

***Technical Guide for Smear Examination for Leprosy by Direct Microscopy.* D. L. Leiker and A. C. McDougall. Leprosy Documentation Service, Amsterdam, 1983, 34 pp.**

This booklet published by INFOLEP, Royal Tropical Institute, 61a Mauritskade, Amsterdam Oost, the Netherlands, is intended as a practical guide to smear examination in leprosy, similar to that for sputum examination published by the International Union Against Tuberculosis (Paris). The Foreword is by Dr H. Sansarricq of WHO and the contents are—1. Introduction: terminology and classification of leprosy; bacteriological findings in the various types of leprosy; nasal smears; numbers of and morphology of bacilli in smears; facilities for examination; supervision, standards of work and quality control. 2. Technique of smear-taking: section of patients; number of smears per session; sites and frequency of examination; equipment and materials; smear-taking; nasal smears; fixation; storage and transport. 3. Technique of staining: equipment and materials; preparation of reagents; staining of smears. 4. Examination by microscopy: equipment and materials; use of the microscope; reading of smears.

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