

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS COMPLICATIONS IN CHILDREN

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There have been 288 children with meningococcal meningitis admitted in "Dr. V.Babes" Hospital for Infectious and Tropical Diseases during 1985-1991 who have been under medical supervision for at least 3 years after leaving the facility. 22 children (7,64%) had one or more neuropsychiatric complications: hypoacusie (deafness) (4,17%), behavioral problems (1,74%), headache (1,39%), hemiparesis (0,35%), enuresis (0,35%). The incidence of complications, for different ages was: infants 11,69%, children 1-3 years 8,33%, children 3-6 years 6,9%, children 6-10 years 3,92%. 66 children have been tested with EEG during the first year after they left the hospital. 20 of them (30,3%) showed EEG pathological aspects (which disappeared in the following 2-3 years).