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Key passages

Use of Alum-Treated Pertussis Vaccine, and of Alum-Precipitated Combined Pertussis Vaccine and Diphtheria Toxoid, for Active Immunization*

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FIELD SERIES II. ALUM-PRECIPIATED COMPARED WITH "STANDARD" PERTUSSIS VACCINE AS AN ACTIVE IMMUNIZING AGENT

GENERAL PLAN OF INVESTIGATION

The study area, the method of entry and withdrawal of test and control children, the plan for obtaining follow-up information, and the system of records, were all essentially as described for Field Series I.²

Selection of test and control groups—

The age group under study was defined as including from 6 months up to but not including the 3rd birthday. The children were presumably susceptible, that is, with a record of neither previous vaccination against pertussis nor an attack of the disease.

As in the first field series, the vaccinated group was made up of children who were brought to the city immunization clinic for pertussis vaccination. The receiving nurse designated the en-

try history blanks alternately for alum and standard vaccine, and the injected children were entered as of the date of last injection. The control children, as in Series I, were designated at random from the city department of health immunization file of preschool children. After the information blanks were received from the clinic for a group of children who had completed their immunization, an approximately equal number of children, within the age group of the study and in the same districts as the injected children, were called on by the nurses for verification of their histories and suitability for inclusion in the study. These children if found to be presumably susceptible were entered as controls as of the date designated.