

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Gangrene of the foot

Dear Sir,

These are photographs of the successful treatment of diabetic gangrene of the foot of an Indian Estate Conductor, aged 49, who was given daily for six months Vit. E (Esai) 1,000 units, and Vit. C (Takeru), 1,500 mgm.

The gangrenous toes fell off six months later and the ulcers healed. His diabetes was treated



Fig. 1 Gangrenous foot of a diabetic Indian Estate Conductor aged 49 years.

with insulin and diabenese. His happiness at being rescued from amputation of his foot was shared by all who treated him.

Yours etc.,

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Fig. 2 The healed foot of the Indian six months later after he had received daily Vit. E 1,000 units and Vit C 1,500 mgm.

The Hon. Editor,

Dear Sir,

In their article entitled *Oral Manifestations of Microbial Diseases* which appeared in volume 32, pages 232-235 in 1978, G. Singh and K. Subramaniam stated that infectious mononucleosis can produce a false positive serological test for syphilis. King, A. and Nicol, C. (1975), however, state that "Glandular Fever has been thought to produce this type of reaction, but this has not been confirmed by recent surveys." Further, Dunlop, E.M.C. of the London Hospital, and Wilkinson, A.E. of Venereal Disease Research Laboratory, London (personal communication, 1977) in their studies

found that sero-positivity in infectious mononucleosis is not in any way significantly higher than in the normal population.

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