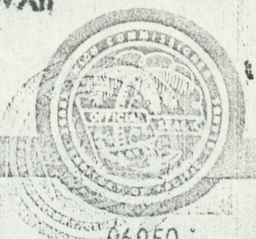


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HEPATITIS OUTBREAK IN TRUK

An outbreak of infectious hepatitis in Truk has been reported as "mild," by District Director of Public Health Ngas Kansou.

Most of the 54 cases reported are being treated at home, with bed rest and high protein diet.

Health education to improve sanitation in the home is the chief line of defense, Dr. Kansou said. He has stressed the necessity of basic island hygiene, keeping flies away from food, boiling drinking water, and not swimming in the lagoon or eating shellfish from areas where the water is contaminated by toilets.

In Saipan, Dr. William A. Peck, Assistant Commissioner for Public Health, said this mild strain of the disease has an immunizing effect. After these patients recover, they will be free from hepatitis for a number of years.

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