

*Table 2—Number of Persons Seen for First Time and Found to be Suffering From Gonorrhoea*

Year.			Auckland.		Wellington.		Christchurch.		Dunedin.		Total.		Grand Totals.
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1945	..	..	389	413	178	54	149	66	46	9	762	542	1,304
1946	..	..	639	329	235	42	168	31	115	13	1,157	415	1,572
1947	..	..	623	303	262	41	168	27	53	19	1,106	390	1,496
1948	..	..	555	261	247	45	138	33	53	23	993	360	1,353
1949	..	..	655	326	248	18	148	22	53	30	1,104	396	1,500

While there has been some reduction in the new cases of syphilis, the figures for new gonorrhoeal infections show a considerable increase, particularly in Auckland. A reduction can only be achieved if those controlling the clinics will endeavour to discover sources of infection. When this information is supplied to the Department the suspected contacts are interviewed where possible, and put under treatment if found to be infected. One Medical Officer of Health reports that in the matter of providing information as to sources of infection "the clinics have failed rather dismally. Also notices of default from treatments have not been received in all cases as early as they might have been."

The attached tables give details of the notifiable diseases reported in 1949.