

ANNUAL REPORTVENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL

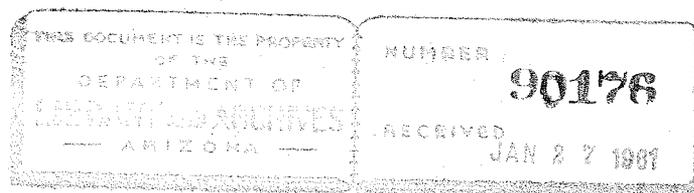
ARIZONA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949

During the past year the Arizona State Department of Health and its associated clinics have adopted the schedule of treatment for gonorrhea and syphilis, the two most common venereal disease, as recommended by the United States Public Health Service. This schedule is based on observations made by the Syphilis Study Section of the National Institute of Health. Treatment of these two diseases consists of the use of penicillin, which renders the patient non-infectious more quickly and requires a much shorter period of time for the overall treatment of the patient.

Not only does the state, through Federal funds provide drugs for use in the treatment of venereal disease to the local health units but also to private practitioners of medicine. The only requisite for this service is that the physician report his case to the State Department of Health and make a formal request for the number of units of the drug needed. Penicillin is also furnished to hospitals and to the Indian Service for the treatment of venereal disease. During the past fiscal year penicillin was furnished as follows:

Clinics & Hospitals	2,888,100,000 units
Private Physicians	557,700,000 units
Institutions & Indians	1,013,200,000 units

Making a total of 4,459,000,000 units furnished to all professional agencies for treatment of venereal diseases.



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There are 5 State Health Department sponsored clinics in those areas having full time county health units. They are:

- 2 in Cochise County
- 1 in Maricopa County
- 1 in Pima County
- 1 in Yuma County

In addition there are nine clinics operated by the Indian Service which are free, and 4 industrial clinics at which the patient pays for treatment.

During the past year there were reported to the state by physicians, clinics and hospitals

- 1183 cases of syphilis
- 1192 " " gonorrhoea
- 4 " " ophthalmia neonatorum
- 4 " " lymphogranuloma venereum
- 5 " " chancroid
- 1 " " granuloma inguinale

A total of \$6,931.85 was expended for the purchase of penicillin and the sum of \$4,900.00 was paid out for clinicians' fees for conducting treatment clinics.