

for stage I and 12.5% for stage II. In Great Britain a controlled clinical trial under the guidance of the Medical Research Council was set up seven years ago to study further the value of ELRT in malignant melanoma of the lower limb. This trial is still in progress. Preliminary results indicate a significantly lower rate of recurrences in lymph nodes (2,3%) in the ELRT-group as compared to 19% in the conventionally treated group, while recurrence in skin was seen more often in endolymphatically treated patients (16%) than in the comparable group (6%). Unfortunately, a number of institutions are participating in the trial which according to *Edwards* have limited experience in endolymphatic radiotherapy. The preliminary analysis of data suggests that unsatisfactory treatment by ELRT seems to pave the way for a more serious prognosis.

In the final round table discussion the attempt was made to evaluate the role of endolymphatic radiotherapy with respect to the immune response of the body. It was felt that the unilateral application of the radioactive substance is sufficient to achieve the goal of destroying micrometastases. By this approach less lymphatic tissue is irradiated leaving the immunological system relatively undisturbed.

In conclusion, endolymphatic radiotherapy in malignant melanoma as an adjunct to adequate surgery seems to improve the prognosis of the disease. Controlled trials are under way in Great Britain and Germany to further evaluate its efficiency.

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FORTHCOMING CONVENTIONS

9th International Congress of Angiology, April 3 to 7, 1974, Florence, Italy.

Information: Prof. *F. Pratesi*, Via della Robbia 5, I-50132 Florence.

5th International Congress of Cytology, May 29 to June 2, 1974, Bal Harbor, Miami, USA.

Information: Prof. *A. Meisels*, Univ. Laval, 1050 Chemin Ste-Foy, Quebec 6, Canada.

2nd International Congress of Immunology, July 21 to 26, 1974, Brighton, U.K.

Information: Dr. *G.L. Asherson*, Clinical Research Centre, Watford Rd., Harrow, Middlesex, HAI 3UJ, U.K.

5th International Congress of the Transplantation Society, September 1974, Jerusalem, Israel.

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Next Congress:

The date of the "Fifth International Congress of Lymphology" in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro has been changed to March 23-29, 1975. For further information please contact the chairmen

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