

although numerous exceptions occurred, there was on the average a slight direct association, as occupations in which there was a relatively high skin cancer and lip cancer rate tended to show, also, an excess of cancer of other sites. Observations made by Southam; Sladden; Roesch; and Bonser and Connal confirm this observation in the occupational cancer field.

The claims of Murray and Cramer were not confirmed by Bonser and Connal. The numerous experiments made with tar and various synthetic carcinogens applied to the skin or injected subcutaneously have demonstrated, beyond any doubt, that the presence of a cutaneous malignancy does not prevent the development of a similar reaction in some internal organ (Bogen and Loomis; Schabad; Lynch; and Andervont).

The statistical interrelations observed by Peller represent misinterpretations of unrelated data, as this investigator neglects entirely to consider any differences which may be present in the type and intensity of exposure to various carcinogenic exogenous agents probably present in the groups subjected to a statistical analysis.

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