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THE TREATMENT OF LOBAR PNEUMONIA WITH AN ANTI-PNEUMOCOCCUS SERUM.*

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Patients brought to this hospital are distributed to the various wards through a central admission office by a specially designated staff. The pneumonia cases, as others, were by this system allotted in rotation to eight similar services without discrimination. In seven of these services no pneumonia patients received the serum treatment, whereas in one service the anti-pneumococcus serum was administered as a routine to all lobar pneumonia cases. There was, therefore, no biased allotment of cases to a given ward and no selection of favorable cases within the ward where the serum treatment was employed.

To eliminate personal prejudice, the sponsor of the serum did not in any instance participate in the diagnosis, but approached the cases only after their designation as acute lobar pneumonia by both the resident and attending physicians.