

MØLLER-CHRISTENSEN, V. *Bone Changes in Leprosy*. 51 pp., 9 figs. and 16 pls. (32 refs.) 1961. Copenhagen: Munksgaard, Denmark. (from Tropical Diseases Bulletin).

This is in effect an extremely well illustrated thesis which establishes the diagnostic point in leprosy that atrophy of the anterior nasal spine and loosening of the upper central incisors are typical of leprosy. This has been shown to apply not only to the 358 skeletons of mediaeval leprosy patients at Naestved in Denmark, but also to modern leprosy all over the world, where the changes in the nasal bones and teeth can be clinically detected, and furthermore are detectable at an early stage. The author also describes the accepted bony changes in the limbs and small bones of the limbs. In the plates I to IV the changes in the maxillary alveolar process, the anterior

nasal spine and the palate, are convincingly demonstrated in contrast with normal bones. There is no doubt that Dr. Møller-Christensen provides a means of making an early diagnosis in modern leprosy, because the nasal-dental changes can be seen everywhere in early lepromatous leprosy. This thesis should be in everyone's hands.