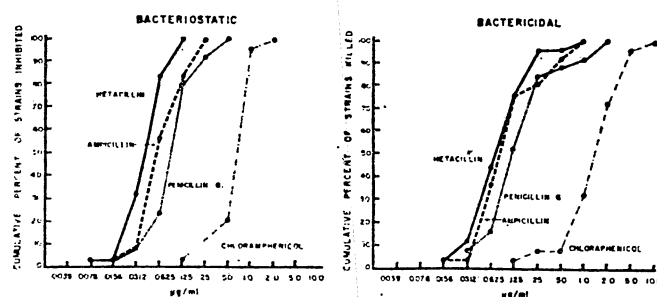
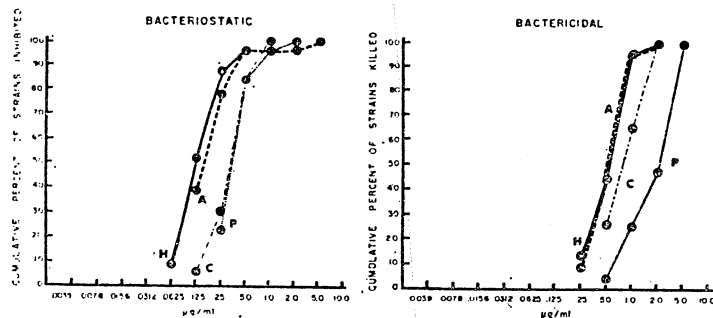


ACTIVITY OF FOUR ANTIBIOTICS AGAINST TWENTY FIVE STRAINS OF
N. MENINGITIDISFIGURE 4. Activity of four antibiotics against 25 strains of *N. meningitidis*.*H. INFLUENZAE*FIGURE 5.—Activity of four antibiotics against 25 strains of *H. influenzae*.
H=hetacillin; A=ampicillin; C=chloramphenicol; P=penicillin G.

CONCLUSION

Acute bacterial meningitis remains a serious problem, and despite the availability of numerous effective antimicrobial agents, it carries a substantial risk of death or significant disability. The prompt administration of a specific antimicrobial agent substantially reduces mortality and morbidity. At present, the efficacy of ampicillin alone in the treatment of the common types of bacterial meningitis appears to be established. Hetacillin, a recently developed antibiotic closely related to ampicillin, deserves evaluation in these infections.

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