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Key passages

A SERIES OF CASES OF AURICULAR FIBRILLATION TREATED WITH QUINIDINE SULPHATE, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE DURATION OF THE RESTORED NORMAL MECHANISM.*

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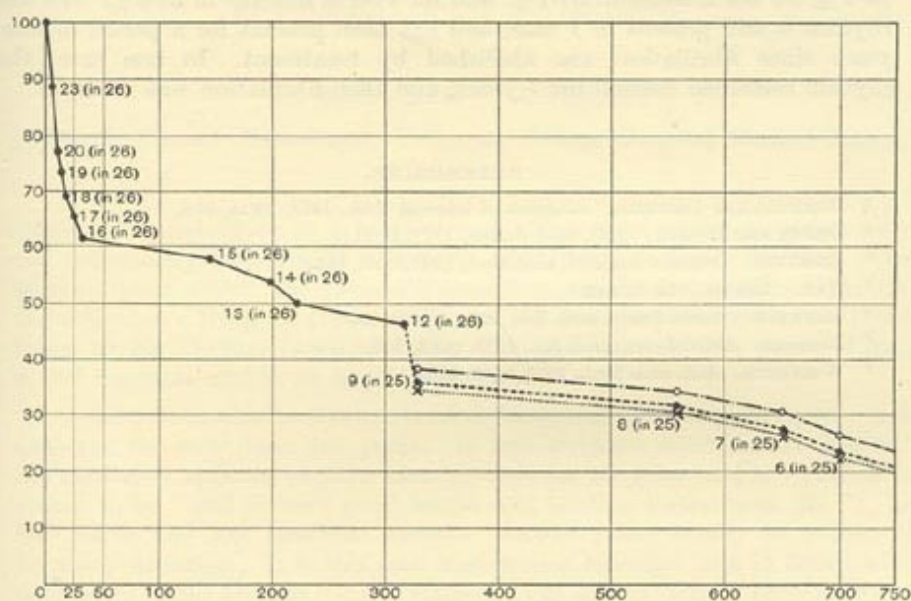


Fig. 1. Showing the percentage of cases maintaining normal rhythm during the first two years after treatment.

Horizontal :—days after restoration of normal rhythm.

Vertical :—percentage of cases.

SUMMARY.

1. A series of 43 cases of chronic auricular fibrillation treated with quinidine is reported ; in these, fibrillation was abolished and normal rhythm restored in 26 (60.5%).

2. In these 26 cases, the rhythm remained normal for one month in 65.4%, for six months in 57.7%, and for twelve months in 36.0%. Normal rhythm is still present in 1 case, and has been present for a period of four years since fibrillation was abolished by treatment. In one case, the rhythm remained normal for 7 years, and then fibrillation was resumed.

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