PUBLIC HEALTH

Early Care, Counseling Vital to Hemophiliacs

➤ SEVERE physical and social crippling of hemophiliacs might be prevented through early care and counseling.

These are the conclusions of a two-year study of social and vocational problems of 1,100 hemophiliac adults, carried out by Dr. Alfred H. Katz, Jacqueline MacAfee and Florence B. Goldy of the School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Hemophilia is a hereditary disorder characterized by inability of the blood to clot. Any slight injury may lead to a severe, possibly fatal hemorrhage. More than half of those surveyed reported from two to 20 major hemorrhages yearly prior to age 16. Crippling arthritic effects frequently occur.

Despite such handicaps, more than 70% of the hemophiliacs surveyed are living normally, vocationally and socially. More than half are employed, and about 40% are married. Thirty percent of the married group have children. More than 3% were severely disabled.

The investigators recommended that hemophiliacs be counseled and trained for jobs suitable to their capacity, but not at the risk of social isolation.

Watch repairing, usually carried on in near-seclusion and a very confined space, is apparently a favorite job recommendation for hemophiliacs. Such an occupation is physically and psychologically bad for them, compounding problems of social isolation.

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TECHNOLOGY

Infrared Radiation Used as New Analyzer

➤ INFRARED radiation is now being used to inspect heat insulation and electrical and gas heating equipment. The method is less expensive and gives analysts information unavailable with more costly operations and equipment. With the technique a complete picture of heat distribution on photographic film can be obtained. A number of products can be improved, design analysts predict. These include high-pressure boilers, electric motors, internal combustion machines, refrigerators and trailers.

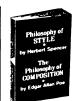
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