

Discussion

CHAIRMAN: Poliomyelitis virus belongs to the Picorna group of viruses that includes two others, Coxsackie and ECHO. Both of these viruses, Coxsackie and ECHO, have been alluded to in reports of outbreaks. Innes (1970) reported four cases occurring in Edinburgh in which a Coxsackie B2 virus was isolated from the cerebrospiral

fluid in one, and an echovirus type 3 from the faeces and cerebrospinal fluid in another. Serological tests indicated Coxsackie B2 and Coxsackie B5 in the other two cases. So that Picorna viruses do seem to have some possible association with this outbreak.