

# THE DECREASE OF THE MORBIDITY CAUSED BY ACUTE VIRAL HEPATITIS IN AN INSTITUTIONALISED INFANTS UNIT FOLLOWING THE AMELIORATED SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

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It has been studied the morbidity caused by viral hepatitis in Motherless Babies' Home Timisoara from 1982 to the end of 1994. In this period the morbidity caused by viral hepatitis had two aspects: a) during the period 1982-1989 the morbidity in Motherless Babies' Home Timisoara has been 5-20 times higher than the morbidity caused by the disease, registered at the same age group from the territory affiliated to the Infectious Diseases Clinic, registering yearly 2-10 cases; b) during the period 1990-1994 the rate decreased very much, reaching to zero in the last three years.

This study demonstrates that the essential factor in obtaining these results is represented by the substantial improvement of the socio-ecological conditions that led to the decrease of the receptivity to this infection.