

INTRODUCTION

For many years the pathology department at the Medical College of Virginia has been an important center for studies in paleopathology. Over the past ten years members of the department have collaborated with numerous investigators both in the United States and abroad, giving seminars and training to physicians, anthropologists, and archaeologists. In the spring of 1977, a symposium was organized at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists in Seattle, Washington, to bring together investigators in the area of paleoepidemiology. At this meeting researchers from MCV and other institutions attempted to correlate data from a variety of sources and provide scholars in many disciplines with a résumé of some disease manifestations of varied etiologies.

Readers of the MCV QUARTERLY, Volume 12, Number 2, 1976, will remember the series of studies in paleopathology published by investigators at MCV. We believe it will be of interest to publish in this issue some of the papers presented at the Seattle meeting by outside investigators whose studies cover areas of the United States, the Eastern Mediterranean, and Egypt.

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