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Dear Dr Blackburn,

I hope that the parcel containing the death codes arrived safely to Minneapolis. Just reviewing some of the data, I discovered that in the Zuthfen group there was a mistake: so please delete n.713 which was a wrong copy of n.718.

It is possible there are other mistakes in this group because I was compelled for Zuthfen to rebuild again the mortality situation looking to a lot of piece of paper and to various editions of Form 10; some men had only one Form 10; some had two; some had none and were only listed in several other places. I tried to do my best sending you a total of 62 (now 61) records. At present it is not possible to know if this is correct; but during my visit to Dr Van Buchem, before the end of this month, I shall make, together with him, a newer definitive check.

Recently I tried to apply the criteria for incidence of myocardial infarction and angina pectoris to the 5 year follow-up data of the Italian areas. Putting together definite and possible M.I. the incidence was about 33 per thousand in Crevalcore, 20 per thousand in the Rome Rail Road, and 19 per thousand in Montegiorgio. The common feature of these data is the very high frequency of cases described in the code 01.03 that is cases with appearance of Class 1.2 Q waves not present on earlier examination, but without any history. And this was found even though ECG codes were the official ones for Crevalcore and Montegiorgio, and my own preliminary codes for Rome. It is very difficult to give an explanation to this finding (silent M.I.? - so frequent?).

A part from this point I would like to know if in general you use, for the evaluation of incidence, also the interim informations collected periodically on the field together with mortality (I mean morbidity data).

I hope the work of analysis of deaths is going on well. Let me know if there are problems due to my faults.

Best regards. Sincerely yours.

  
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