

Table 1.—Female patients discharged from Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1963–65, with diagnoses of conditions selected for study

	Discharges in 3 years			Records found	Acceptable and considered "Idiopathic" ¹		Final case series
	White	Nonwhite	Total		Number	Percent	
Thrombophlebitis extremity.....	22	25	47	36	7	19	4
Thrombophlebitis and pulmonary embolism.....	7	8	15	13	2	15	1
Pulmonary embolism (? source).....	3	7	10	8	1	12	1
Cerebral artery thrombosis.....	6	6	12	9	2	22	2
Cerebral artery embolism.....	2	0	2	2	0	-----	-----
Retinal vascular lesion.....	3	3	6	5	2	40	2
Myocardial infarction.....	2	5	7	7	0	-----	-----
Arterial thrombosis, other.....	6	0	6	5	0	-----	-----
Total.....	51	54	105	85	14	16	10

¹ Patients who were married, and record review did not provide evidence of sterility or of predisposing conditions.**Table 2.—Diagnoses¹ which yielded control subjects**

	Num-ber in file	Num-ber sought	Number found and matched to cases
Tonsillectomy and adenoi- dectomy.....	230	25	4
Acute appendicitis and appen- dectomy.....	49	44	6
Acute cystitis.....	46	6	1
Infectious hepatitis.....	36	21	2
Acute gastroenteritis.....	22	15	1
Pilonidal cyst.....	19	19	1
Elastosis senilis.....	10	6	1
Sprains and strains of sacroiliac.....	8	8	1
Fracture upper extremity— closed.....	5	5	1
Concussion.....	3	3	1
Fracture clavicle—closed.....	1	1	1
Total.....	429	153	20

¹ Control diagnoses which were selected for study but did not yield any matches with the cases are omitted.**Table 3.—List of attributes on which matching of paired controls to cases was done (in addition to sex, marital status, hospital and time period, which were common to cases and controls)**

Race	Religion (Catholic, Prot- estant, Jewish)
Age (within 5 years)	Hospital pay status

Table 4.—Cases selected, exclusions, and results of attempt to obtain interview

	Cases	Controls
Number selected from printout of dis- charges.....	105	226
Records found.....	85	127
Excluded because of:		
Marital status.....	29	107
Sterility.....	21	
Other diagnoses on index sheet.....	51	
Predisposing condition on record review.....	67	
Acceptable.....	10	20
Interviewed.....	7	19
Questionnaires mailed and self- administered.....	3	1