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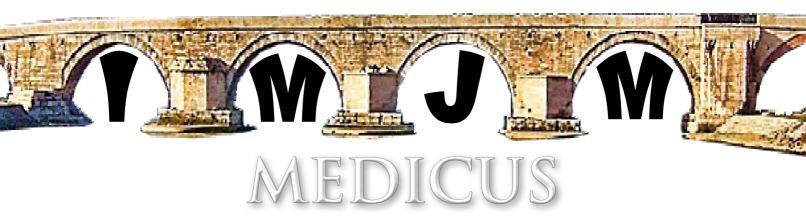
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Mjekësia e personalizuar- paradigmë e re për shëndetësinë e shekullit XXI

Mjekësia e personalizuar është një praktikë e re e mjekësisë që përdor profilin gjenetik të një individi për të vendosur hapat e metejmë që duhet ndërmarrë për parandalimin, diagnostikimin dhe trajtimin e sëmundjes.

Përkundër arritjeve në drejtim të njohurive sa më të sakta për për të kuptuar sa më thellësisht çfaqjen e sëmundjes në erën post-genomike, akoma shumica e barnave janë efikase vetëm në një numër të limituar të pacintëve. Nga perspektiva klinike, përzgjedhja e terapisë bazuar në metodologjinë shkencore deri tani të njohur dhe në veçanti vendimi se cilin ilaç për cilin pacient duhet përdorur ose si duhet kombinuar ato, akoma mbeten sfida të mëdha. Synimi për të pasur mundësi trajtimi dhe intervenimi më efikas të destinuara për individë ose grupe të caktuara individësh me fenotipe të njëjta molekulare, mbetet i papërmbushur për shkak të reakcionit të ndryshëm të individëve. Sot në mjekësi, zakonisht vendimin për trajtimin e sëmundjes e bëjnë mbi bazën e eksperimentimit klinik dhe "strategjisë së gabimit" deri sa të gjejnë trajtimin adekuat më efektiv për pacientin e tyre.

Kjo qasje, sipas shumë të dhënave, ka rezultuar me efikasitet të dobët të shumë barnave. Përveç që është treguar si një ndër shkaktarët për rezistencën në rritje të rezistencës antimikrobiale, metodologjia aktuale e përzgjedhjes se terapisë ka shkaktuar edhe uljen e efikasitetit terapeutik edhe të shumë barnave tjerë dhe sidomos të atyre për trajtimin e sëmundjeve degjenerative, tumoreve etj. (është konstatuar se 65% e grave shkaktojnë rezistencë për Tamoxifenin si rezulat i strukturës së ndryshme gjenotipale). Rëndësia e madhe e njohurive për strukturën gjenetike të tumoreve me qëllim të përshtatjes së terapisë sa më adekuate, ka determinuar edhe zhvillimin e një fushe të veçantë në këtë drejtim – Oncogenomics.

Me mjekësi të personalizuar, këto trajtime mund të jenë të përshtatura në mënyrë më specifike për individin duke dhënë një pasqyrë të përbërjes gjenetike të tij dhe kështu duke përshatur terapinë në përputhje me gjenotipin e tij. Gjenomi personal për çdo individ do t'u mundësojë mjekëve që të kenë informacion më të detajuar mbi strukturën e tij gjenetike që do të behet bazë për vendimmarrje në aplikimin e terapisë për sejcilin person veç-e-veç. Përveç efikasitetit terapeutik, kjo formë e përcaktimit të barnave do të ketë edhe efektet e veta edhe në çmimin e trajtimit të sëmundjeve (cost-benefit). Pra, sikurse edhe është e shkruar në një artikul të publikuar në Pharmacogenomics me titull "Premtimi i Mjekësisë së personalizuar", ku thuhet: "...terapi, me barin e duhur, me dozë të duhur dhe për pacientin e duhur" duke i përshkruar kështu mundesitë e reja që hap mjekësia e personalizuar që padyshim paraqet një paradigmë të re në mjekësinë e shekullit

Bazuar mbi të dhënat e shumta dhe kredibile nga Institucionet ndërkombëtare shkencore sikurse janë: International Cancer Genome Consortium, Intrnational Human Epigenome Consortium dhe të tjera, në kuadër të Programit për hulumtime shkencore të BE-së, HORIZON 2020, në vitet që vijnë do të realizohet një hulumtim në të gjitha vendet e Evropës, duke synuar stratifikimin e grupeve përkatëse të

Personalized medicine – new paradigm for the health of the XXI century

Personalized medicine is a new practice of medicine that uses the genetic profile of an individual to decide the next steps to be taken for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Despite the achievements in terms of more accurate knowledge to understand as deep as possible the emergence of the disease in the post-genomic era, most drugs are still effective only in a limited number of patients. From the clinical perspective, the choice of therapy based on scientific methodology known so far and in particular the decision about which medication to which patient should be used or how to combine them, they still remain as big challenges. Target to have treatment options and more effective intervention intended to certain individuals or groups of individuals with similar molecular phenotypes, remains unfulfilled because of different reactions of individuals.

Today in medicine, usually the decision to make the treatment of the disease is based on clinical experimentation and "error strategy", until they find adequate treatment and more effective one for their patients.

This approach, according to many data, has resulted of poor efficiency of many drugs. Besides being shown as one of the causes for the increasing resistance of antimicrobial resistance, current methodology for the selection of therapy has caused the reduction of the therapeutic efficacy of many other medicines, especially those for the treatment of degenerative diseases, tumors etc. (it was concluded that 65% of women cause resistance to Tamoxifen as a result of the different genotype structure)

The importance of the knowledge of the genetic structure of tumors in order to adapt the most appropriate therapy, has determined the development of a particular area in this direction - Oncogenomics.

With personalized medicine, these treatments can be adapted specifically to the individual by providing an overview of one's genetic composition and thus accommodate the therapy in accordance with one's genotype. Personal genome to each individual will enable physicians to have more detailed information on one's genetic structure that will become the basis for a decision on the application of therapy for each person separately. Besides therapeutic efficacy, this form of determining the drugs will have its effects in the treatment of drug price (cost-benefit). So, as it is written in an article published in Pharmacogenomics entitled "The Promise of Personalized Medicine", which states: "... therapy, with proper medication, the right dose and the right patient" thus describing the new opportunities that personalized medicine opens which undoubtedly represent a new paradigm in medicine of the 21st century.

Based on the numerous and credible data from international scientific institutions such as: International Cancer Genome Consortium, International Human Epigenome Consortium and the others, under the programme of the scientific research of EU, HORIZON 2020, in the coming years there will be realized a research in all European countries, aiming relevant stratification of the population groups based on

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their genotype, which will serve to create new methodology and clinical practices for decision-making in determining the therapy for each individual (Personalized Medicine) that will certainly be a great achievement in the treatment of diseases of expected positive effects on human health and in direction of reducing the cost of treatment for the individual as well as for the health systems.

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The aim of the study was to investigate the association between follicle-stimulating hormone receptor (FSH) polymorphism at position 680 and pregnancy rates in women in the oocyte donation program (IVF-ET).

Materials and Methods: This research was conducted in the period from March 2011 to February 2013 in a group of 42 women who entered the IVF procedure. The group of 42 women was composed on 21 women who were donor oocytes and the same number (21) embryo recipient who underwent IVF clinic, IVF CENTER, in Peja Republic of Kosovo. All donors underwent controlled ovarian stimulation (n=21) using rFSH in a "long protocol, and receiving a GnRH agonist triggering. Basal FSH, LH, E2 concentrations, taken on day 2 or 3 of the menstrual cycle, were measured routinely in our biochemical laboratory. FSHR polymorphism was examined by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Women from all groups were classified based on polymorphisms at Position 680, occupied either by asparagines (Asn) or serine (Ser) as Asn/Asn, Asn/Ser, and Ser/Ser genotype.

Result: In total (n=42) women the frequency distribution FSHR genotypes was; 30.9 % for the Asn/Asn variant, 40.4 % for the Asn/Ser variant, and 28.5% for the Ser/Ser variant. Differences in the AFC were observed between the genotypes 12.3 ± 4.7 Asn/Asn, 11.2 ± 2.7 Asn/Ser, 10.5 ± 2.5 Ser/Ser, with a statistical significance (P 0.001). The basal levels of FSH were significantly higher in Ser/Ser group (7.61±3.21 mIU/ml) versus to those of the Asn/Asn (5.20 ± 2.65 mIU/ml). The overall pregnancy rate for all patients who entered the program of IVF / ET were 30.9% (42/13).

Conclusion: FSH receptor polymorphism is associated with different ovarian response to controlled ovarian stimulation (COS), but is not an important factor in increasing the degree of pregnancy.

Keywords: Follicle-stimulating hormone receptor, ovarian response, ovarian stimulation, polymorphisms.

INTRODUCTION

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VOLUNTEER MEDICAL MISSION "AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITALS" IN MACEDONIA AND KOSOVO DURING AND IMMEDIATELY THE GREAT WAR

ДОБРОВОЛНА МЕДИЦИНСКА МИСИЈА " "AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITALS" ВО МАКЕДОНИЈА И КОСОВО ЗА И НЕПОСРЕДНО ПОСЛЕ ПРВАТА СВЕТСКА ВОЈНА

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ABSTRACT

This paper generally is about the difficult period for Macedonia and Kosovo dating back in time of the First World War and the years right away it. Actually, that is the period when this territory was under occupation of the Allied and Central army for about four years. Also, in the same time the life of the people became unbearably tough due to the pressure for the daily requisitions for food, livestock, housing and forced work for those who were capable of working.

The presence of the international sanitary missions in The Kingdom of Serbia during the Great War and several years afterwards was welcomed and necessary. The Great War that brought great sufferings, did not only changed the world forever, but also put the international solidarity on a test and without it the number of the victims from the epidemic and pandemic diseases, famine and poverty would be more tragic and bigger.

The international sanitary missions represented a huge saviour and one of them belong to the mission 'Hospitals of the American women' and its director, the legendary d-r Eta Grey. They give the population enormous healthy-social protection at times when was decisive whether to be or not.

Purpose of the paper: The purpose of this paper is to present the role of the international solidarity of the "American Women Hospitals" mission in providing medical prevention in during the hard years after the First World War.

For writing this paper it was used historical-researching method while the subject of research is the problem with the chronological order and analysis of the researched material. Except the written material it is used photodocumentation, reports, letters, working reports and newspaper articles

Key words: Macedonia, Kosovo, First World War, hospitals, contagious diseases, sanitary missions.

Introduction

With the First World War which started in 1914 and lasted until 1918, it also started the biggest and the hardest military discord in the history of the mankind. There were 60 million mobilized people, 15 million people were dead and 20 million wounded people only in Europe. Moreover, one third of the Serbian population has died

together with Kosovo and Macedonia and shortly after the war, 500 000 children were left parentless as well.

In the period from 1912 to 1918, three wars occurred on the Macedonian territory in its ethnic borders. Firstly, the First Balkan War occurred which was followed by the Second Balkan War and afterwards without time breaks, the First World War started together with all the disasters and misfortunes which were brought by the bloody conflicts of the world's great powers and their struggle for world domination and colonial empires.

Namely, the First World War as a global armed conflict was centered among several fronts and many continents. One of them or the Southern Front was spread on the Macedonian territory and therefore, it was also called as Macedonian Front.

This war has caused far-reaching political, social and civilization changes in the history of the Balkans and

the other European nations. Before the First World War, there was no war which has altered the European map such dramatically as the World War I.

In that time, trough the territory of Macedonia and Kosovo went by a variety of troops from the entire world such as: the Austrians, British troops, the Australians, Albanians, the Americans, Bulgarians, Russians, Croatians, Dalmatians, Germans, French troops, Greeks, Turkish troops, Senegalese and many other various colonial armies. What is more, they also destroyed all the property owned by the people living in those regions. As passing through the populated areas, they used to remove the windows, doors and other type of carpentry

in order to satisfy the needs of their camps. Consequently, the houses remained in miserable condition due to their similarity with skeletons.

Finally, the Macedonian Front stopped to exist at the end of September in 1918 with the victory of the Triple Entente. The first days after the end of the Great War were outstanding and extremely difficult for the people in Vardar Macedonia and Kosovo.

What is more, during the war and immediately after it, numerous charitable organizations with their hard work saved lives of many unfortunate people including thousands of children in their toughest moments.

More specifically, on the territory of Macedonia and Kosovo during the war, the care for the sick and injured people was in the hands of the following organizations: the English mission - The Serbian Relief Fund-SRF, Scottish women's hospitals-SWH, and after the war, the care was taken by the American mission - The American Women's Hospitals - AWH and the American Red Cross which actually is the subject of this paper.

The end of the First World War the founders of the mission "Hospitals of American women" meant only the end of military operations, but not the end of the diseases, poverty and hunger. The necessity of medical care in the post-war years in the Balkans was more than necessary because of the presence of typhoid fever, influenza, malaria, tuberculosis, venereal diseases, pneumonia, smallpox, cholera, various leather, surgical and ophthalmic diseases.



American Women's Hospitals Hospitals physicians, nurses and chauffeurs, before leaving for Europe

TWO ELMIRA DOCTORS BORN WOMEN WHO PROVIDED CARE FOR REFUGEES

During and after the World War I the doctors Regina Flood Keyes and her cousin Frances M. Flood¹, both natives of Elmira, were the first to serve in an American Woman's Hospital uniform. They were provided with uniforms in December 1917 and accredited to the American Red Cross for duty near the Salonika front. On the invitation of Colonel Jourdan, medical officer of the Seventeenth Colonial Division, French Troops, Dr. Keyes, with all the supplies she could muster, she served in the medical corps on the Salonica front during the offensive of the Allied forces in 1918.

Eventually, they opened a hospital in Vodena, Greece. This hospital was a refuge to Serbian and other displaced persons as well as to sick and helpless Greek villagers.

In addition to the care of inpatients, about 3,000 visits were recorded monthly in the outpatient department. Dr. Keyes and Dr. Flood, with two American nurses and a corps of local assistants were on double duty most of the time.²

Dr. Keyes was the director and surgeon of the hospital that held 60 beds. In addition to the wounds from the war, they were faced with epidemics of the deadly typhus fever. Dr. Flood dealt with the non-surgical cases which included typhus and the infamous influenza epidemic that cost so many lives in 1918. During the influenza epidemic they treated Greek, French and Serbian soldiers as well as the refugees.

In the Balkan Peninsula there was no plan which involved transportation that worked out according to schedule. and if supplies were not forthcoming it was necessary to improvise substitutes. Submarine activities in the Mediterranean sea prevented the delivery of equipment for the Vodena Hospital. Fortunately, Dr. Keyes was well supplied with instruments, and, with the aid of carpenters, thinners, and whitewashers, the hospital, which had been opened some time before in a Turkish schoolhouse, was renovated and put in working order. Dispensaries were opened in connection to this hospital and Dr. Keyes, Dr. Flood, and their two American nurses, with a staff of native assistants, were kept busy from dawn until dark during 1918. About three thousand treatments were given monthly in these dispensaries, and the hospital was a haven of refuge for the desperately ill. The Balkans had never been well supplied with physicians, and many of those who had practiced in that country lost their lives during the Balkan and World wars.³ For these reasons there was a large number of neglected surgical diseases, and great was



Dr. Regina Flood Keyes



Dr. Frances Mabel Flood Heath



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the joy among those with bona fide operative disorders, because, with only fifty hospital beds, the preference was given to such cases. "There is some soul of goodness in things evil," and a hernia, cured by an operation, which incidentally provided a patient with food and a bed for three weeks, or a month, was not altogether bad in a country where food and beds were daily problems of vital importance. This was the only hospital in Vodena at that time where major operations were performed. There was a large variety of cases, and of nationalities-Albanians, Dalmatians, Greeks, Macedonians, Romanians, Serbians and Turks.

When the Serbian refugees returned to their country after the Armistice in 1918, after the war was over, the Vodena Hospital was transferred to Monastir, and the two doctors ran a hospital in Monastir.⁴ There were present large numbers of war prisoners, returning from Bulgaria, who were suffering from typhus.

An anti-insect campaign was conducted in this hospital with the result that insect-borne diseases were reduced to a minimum and the place became widely known as the Flyless Hospital of the Balkans.

Insects have had an enormous influence in the history of the Balkans and other parts of the world. Flies, lice, fleas, gnats and mosquitoes are among the greatest enemies of mankind. They are allies of war and famine, retainers of pestilence, carrying typhoid, typhus, sand fly fever, tuberculosis, malaria and many other forms of disease. They worked there under very difficult conditions. They had no coal for heat and very little wood. Food was also very scarce. The hospital was one of the few buildings left standing in the city after the war.⁵

Dr. Etta Gray, of Los Angeles, President of the Medical Women's National Association, was sent to the Balkans as organizer and director of the work of the Association in that country. She was young, strong, a well-trained physician and surgeon, with a gift of the uncommon quality known as common sense.⁶

Dr. Gray made a careful survey of the country. The seemingly neediest section was finally found in Macedonian Serbia and Kosovo, and the announcement of her intention to establish a medical service in the district, with a central hospital and headquarters at Veles, was received with pathetic expressions of gratitude and a organizations had surveyed that field, but had gone away and never returned. The buildings for headquarters and a central hospital, granted by the local government,



Dr. Gray and Mrs. Cruikshank, of the American Women's Hospitals, at Veles, Serbia

registered seven years' warfare. They were without windows, doors and woodwork, but the damage was not all due to explosives. Troops and refugees passing to and fro after military victories, or defeats, destroy all movable property. The doors and other woodwork of houses were used to keep their camp fires burning. This accounted thousands of skeletons of houses in the Balkans and near eastern countries.⁷

When the matter of location was definitely decided, Dr. Gray went to Belgrade to complete arrangements. The government agreed to transport hospital supplies and personnel of the Association, without charge, wherever trains were running.

With several carloads of such material, Dr. Gray returned to Veles about the middle of November, 1919, and with the help of Dr. Laura Myers and Miss Freda Frost the central hospital and headquarters for Serbia (Macedonia and Kosovo) were opened at that town, in the heart of a desert of destitution and utter wretchedness. This place was rarely visited by travellers. Practically the only contacts for almost three years were contacts with the sick and

hungry, and the variety of life was made up largely of variety in diseases, some of which were experienced personally by the head of the hospital service and her assistants in that district.

Headquarters might have been opened in the nearest large city, or in the capital of the country, but Dr. Gray had a fine sense of the fitness of things, and from her standpoint it was not fit that the head of a hospital service should live in safety and comfort while her staff lived in danger and discomfort. Besides, the object of the American Women's Hospitals was to care for the sick among those in greatest need, incidentally to carry on a health educational service, and to do as much as possible with the funds contributed for the purpose. Headquarters at Belgrade would have been advantageous in some respects, but the cost would have reduced the work in the field.

Getting the headquarters and personnel house in order at Veles was no small job. The court was cleared of debris and cleaned to its bedrock of cobblestones. The building was scrubbed, fumigated and whitewashed, a water supply provided, and shower baths improvised by the ingenious use of Standard Oil cans. Iron beds were set up, prim as Priscilla, their four little feet resting in milk cans with an inch of Creso solution.

Weeks before the hospital was opened, the sick began to apply for admission. A temporary clinic and dressing station was arranged to care for those suffering from painful minor ailments.

In one report, dated from December 13, 1919, Dr. Gray wrote: "Before moving into the house, the patients began to come and they were coming in increasing numbers. . . . Such pitiful sights!-people with neglected sores and wounds who had had no treatment whatever for weeks. Terrible infections of all sorts and appalling eye diseases. It was terrible to look into the upturned faces of human beings who were sightless from neglect and to know that proper care at the right time would have had saved them. There were a large number of tubercular cases, and many undernourished children ready to develop the disease. Their parents were told to feed them, but they didn't have the food. We should put in a feeding station for these sick children and we should have soon had a large number of day boarders.

A great many surgical cases were seen at the clinic every day, but nothing could be done to help these people until the hospital was ready to receive them......"

Chronic surgical cases had been accumulating in that district for years and all kinds of hernias resulted, some of which were of enormous size, containing part of the abdominal viscera. Without treatment these unfortunate people got worse or died. If the rupture was small and an intestinal loop became strangulated, the victim suffered agony and died promptly. But where strangulation did not occur, the abdominal contents escaped, little by little, through the opening, and the hernia increased in size month after month and year after year.

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"It is further said in Etha Gray report that for seven years, beginning from 1912, this town and the surrounding country had been the theatre of the military activities of three wars, and at the time hospital personnel arrived on the scene the town might more appropriately have been called Ichabod. The first and second Balkan Wars were closely followed by the World War, and for this section of the earth's surface it was a World War in all the horror of actual experience. During the years of these three wars, soldiers from far and near, friend and foe, occupied this territory in turn. In alphabetical order there were Albanians, Americans, Australians, Austrians, British, Bulgarians, Cretans, Croatians, Dalmatians, French, Germans, Greeks, Senegalese, Turks, and Satan only knows how many others.

Wherever soldiers occupy a country they leave their blood not only on the battlefields but in the veins of the population for ultimate good or harm, according to its quality. In some of the Macedonian towns which were very completely occupied by the Central and other forces, the evidence of this occupation could be seen in ruined buildings and in striking types of fair children here and there."

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Dr. Toggnazzini with patient in Pristina hospital

The work of the AWH mission in Southern Serbia increased rapidly, and by the end of 1920 thousands of cases were being reported monthly. Dr. Lilla Ridout had been placed in charge of the hospital at Prelip; Dr. Mary Elliott of Chicago was head of the Strumica Hospital, and Dr. Irene Tognazzini was running the Pristina Hospital with the help of two American nurses.

In connection with our hospitals, outlying clinics were conducted at Giljiane, Podujevo, Gratchnitza, Frisovitch and Urasavitch by Dr. Ellen Cover and Miss Nora Hollway.

The hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, and distributing stations for clothing were in full swing Serbia in August, 1921.⁸

Under the direction of Dr. Gray, assisted by Drs. Hazel D. Dr.Bonness, May T. Stout, Marguerite White, Mary N. Bercea and Miss Freda Frost, head nurse and general supervisor, with a corps of American nurses, Veles became an important medical centre, especially for surgical work and children's diseases. Patients came from all directions, sometimes walking for miles and reaching the hospital in a state of complete exhaustion.

There was a report of one boy who walked fifteen days slowly leading his sister, who could not see, to the eye clinic. Many of the sick and disabled came in ox-carts, or on donkeys, and those who could not afford to pay for lodgings at the world's worst hotels sat outside the hospital walls and waited until beds were vacated.

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The story of the Children's Hospital at Veles is the best and brightest page of the history of the work in Serbia. When countries declare war, they declare war chiefly on their children. These little ones are not killed with shot and shell---nothing so merciful. Famine and pestilence are their portion. They die slowly from diseases incident to malnutrition. Maimed and suffering, many of those who were hard to kill came to the Children's Hospital on the hill with bone, joint and glandular disorders resulting from protracted undernourishment.

Hospital physicians had been trained in America, where

most people had enough to eat all the time, and they were

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In Veles two hospitals and a large dispensary are conducted. All kinds of cases are accepted at the General Hospital, precedence being given to the people in most urgent need. As a matter of fact, a large percentage of the cases in the General Hospital are surgical cases, and many major operations are performed there. was at Veles Dr. Gray frequently operated from morning until night.

The people living in Southern Serbia manifestly have great confidence in Dr. Gray as a surgeon. Patients are brought from long distances, and amusing instances frequently develop in connection with this work. For instance, I recall one patient who had been shot in the mountains by the brigands. The bone of his thigh was shattered. He had been lying for perhaps five or six days, and when he reached the hospital his only chance of life was the amputation of his leg. The wife and brother of this patient consulted together, and then told Dr. Gray that they were perfectly willing that the man's leg should be amputated providing the American Women's Hospitals would agree to furnish a wooden leg in case he got well and pay for his life in case he died.

The Children's Hospital at Veles is a remarkable place. This hospital would be a credit to New York City. The building is large. By putting cots in the halls it is possible to care for as many as two hundred children. There were between 150 and 200 there at the time of my visit. It is a pity that Veles is difficult to reach, for this reason comparatively few le are able to see this hospital. It is and people are able to see this hospital. largest, best equipped hospital for children in all Jugo-Slavia.

In March, 1920, a Nurses' Training Class was established in connection with the hospital at Veles. The members of this class were carefully selected, and only those who had enjoyed the best educational advantages of the country were accepted. Some of these young women have made remarkable progress. Several of them speak very fair English and act as interpreters between American nurses and doctors and the patients. Mrs. Cruikshank and Mrs. Harrison, two very able American nurses who recently arrived in Veles, could searcely believe it when they were told that these girls had had less than two years' training. Mrs. Harrison was trained in the Massachusetts General Hospital. She has been superintendent in different amazed to see children with seemingly incurable diseases begin to get well as soon as they got half a chance. The following is taken from a letter received from Dr. Gray in the spring of 1921: There were about 160 children and they were able to take at least 30 more. They came from all over Serbia, but most of them from Macedonia, where there was the greatest need ... It would have been a pity to close, for they did not know what to do with those pathetic little children. There was a lot of Pott's disease, and tuberculosis of the joints, and those cases were doing so well.

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In home visits

They improved more rapidly than such cases do at home, and it was a great gratification to watch them day after day. The poorest, skinniest little things came in, and as soon as they got proper food and care, they gain so fast. These little patients had all been kept in close quarters, and at first their mothers strongly objected to their sleeping out of doors. It was useless to argue with them. The improved condition of the children soon silenced their objections. They had good food, clean beds, warm clothing, playthings, a wonderful sun court, and a Christmas tree with presents at the proper season.



Dr. May T. Stout, oculist and a group of cataract patients. Over four hundred operations were performed in our Serbian hospitals for the relief of blindness due to cataract during the years 1920-22.

SPECIAL CLINIC FOR CATARACT AND OTHER EYE DISEASES

Patients with appalling eye diseases were among the first to appeal for help when the clinics opened in Serbia. There had never been an oculist in the country, and cataract cases had accumulated. People do not die of cataract. They gradually go blind while remaining in good physical health. The fact that this condition is curable adds greatly to the tragedy of it when it is impossible to get proper treatment.

One of the most tragic views was the black hair and white eyes. In Macedonian Serbia and Kosovo, a large

number of people had black hair and white eyes, and many of them sat in darkness day after day by the wayside begging like blind Bartimaeus. Ages of disappointment had not destroyed their hope and faith. They, too, believed in miracles, and their prayer was always the same: "Lord, that I might receive my sight."

And in the district round about Veles, this prayer was answered. A woman was sent from America who could give them back their sight. And the man with the greatest faith came first. A slight but skilful operation was performed, and after a few days, the light which had been shut away for so many years reached his centre of vision and he could see. The story of this seeming miracle

was passed from person to person. The blind came in increasing numbers, and over four hundred were operated upon for cataract and their sight restored.

The emergency nature of the American Women's Hospitals' service in different countries has precluded the possibility of keeping complete records. The available reports, covering about two-thirds of the work actually done in Serbia, show that 3,996 eye and ear cases were cared for, and that 1,068 operations were performed for the relief of eye diseases.¹⁰

DENTAL PROTECTION OF THE ARMY AND POPULATION IN MACEDONIA AND KOSOVO IN ORGANIZATION OF THE AWH MISSION

Dr. Mary N. Bercea was the head of the dental work. She was the only dentist in the Veles district. Children were preferred patients at the dental clinic, but young soldiers, especially officers, appreciated the value of good teeth, and there was always a waiting list of such men, and a long line of other people, including Turkish women wearing black tcharchaffs and heavy veils.¹¹

Dental laboratory in Prilep, 1919, in which war prisoners worked





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Evangeline Cavan, M.D. Child Welfare Assoc



Dr.Mary A.Vercea, head of the W.H. dental service. Veles 1919-22Welfare Assoc



Dr.May T.Stout, oculist with the A.W.H. in Serbia 1920-1922

TRAINING FOR MEDICAL NURSES FROM MACEDONIA ORGANIZED BY THE AWH MISSION 1920

From the beginning of the work in Southern Serbia, nurses were trained to take care of the sick. This plan conserved the funds and gave the work a permanent value. A large number of young women applied for service in the hospitals, and the best educated and most intelligent were selected.

Eight years of warfare had left most of them so poor that they were without shoes. These girls were grateful for food



Ella W. Harrison, R. N., with Serbian student nurses

and clothing, and particularly for instruction. Nurses' training was an innovation. There was a strong prejudice against nursing, due to a Mohammedan point of view, and to the social status of women in that country who served in hospitals. This attitude was modified in regard to the hospitals of the Association for the reason that a measure of chaperonage was afforded which protected the reputations of the girls in our service, to the end that their matrimonial prospects were not jeopardized.

Miss Lucy Morhous was the head of our first nurses' training class, which was started in Veles in January, 1920. The student nurses were not up to the standard of that time American student nurses, but they were up to the standard of student nurses at the time of the beginning of nurses' training in the United States as a nationwide educational movement. Some of these young women displayed remarkable aptitude, and in a short time learned to take orders in English and to care for minor cases. A picture of Miss Morhous and her class of nurses was sent.

There were fourteen of them and they looked so well in their blue dresses and white aprons. They had been in training a little over a month, and they do practically all the routine work in the dispensary and hospital, under the supervision of American nurses.

The training class grew with the hospital and dispensary service. Mrs. Ella WT. Harrison was sent to Veles in February 1921, as general supervisor, and Mrs. Marian P. Cruikshank went out as Dr. Gray's surgical nurse, and took over the surgical training of the student nurses. On account of exceptional ability, some of these girls were sent to Belgrade when the Government training school for nurses was established, and the first probationer accepted at Veles Hospital without shoes on her feet, was one of the leading pioneer trained nurses in Serbia at that time.

From the beginning to the end of the service in Serbia the American Red Cross was generous in gifts of supplies, in many instances delivering carloads of material at headquarters of the Association, and relieving it the cost and responsibility of transportation. Without this help, it would have been impossible for the American Women's Hospitals to have functioned so promptly and effectively.

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 - Dr. Flood met her husband to be, Alfred Heath, in England and settled in Elmira after the war. In 1923 Dr.

- Flood-Heath died following an appendicitis operation. She was survived by her husband and infant daughter. In 1928 her daughter, then aged 5, received her mother's war honors. Little Miss Marjorie Louise Heath received the Order of St. Sava by direction of King Alexander of Yugoslavia. Sadly little Marjorie succumbed to pneumonia just two years after she received the medal for her mother. (Source: Flood family biographical file).
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Апстракт

Трудот обработува еден тежок период за Македонија и Косово од Првата светска војна и годините непосредно после неа. Тоа е времето кога оваа територија во период од четири години, била под окупација на Сојузничките и Централната армија. Овде животот под притисок на секојдневните реквизиции на храна, добиток, покуќнина и принудна работа на се што било работоспособно, станал неподносливо тежок.

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Ju gjithashtu duhet të llogarisni rezultatet, duke u fokusuar në mekaniz¬mat në prapavij të vrojtimit. Diskutoni nëse rezultatet tuaja mbështesin hipotezat tuaja origjinale. Gjetjet negative janë aq të rëndësishme në zhvillimin e ideve të ardhshme sikur gjetjet pozitive.

E rëndësishme është se, nuk ka rezultate të këqija. Shkenca nuk të bëjë me të drejtën dhe të gabuarën, por merret me zgjerimin e njohjeve të reja.

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You also need to account for the results, focusing on the mechanisms be hind the observation. Discuss whether or not your results support your original hypotheses. Negative findings are just as important to the de-velopment of future ideas as the positive ones.

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- 7. Azemi M, Shala M, dhe bp. *Pediatria sociale dhe mbrojtja shëndetësore e fëmijëve dhe nënave*. Pediatria, Prishtinë 2010; 9-25

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