persons inoculated.	Had the Small-Pox by Inoculation.	Had an Imperfect small pox.	Had no Effect.	Suspected to have died of Inoculation.
From 9 months to 2 years old.	06	06	00	00	00
2 to 5	14	14	00	00	00
5 to 10	16	16	00	00	00
10 to 15	29	29	00	00	00
15 to 20	51	51	00	00	01
20 to 30	62	60	00	02	01
30 to 40	44	42	00	02	01
40 to 50	08	07	00	01	00
50 to 60	07	06	00	01	02
60 to 67	07	07	00	00	01
Total	244	238	00	06	06
Inoculated by Drs. Roby and Thompson in Roxbury and Cambridge.	36	36	00	00	00
Total	280	274	00	06	06

It appears by the foregoing Table, that Inoculation upon six Persons did not produce the Small-Pox, by Reason they had had it before. And that out of 274, six died, though they had not all the Small Pox only by Inoculation, as we have Reason to believe, but were some of them infected in the natural Way,

before inoculated. And it further appears by our Practice in *New England*, that if a Number of Persons shou'd be inoculated, of all Ages and Constitutions, and even some of them living amongst the Infected and in the worst Seasons of the Year, without Exception, as was our case, then the Proportion that dies under Inoculation may be one in 46, or thereabout.