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A STUDY OF NECROTISING ENTERITIS

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A further report is made of a study of necrotising enteritis being carried out by us, amongst patients admitted to the General Hospital Kandy, since 1967. The clinical and pathological data of 122 cases, where the diagnosis was confirmed at operation (101 cases) or necropsy alone (21 cases) are reviewed.

Some of the features that may point towards an aetiology are (a) a definite seasonal incidence (b) a striking family history and the presence of neurological, hepatic and haemorrhagic manifestations in some of the cases.

The clinical features and the problems in diagnosis are discussed.

Of the 101 patients who required surgical intervention, approximately half were treated without resection of the bowel. An analysis of the operated cases appears to indicate a greater need for resection.