

## DO HOMŒOPATHIC PHYSICIANS LIVE LONGER ?

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It has been said many times that the homœopathic patient lives longer than the patient not under homœopathic care. This little study, based on obituary notices of members of the American Institute of Homœopathy and the American Medical Association, was done to see if there were any significant statistical differences in longevity between the two groups of physicians.

The statistics were obtained from obituary notices of the *A.I.H. Journal* for the past eight years and from the *A.M.A. Journal* for the past two years, accumulating 426 for the A.I.H. membership, and 725 for the A.M.A. membership. All these statistics were taken from records compiled since the advent of the miracle drugs, the cortisone products, and the new tranquilizing drugs, not before these so-called miracle drugs were used.

Before the age of 75, 66% of the A.M.A. members had died, where only 45% of the A.I.H. members had died before the age of 75.

At the age of 80, 82% of the A.M.A. members were dead, against 70% of the A.I.H. members.

At the age of 85, 93.5% of the A.M.A. members were dead, against 83.5% of the A.I.H. members.

At 90, there were only 2% of the A.M.A. members living, against over 5% of the A.I.H. members living.

At the other end of the scale, only 7% of the members of the A.I.H. died before the age of 50, as contrasted to 12.5% of the A.M.A. members, who died before 50.

It was interesting to note the numerous causes of death, but I see no point in considering these causes at this time, because the listed cause of death is only as good as the physician who reports it. In my work in Public Health, I have the opportunity to see more death certificates than most physicians do,

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Merc. Sol., Silica etc. These should be selected according to the symptoms.

Mullein oil—A few drop. of mullein oil put into ear may cure. If it does not, try other medicines.

Gaertner 30. It is an important remedy in chronic discharging pus for the flabby or thin child, afraid of the dark. Silica and Phos. will follow it. For cases of children who get a discharging ear every time they cut a teeth, give one dose of Graet. 30, follow the next day by a dose of Silica 30 and then repeat Gaert. if required. For mastoid operation which leave a chronic discharge, give a dose of it to be followed by an appropriate remedy according to the symptoms.

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seeing several thousand in a year's time. I have noticed that some physicians have a favorite cause of death which does not tie in with their particular practice. This type of situation upsets the statistical reliability of the causes of death. There are many deaths in which no pathological diagnosis can be made even after autopsy. Since the law requires that something be recorded as cause of the death, they often resort to coronaries, C.V.A., and generalized arteriosclerosis. This has the effect of overweighing the statistics for these particular diseases.

If the obituary notices as printed in the *A.I.H. Journal*, and the obituary notices as printed in the *A.M.A. Journal* are reliable, we can say that the homœopathic physicians, at least those who were members of the A.I.H., have lived a significantly longer period of time. Shall we make this the basis of our next membership drive? We might use as our slogan, "Be a good homœopath and live longer!"

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—*The Layman Speaks*, Sept., '57