MEMORANDUM

July 11, 1961

TO: Members, Enterovirus Committee

FROM: Executive Secretary


The Enterovirus Nomenclature Subcommittee, composed of Drs. Melnick, Wenner and Rosen, met May 4, 1961, in the conference room, Building T-19, Bethesda, Maryland. There was considerable discussion on how the enteroviruses should be classified and it was agreed unanimously that the enteroviruses should be brought together in a single numbering system, using as synonyms their designation as polio, Coxsackie, and ECHO viruses. As new members are admitted to the group each will be given a consecutive enterovirus number. The renumbering will begin with polio viruses 1, 2, and 3 to be designated Enterovirus 1, 2, and 3 respectively, to be followed by the Coxsackie A's, the Coxsackie B's, and then the ECHO's. Presently related serotypes will be consolidated under a single enterovirus number.

Dr. Melnick will prepare a draft of the proposed new numbering system which will be sent to the members of the Enterovirus Committee for suggestions and comment.

Dr. Rosen will prepare a draft of requirements for admission of new enterovirus candidates which will be sent to the Enterovirus Committee.

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