

**A-06 : A FOUR YEAR STUDY OF LYMPHOMAS PRESENTING  
AS ENLARGED LYMPH NODES**

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Out of 6545 non gynaecological specimens received and examined between January 1988 and December 1991, 51 lymph node biopsies were lymphomas. All biopsies were fixed in 10% formal saline, processed and stained with haematoxyline - eosin and Reticulin stain.

Out of 51 lymphomas 13 (25.40%) were Hodgkins lymphomas and 38 (74.51%) were non Hodgkins lymphomas. 36 (73.51%) male patients were affected by lymphoma as compared to 13 (26.53%) females. Sex was not mentioned in two biopsies. Total of 44 Sinhalese patients were affected by lymphoma whereas only 5 Muslims and 2 Tamils were effected. The mean age of Hodgkins lymphoma patients was 44.08 and the mean age of non Hodgkins lymphoma patients was 48.03.

In conclusion non Hodgkins lymphomas are commoner (in a statistically significant number P) than Hodgkins lymphomas. This finding is in keeping with the findings of 2 previous studies done in Sri Lanka.

There is no statistical significance between the mean age of Hodgkins lymphoma patients and the mean age of non Hodgkins lymphoma patients in this study.

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